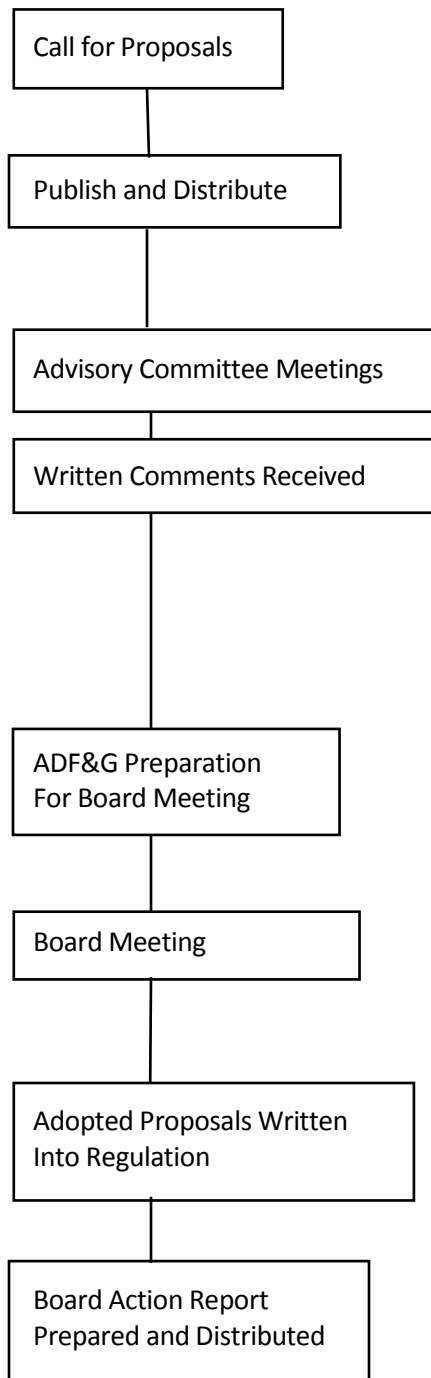


Boards Regulatory Process

The regulatory year begins on July 1. Regulations adopted during the yearly board cycle normally become effective on the July 1 following the board meeting. Commercial fishing regulations may go into effect at the first opening of the fishery following the board meeting. Both boards have standing delegations of authority to the commissioner to accommodate emergency situations.



Each year, the boards issue a call for proposals describing regulations the board is considering for changes. There is a hard deadline for submissions.

After the proposals deadline, Boards Support staff consolidate, type, print and distribute the proposals for each board. The proposals are published in books and online and distributed statewide for comment.

Advisory committees meet to review proposals. The committees provide a forum for local area comment.

Prior to a board meeting a comment deadline is published. Comments received from advisory committees and the general public are compiled and recorded in the board members' meeting workbooks and online. Additional comments received after the comment deadline are provided to board members at the relevant meeting.

At the same time that the Boards' staff is preparing for the board meetings, divisions of ADF&G are compiling reports on the fish or game subjects that will be discussed by the boards.

At the board meeting, the board hears reports from ADF&G staff and public comment. Staff provide biological and socioeconomic data which, in combination with public comment, form the basis for the board's decisions.

After the board meeting, adopted proposals are written into proper legal format and submitted to the lieutenant governor for filing. After filing the adopted proposals become official state regulations.

At the conclusion of each meeting a report is compiled which outlines the board's actions on each proposal.