

Procedure Differences Between Boards of Fisheries and Game

While the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game follow the same process for adopting regulations, each board has adopted various policies and procedures that differ from each other. This can be confusing for individuals who are new to the process and do not regularly attend both board meetings. These policies and procedures become modified over time as the board membership changes, and new issues arise. Prior to attending a board meeting as an AC representative, contact your Boards Support regional coordinator or any Boards Support staff to become more familiar with the meeting procedures and any recent changes.

AC and Public Testimony

Board of Fisheries

- AC testimony typically 10 minute duration, at the discretion of the chair.
- Public testimony generally 3 minute duration, at the discretion of the chair.
- AC member can provide their committee testimony as well as their own separate testimony.
- All other individuals whether testifying for themselves an organization, or both, are bound to the 3 minute time limit set by the chair.

Board of Game

- AC testimony typically 15 minute duration, at the discretion of the chair.
- Public testimony generally 5 minute duration, at the discretion of the chair.
- AC members can elect to testify later in the meeting, prior to their area of proposals.
- Individuals can give personal testimony and testimony on behalf or an organization if he/she is the only person testifying for that that organization.

Submission of Written Comment at Board Meetings

Board of Fisheries

- Limit of ten pages prior to deliberating on proposals; five pages after deliberations begin.
- Requires 27 copies of written comment to be submitted during the meeting.

Board of Game

- Limit of ten pages during entire meeting.
- Requires 20 copies of written comment to be submitted during the meeting.

Committee Process at the Board Meetings

Board of Fisheries

- Employs a “committee” system for board members divide up proposals and hear more about the proposals from the impacted public, including advisory committees.
- Advisory committees and the public sign up for committees. Advisory committees are welcome to attend any committee and move between committees occurring concurrently.
- Will also use a “committee of the whole” system where the full board listens to the discussion and all are welcome to attend and participate.

Board of Game

- On occasion will utilize a “town hall” style format to solicit more discussion from advisory committees and the public.

Meeting Cycle and Deadlines

Board of Fisheries

- Proposal deadline: April 10 at 5:00 p.m. unless it falls on a weekend; then Friday prior.
- Agenda Change Request (ACR) deadline – 60 days prior to first day of October work session.

Board of Game

- Proposal deadline: May 1 at 5:00 p.m. unless it falls on a weekend; then Friday prior.
- Agenda Change Request deadline – 60 days prior to first day of each meeting.