

**Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Committee Meeting  
February 3, 2012  
Discussion of Topics of Interest for Joint Board Meeting**

Meeting Summary

A committee of the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game met by teleconference on February 3, 2012 for the purpose of discussing topics of interest for a Joint Board meeting. The full committee was present for the discussion; those committee members included: Cliff Judkins and Teresa Sager Albaugh from the Board of Game, and Mike Smith, and Tom Kluberton from the Board of Fisheries. Listen in sites for the public were provided at Department of Fish and Game offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

The members reviewed the recent activities by the committee and each board since the last Joint Board committee meeting on November 21, 2011. The committee members discussed whether there is a need for the Joint Board to meet more frequently and whether there is a need for the Joint Board to meet at regularly scheduled intervals (similar to the individual boards' schedules/cycles) which may provide better opportunity for the public to submit regulatory changes. Board members also expressed concern regarding the costs associated with more frequent Joint Board meetings. It was suggested that the topic of more frequent and/or regularly scheduled joint board meetings be addressed by the Joint Board when it meets.

The members discussed the preliminary solicitation process that was agreed upon at the November committee meeting; they concluded that it is not necessary to carry out this step in the process. Instead, the committee agreed to recommend to each board that the Joint Board open the Call for Proposals for all of the Joint Board Regulations (5 AAC Chapters 96, 97 and 99). The committee chose to exclude Chapter 98 (Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Seasons) because it applies only to the Board of Game and can be addressed in the normal Board of Game cycle or potentially through agenda change requests or emergency petitions to the Board of Game.

Committee members discussed a process for involving advisory committee input for the development of the proposal/s concerning 5 AAC 96.060 (Uniform Rules of Operation) which was a main concern at the May 13, 2011 meeting. The committee requested Boards Support staff to work with the advisory committees to solicit their input once the Call for Proposals is issued. The committee also reviewed the original timeline proposed for scheduling a Joint Board meeting (including the date for issuing the Call for proposals, the proposal deadline, and other pertinent steps that need to occur for a Joint Board meeting to take place) and requested the executive directors to make the necessary revisions to the timeline based on the results of this meeting. The committee members will then present the updated timeline to each of the boards for review with special consideration to a proposal deadline that will give the public and advisory committees ample time to submit proposals.