

Dear Reviewer,

August 2017

The Alaska Board of Game (board) will consider the enclosed regulatory proposals at the board meetings scheduled for **November 2017 and February 2018.** The proposals primarily concern changes to hunting and trapping regulations pertaining to the Central/Southwest Region, and changes to specific regulations having statewide applicability. Proposals have been submitted by members of the public, organizations, advisory committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and other agencies. With the exception of minor edits and clarifications, the proposals are published essentially as they were received, with the insertion of the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and a brief description of the action requested by Boards Support staff.

The proposals are presented as brief statements summarizing the intended regulatory changes. In cases where confusion might arise or where the regulation is complex, proposed changes are indicated in legal format. In this format, bolded and underlined words are **additions** to the regulation text, and capitalized words in square brackets are [DELETIONS].

Readers are encouraged to view all proposals in this book as some proposals may affect other regions and units. Proposals are grouped by each meeting to which they pertain (see Proposal Index). The proposals are listed in the tentative order in which they are expected to be considered during the meeting. The final order of proposals to be deliberated on, also known as the "roadmap," will be available at least two weeks prior to the meetings.

**Public Comment Requested**: Before taking action on these proposed changes to the regulations, the board would like to consider your written comments and/or oral testimony on any effects the proposed changes would have on your activities and interests.

The board relies heavily on written comments and oral testimony explaining the effect of the proposed changes. Public comment, in combination with advisory committee comments and ADF&G staff reports provide the board with useful biological and socioeconomic data to form decisions. Written comments can be submitted:

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**Timely Submission:** Written comments are strongly encouraged to be submitted by the set deadline for each meeting, usually two weeks in advance. Comments received by the deadlines are provided to the board and the public on the meeting information website in advance of the meeting. After the deadline but before the meeting, written comments are accepted via fax and mail only and will be provided to board members at the meeting. Comments will be accepted in person at the board meetings but with the limit of no more than ten pages in length, and 20 copies must be provided. All meeting materials, including written comments, are uploaded to the meeting information website and distributed to board members, agency staff, and the public during the meeting.

#### **Tips for Providing Written Comments:**

- Clearly state the proposal number and your position by indicating "support" or "oppose". If the comments support a modification in the proposal, please indicate "support as amended" and provide your preferred amendment in writing.
- Include your name and if including graphs or charts, please indicate the source.
- Briefly explain why you support or oppose the proposal. The board benefits greatly from understanding the pros and cons of each issue. Board actions are based on a complete review of the facts involved, not the sum of total comments for or against a proposal.
- Page limits: For on-time comments, the board will accept up to 100 single-sided pages from any one individual or organization. For comments received after the announced deadline or at meetings, comments are limited to ten single-sided pages.
- If making comments on more than one proposal, please do not use separate pieces of paper. Simply begin the next set of written comments by listing the next proposal number.
- Write clearly, use dark ink and write legibly. Comments will be scanned and photocopied so please use 8 1/2" x 11" paper and leave reasonable margins.

Advisory Committees: In addition to the above information, please make sure advisory committee (AC) meeting minutes reflect why the AC voted as it did. If the vote was split, include the minority opinion. A brief description consisting of a couple of sentences is sufficient. Detail the number of members in attendance and indicate represented interests such as subsistence, guides, trappers, hunters, wildlife viewers, and others. AC members are encouraged to use the format prescribed by the board, and provided by ADF&G Boards Support Regional Coordinators. For more information on providing recommendations on proposals and testimony during board meetings, refer to the AC manual available online and from Boards Support Section.

**Public Testimony:** The board welcomes public testimony at each regular scheduled regulatory meeting. The oral hearings are scheduled at the beginning of each meeting following agency reports, and continue until everyone who has signed up by the announced deadline and is present when called, has been given the opportunity to be heard. Advisory committee representatives may elect to provide testimony at a later portion of the meetings. The length of testimony is typically limited to five minutes per person and organization representatives, and 15 minutes for ACs and regional advisory councils. Anyone interested in, or affected by the subject matter contained in these proposals should make written or oral comments if they wish to have their viewed considered by the board.

Meeting information, documents, and a link to the audio is available through the Board of Game website at <u>www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u>, or through the ADF&G Boards Support Section. Preliminary board actions will also be posted on the website during the meeting, followed by final actions after the meeting.

Persons with a disability needing special accommodations in order to comment on the proposed regulations should contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 at least two weeks prior to the schedule meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your interest and involvement with the Alaska Board of Game and the regulatory process.

Sincerely,

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### **Guidelines for Testifying at Board of Game Meetings**

The Board of Game (board) relies heavily on written comments and oral testimony explaining the effect of the proposed changes. During regulatory meetings, public testimony usually begins on the first day of the meeting following agency reports. Persons planning to testify at Board of Game meetings must submit a **PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP CARD** (blue card) to the board's staff prior to the announced cut-off time. If submitting written comments at the meeting intended for the testimony, at least **20 copies** must be provided. You are encouraged to **submit any written material with the blue testimony card** to ensure distribution to the board prior to the testimony. **Please include your name and date** on the first page of the written material, clearly identify proposal numbers and topics being commented on, and identify the source of graphs or tables, if included in materials. PowerPoint presentations are allowed at meetings, but 20 copies of the presentation will need to be submitted during the board meetings will be logged with a record copy ("RC") number which should be referenced at the time of testimony.

Once the oral hearing portion of the meeting begins, board's staff will prepare and post a list of testifiers. The chair will call testifiers in the order provided on the list. When it is your turn to testify, please go to the microphone; state your name for the record and whom you represent. At the testimony table, a green light will come on when you begin speaking; a yellow light will come on when you have one minute remaining; and a red light or buzzer will indicate your time is up. When you are finished speaking, please stay seated and wait for any questions board members may have regarding your comments. Please be aware that when you testify you may not ask questions of board members or of agency staff. This is your chance to make comments on proposals before the board. If board members and/or department staff need clarification, they will ask you questions. **Testifiers using derogatory or threatening language to the board will not be allowed to continue speaking.** 

The board allows testimony for one organization in addition to personal testimony or AC testimony, and each testimony is allotted its own time. **If you are giving testimony for yourself and an organization or an AC**, you need to turn in only one sign-up card naming the group you wish to speak for. When giving testimony for yourself and an organization or AC, state on the record who you are speaking for. For example: give comments for the organization you are representing, then, after stating clearly that you are now testifying for yourself, give your individual comments.

The length of testimony will be announced on the agenda just prior to meeting and by the board chair at the beginning of the meeting. The board typically allows five minutes for oral testimony for an individual or an organization, and 15 minutes for ACs and regional advisory councils. Time limits on testimony do not include questions the board members may have for you.

Advisory committee representatives should restrict testimony to relaying the AC's discussions. Testimony should be a brief summary of the minutes of the meeting, and copies of the minutes should be available for the board members. An AC representative's personal opinions should not be addressed during AC testimony.



## About the Board of Game & Advisory Committees

### Alaska Board of Game

The Board of Game (board) is Alaska's regulatory entity authorized to adopt regulations to conserve and develop the state's wildlife resources and to allocate uses of those resources. This includes establishing open and closed seasons, areas for taking game, setting bag limits, and regulating methods and means. The board consists of seven members, serving three-year terms. Each member is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Alaska State Legislature.

The board considers regulatory topics on a three-year cycle, holding two to three meetings each year to address proposed regulations on a regional basis. Each year, the board solicits proposals for new regulations and changes to existing regulations. Any individual or organization may submit proposals and offer oral and/or written testimony for the board's consideration. More information about the Board of Game members, process and meeting information is online at: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov.

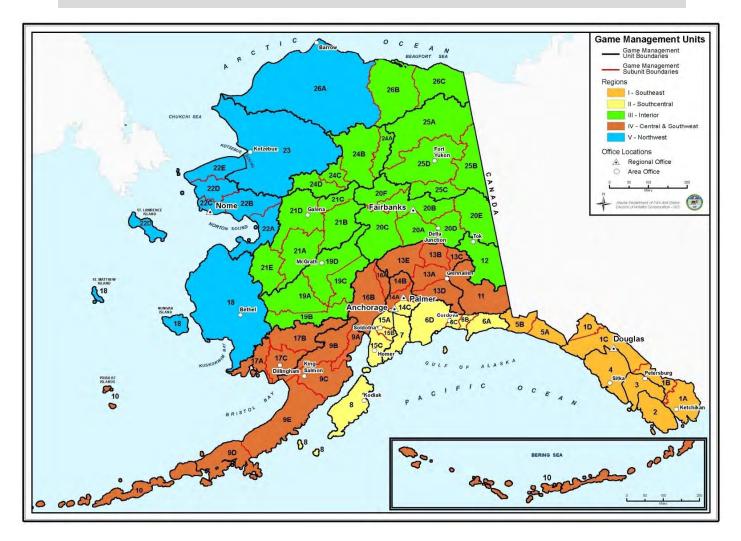
### **Advisory Committees**

The local fish and game advisory committees (ACs) play a key role in the regulatory process for both fisheries and wildlife management. While the boards make the final decisions on proposed regulations, they rely heavily on ACs to offer their local knowledge on fish and wildlife issues of interest by submitting proposals and comments on proposals.

There are 84 ACs in the state; nearly all actively participate in the state regulatory process as well as the federal subsistence process. ACs have up to 15 members and many have community seats designated under regulation. AC members serve three-year terms and are elected by local community members. ACs begin meeting as early as September and throughout the board meeting cycle to review proposals and submit recommendations to the boards. Meetings are open to the public and meeting information is online at: <u>www.advisory.adfg.alaska.gov</u>, or from Boards Support Regional Coordinators.

Boards Support Regional Coordinators facilitate AC participation in the regulatory process by coordinating AC meetings and ensuring the ACs have the necessary information to be effective before the boards. Contact information for the Regional Coordinators can be found on the Boards Support staff listing on page xii.

### **Region and Game Management Unit Boundaries**



**Commonly Used Acronyms & Terms** 

AAC	Alaska Administrative Code	FSB	Federal Subsistence Board
AC	Advisory Committee	GMU/Unit	Game Management Unit
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and	IM	Intensive Management
	Game	NPS	National Park Service
ANS	Amount reasonably necessary for	OSM	Office of Subsistence Management,
	subsistence		U.S. Dept. of the Interior
AS	Alaska Statute	RY	Regulatory Year
AWT	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	<b>Region I</b>	Southeast Region
Board	Board of Game	<b>Region II</b>	Southcentral Region
C&T	Customary and Traditional Use	<b>Region III</b>	Interior/Northeast Region
CUA	Controlled Use Area	<b>Region IV</b>	Central/Southwest Region
DWC	Division of Wildlife Conservation	<b>Region V</b>	Arctic/Western Region
EO	Emergency Order	RAC	Federal Regional Advisory Council
		USF&WS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



# 2017/2018 Cycle Tentative Meeting Dates & Locations

Meeting Dates	Торіс	Location	Comment Deadline
<b>November 9, 2017</b> (1 day)	Work Session	Anchorage The Lakefront Anchorage	October 27, 2017
November 10-17, 2017 (8 days)	Statewide Regulations Statewide Provisions (5 AAC Chapter 92) and Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose (5 AAC Chapter 98)	Anchorage The Lakefront Anchorage	October 27, 2017
February 16-23, 2018 (8 days)	<b>Central/Southwest Region</b> Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 & 17.	<b>Dillingham</b> Dillingham Middle School	February 2, 2018

Total Meeting Days: 17

Agenda Change Request Deadline: Monday, September 11, 2017 (*The Board of Game will meet via teleconference to consider Agenda Change Requests.*)

Proposal Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2017



# Long-Term Meeting Cycle

The Board of Game (board) meetings generally occur from January through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule that cycle every three years. When the regional regulations are before the board, the following regulations are open for consideration within that region:

- Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits -- All species
- General and Subsistence Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits -- All species (Except antlerless moose hunts as noted below)
- Intensive Management Plans
- Closures and Restrictions in State Game Refuges
- Management Areas, Controlled Use Areas, and Areas Closed to Hunting and Trapping
- Changes specific to Units or Regions under 5 AAC Chapter 92

Proposals pertaining to reauthorization of all antlerless moose hunts, 5 AAC 85.045, and all brown bear tag fee exemptions, 5 AAC 92.015, are taken up annually. Changes having statewide applicability to 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98.005 listed on the following page are considered once every three years at Statewide Regulations meetings.

The proposal deadline is May 1 every preceding year. If May 1 falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday before. Boards Support issues a "Call for Proposals" generally in December or January prior to the May 1 deadline which will also specify which regulations are open for proposed changes.

#### **Topic & Meeting Schedule**

Southeast Region – Game Management Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Meeting Cycle: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025

Southcentral Region – Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15 Meeting Cycle: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025

Central and Southwest Region – Game Management Units: 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, & 17 Meeting Cycle: 2017/2018 2020/2021 2023/2024

Arctic and Western Region – Game Management Units: 18, 22, 23, 26A Meeting Cycle: 2019/2020 2022/2023 2025/2026

Interior and Northeast Region – Game Management Units: 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C Meeting Cycle: 2019/2020 2022/2023 2025/2026

Statewide Regulations (see next page) Meeting Cycle: 2017/2018 2020/2021 2023/2024

The three-year schedule was adopted at the January 2015 Work Session.

#### ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Statewide Regulations ~ 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98

#### **General Provisions & Definitions:**

- 92.001 Application of this Chapter
- 92.002 Liability for Violations
- 92.003 Hunter Education and Orientation Requirements
- 92.004 Policy for Off-Road Vehicle Use for Hunting and transporting game.
- 92.005 Policy for Changing the Board of Agenda
- 92.008 Harvest Guideline Levels
- 92.009 Policy Obstruction or Hindrance of Lawful Hunting or Trapping
- 92.990 Definitions

#### Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Reports, Tags, & Fees:

- 92.010 Harvest Tickets and Reports
- 92.011 Taking of Game by Proxy
- 92.012 Licenses and Tags
- 92.013 Migratory Bird Hunting Guide Services
- 92.018 Waterfowl Conservation Tag
- 92.019 Taking of Big Game for Certain Religious Ceremonies

#### **Permits:**

- 92.020 Application of Permit Regulations and Permit Reports
- 92.028 Aviculture Permits
- 92.029 Permit for Possessing Live Game
- 92.030 Possession of Wolf Hybrid and Wild Cat Hybrids Prohibited
- 92.031 Permit for Selling Skins, Skulls, and Trophies
- 92.033 Permit for Science, Education, Propagative, or Public Safety Purposes
- 92.034 Permit to Take Game for Cultural Purposes
- 92.035 Permit for Temporary Commercial Use of Live Game
- 92.037 Permit for Falconry
- 92.039 Permit for Taking Wolves Using Aircraft
- 92.040 Permit for Taking of Furbearers with Game Meat
- 92.041 Permit to Take Beavers to Control Damage to Property
- 92.042 Permit to Take Foxes for Protection of Migratory Birds
- 92.043 Permit for Capturing Wild Furbearers for Fur Farming
- 92.044 Permit for Hunting Bear w/the Use of Bait or Scent Lures
- 92.047 Permit for Using Radio Telemetry Equipment
- 92.049 Permits, Permit Procedures, and Permit Conditions
- 92.050 Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.051 Discretionary Trapping Permit Conditions & Procedures
- 92.052 Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.057 Special Provisions for Dall Sheep Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.061 Special Provisions for Brown Bear Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.062 Priority for Subsistence Hunting; Tier II Permits Hunt Area and Permit Conditions
- 92.068 Permit Conditions for Hunting Black Bear with Dogs
- 92.069 Special Provisions for Moose Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.070 Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Point System
- 92.071 Tier I Subsistence Permits
- 92.072 Community subsistence Harvest Area and Permit Conditions

#### Methods & Means:

- 92.075 Lawful Methods of Taking Game 92.080 Unlawful Methods of Taking Game; Exceptions 92.085 Unlawful Methods of Taking Big Game; Exceptions 92.090 Unlawful Methods of Taking Fur Animals 92.095 Unlawful Methods of Taking Furbearers; Exceptions 92.100 Unlawful Methods of Hunting Waterfowl, Snipe, Crane 92.104 Authorization for Methods and Means Disability Exemptions **Intensive Management and Predator Control:** 92.106 Intensive Management of Identified Big Game **Prey Populations** 92.110 Control of Predation by Wolves 92.115 Control of Predation by Bears
- 92.116 Special Provisions in Predation Control Areas

#### **Possession and Transportation:**

- 92.130 Restrictions to Bag Limit
- 92.135 Transfer of Possession
- 92.140 Unlawful Possession or Transportation of Game
- 92.141 Transport, Harboring, or Release of Live Muridae Rodents Prohibited
- 92.150 Evidence of Sex and Identity
- 92.151 Destruction of trophy value of game required in specific areas.
- 92.160 Marked or Tagged Game
- 92.165 Sealing of Bear Skins and Skulls
- 92.170 Sealing of Marten, Lynx, Beaver, Otter, Wolf, and Wolverine
- 92.171 Sealing of Dall Sheep Horns

#### Use of Game:

- 92.200 Purchase and Sale of Game
- 92.210 Game as Animal Food or Bait
- 92.220 Salvage of Game Meat, Furs, and Hides
- 92.230 Feeding of Game
- 92.250 Transfer of Musk oxen for Science and Education Purposes
- 92.260 Taking Cub Bears & Female Bears with Cubs Prohibited

#### **Emergency Taking of Game:**

- 92.400 Emergency Taking of Game
- 92.410 Taking Game in Defense of Life or Property
- 92.420 Taking Nuisance Wildlife

#### Game Management Units:

92.450 Description of Game Management Units

#### **Antlerless Moose Reauthorization:**

98.005 Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Seasons



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