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Dear Reviewer,

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The Alaska Board of Game (board) will consider the enclosed regulatory proposals at the board meetings scheduled for **January and March 2019**. The proposals primarily concern changes to hunting and trapping regulations pertaining to the Southeast and Southcentral Regions. Proposals have been submitted by members of the public, organizations, advisory committees, 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.

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 affect other regions and units. Proposals are grouped by each meeting to which they pertain (see Proposal Indices). 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. Anyone interested in or affected by the subject matter contained in these proposals are encouraged to provide written or oral comments if they wish to have their views considered by the board. Please review the additional information for providing written comment and testimony to the board on page iv.

Written comments can be submitted to the board by the announced deadlines as follows:

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Meeting information, including the agenda, public comments, agency reports, and a link to the meeting audio is available on the Board of Game website at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Please watch the website for notices and updates closer to the meeting dates, or sign up on the link above, to receive email notices about the Board of Game. Preliminary board actions on proposals will be posted on the website during the meeting, followed by final actions after the meetings conclude.

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 Comments & Public Testimony

The Board of Game (board) relies heavily on information provided by the public explaining the effect of the proposed changes. The following information provides the board's guidelines and helpful tips for providing written comments and testimony to the board.

GUIDELINES FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

Timely submission: Written comments are strongly encouraged to be submitted online at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov by the set deadline for each meeting, usually two weeks in advance. Comments received by the deadline are provided to the board and the public on the meeting information webpage in advance of the meeting and are cross-referenced with proposals. Comments become public documents and part of the board record.

Tips for format and content:

- Clearly state the proposal number, title or subject, 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.
- Briefly explain why you support or oppose the proposal to help the board members understand 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.
- Review the agency comments to learn more about the proposals. Department of Fish and Game comments are posted well in advance of the comment deadline.
- For advisory committees (ACs), recommendations on proposals should reflect why the AC voted as it did. If the vote was split, include the minority opinion. A brief description consisting of a couple sentences is sufficient.
- Include your name and if including graphs or charts, please indicate the source.
- If using acronyms, please state what the acronym stands for.
- Page limits: For on-time comments, up to 100 single-sided pages from any one individual or organization; after the deadline, comments are limited to ten single-sided pages.
- If commenting on multiple proposals, please do not use separate pieces of paper.
- 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.

Comments submitted after the deadline: Written comments may be submitted after the deadline via mail, fax or hand-delivery. Comments received after the deadline are not cross-referenced with proposals and are distributed to board members and the public at the meeting. They are logged as "record copies" (also referred to as "RC") with an assigned log number. Requirements are the same as above. Comments submitted at the meeting must include 20 copies for the public distribution. It is not the responsibility of Boards Support staff to make the copies for you.

GUIDELINES FOR ORAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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 (AC) representatives may elect to provide testimony at a later portion of the meetings.

Persons planning to testify at Board of Game meetings must submit a **PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP CARD** (blue card) to the Boards Support 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. PowerPoint presentations are allowed at meetings, but 20 copies of the presentation will need to be submitted and Boards staff need to be notified in advance to arrange the equipment. Written material 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, Boards Support 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 testimony table, press the button on the microphone, and state your name for the record, where you reside and whom you represent, if speaking for an organization. When giving testimony, be sure to reference the proposal number as well as the title or subject matter. Follow the tips for comments shown on page iv.

The board utilizes a light indicator system for timing testifiers. When you begin your testimony, a green light will come on. When you have one minute remaining, a yellow light will come on followed by a red light or buzzer to 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. 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 only need to turn in 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 time 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. Preparing and practicing your testimony ahead of time will help ensure you stay within the time limit, while making your points clear.



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About the Board of Game & Advisory Committees

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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.

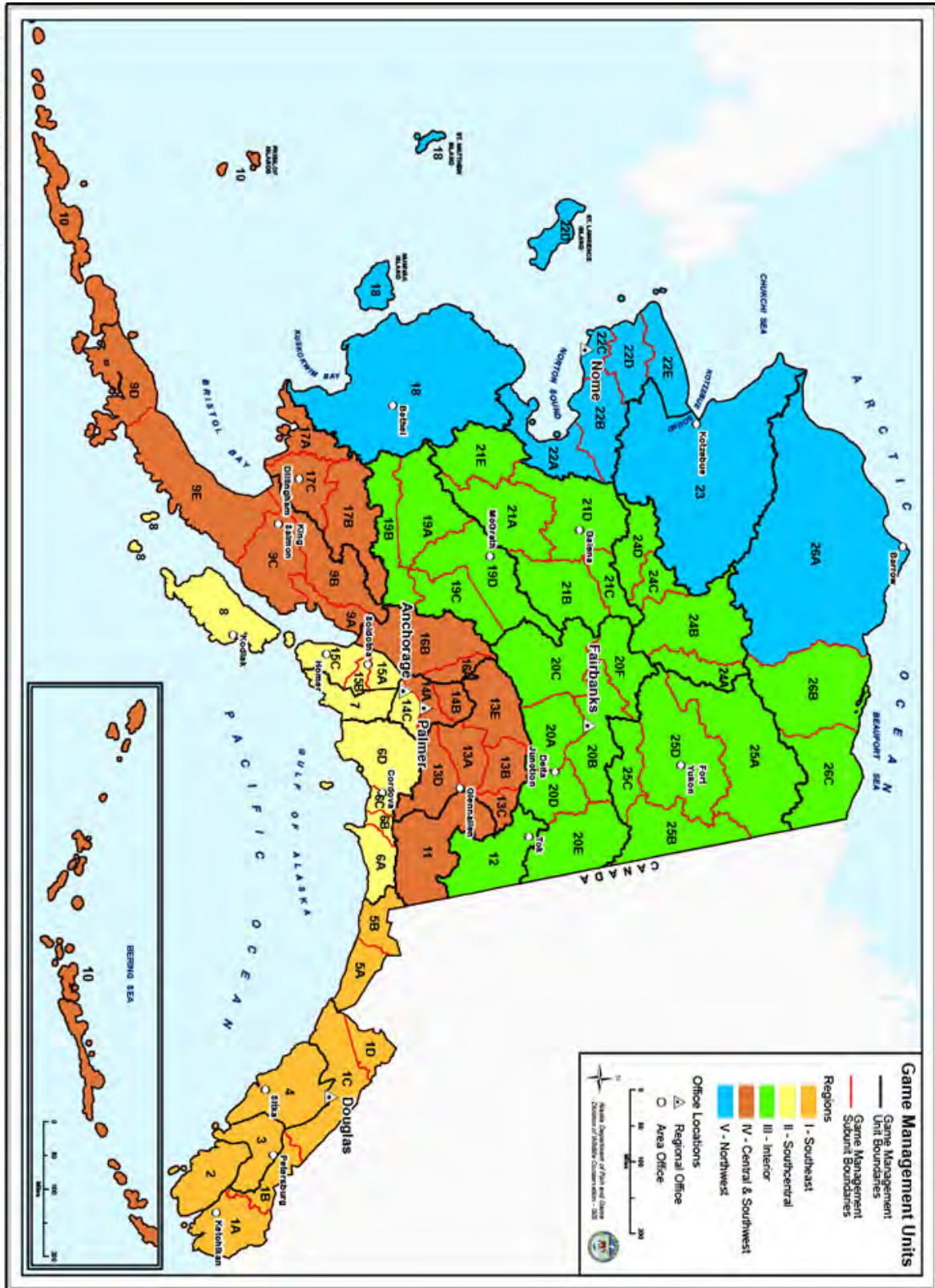
Advisory Committees

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: www.advisory.adfg.alaska.gov, 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 xiii.

Region & Game Management Unit Boundaries



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Commonly Used Acronyms & Terms

AAC	Alaska Administrative Code	RY	Regulatory Year; July 1 – June 30
AC	Advisory Committee	Region I	Southeast Region – Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5
ADF&G	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	Region II	Southcentral Region – Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, & 15
ANS	Amount Necessary for Subsistence	Region III	Interior/Northeast Region – Game Management Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, & 26C
AS	Alaska Statute	Region IV	Central/Southwest Region – Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, & 17
AWT	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	Region V	Arctic/Western Region – Game Management Units 18, 22, 23, & 26A
BOG/Board	Board of Game	RAC	Regional Advisory Council
BGCSB	Big Game Commercial Services Board	SHS	Selective Harvest Strategy
BMMS	Brown Bear Management Strategy	USF&WS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
CI	Confidence Interval	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
C&T	Customary and Traditional	WAA	Wildlife Analysis Area
CUA	Controlled Use Area	2DK	Second degree of kindred
CCUA	Clearwater Controlled Use Area		
DHCMA	Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
DWC	Division of Wildlife Conservation		
EO	Emergency Order		
FMA	Fairbanks Management Area		
FSB	Federal Subsistence Board	Permit Hunt Abbreviations	
GMU/Unit	Game Management Unit	<i>Some proposals reference specific permit hunt numbers that begin with the initials to indicate the type of hunt and big game animal followed by three digits for the hunt number:</i>	
GSPE	GeoSpatial Population Estimator	RB	Registration brown bear
GUA	Guide Use Area	RC	Registration caribou
HGL	Harvest Guideline Level	RG	Registration goat
IM	Intensive Management	RL	Registration black bear
JBER	Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	RM	Registration moose
KMCH	Kenai Mountains caribou herd	DB	Drawing brown bear
KNWR	Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge	DC	Drawing caribou
MFMA	Minto Flats Management Area	DG	Drawing goat
NPS	National Park Service	DL	Drawing black bear
OSM	Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	DM	Drawing moose
POW	Prince of Wales Island	DS	Drawing sheep
		YM	Youth moose



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2018/2019 Tentative Meeting Dates & Locations

Meeting Dates	Topic	Location	Comment Deadline
January 10, 2019 (1 day)	Work Session	Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall	TBA
January 11-15, 2019 (5 days)	Southeast Region Game Management Units 1-5	Petersburg Sons of Norway Hall	December 28, 2018
March 15-19, 2019 (5 days)	Southcentral Region Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, and 15	Anchorage Anchorage Sheraton Hotel	March 1, 2019

Total Meeting Days: 11

Agenda Change Request Deadline: Thursday, November 1, 2018

(The Board of Game will meet via teleconference to consider Agenda Change Requests following the November 1 deadline.)

Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, May 1, 2018



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Long-Term Meeting Cycle

The Board of Game meeting cycle generally occurs 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 before 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 <i>Meeting Cycle: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025</i>
Southcentral Region - Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 14C, & 15 <i>Meeting Cycle: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025</i>
Central and Southwest Region - Game Management Units: 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, & 17 <i>Meeting Cycle: 2020/2021 2023/2024 2026/2027</i>
Arctic and Western Region - Game Management Units: 18, 22, 23, & 26A <i>Meeting Cycle: 2019/2020 2022/2023 2025/2026</i>
Interior and Northeast Region - Game Management Units: 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, & 26C <i>Meeting Cycle: 2019/2020 2022/2023 2025/2026</i>
Statewide Regulations (see next page) <i>Meeting Cycle: 2020/2021 2023/2024 2026/2027</i>

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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
- 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 Hunt 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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Information on Pathogens and Parasites in Alaska's Wildlife

Attention Hunters:

During the last few years, the Board of Game (board) has received several proposals dealing with pathogens and parasites that may threaten Alaska's wildlife. Hunters are expressing concern with reports of confirmed pathogens and increasing threats of new pathogens and parasites. At the same time, observations of non-native large mammals like mule deer in Interior Alaska, which can introduce some pathogens and parasites, have increased or are becoming more well-known, which prompted an emergency request to open a mule deer hunting season. The season request stemmed from the potential for winter tick to become established in Alaska.

Cervid health is very important to the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), and as a result, ADF&G submitted an Agenda Change Request, based on the above-mentioned emergency request, to discuss the issue with the board at the Southeast or Southcentral board meeting. ADF&G is currently monitoring and collecting information specific to pathogens and parasites that can be harmful to indigenous wildlife. In combination with this continued monitoring, ADF&G would like to work with the board, local fish and game advisory committees, and the public to determine the public's desires regarding management of wildlife that move into Alaska. Options range from managing these new species, such as mule deer and white-tailed deer, for growth (as Yukon Territory is doing) to seeking to minimize their density.

The public is encouraged to review ADF&G's Agenda Change Request and all materials on pathogens and disease at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov and provide comments to the board for whichever meeting the Agenda Change Request is scheduled, if accepted.

