

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Game, under the Authority of Title 16, Alaska Statutes, proposes to adopt changes to Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, Chapters 85 and 92 dealing with the taking of bear in Game Management Units 1-4, 8-10, 14C, 22, and 26B.

Regulations that may be adopted or amended include: 5 AAC 85.015. Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear; 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear; and 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Subject matters include the following:

- 1.) Open a spring 2021, resident and nonresident brown bear hunting season in Unit 9, and
- 2.) Allow the transfer of 2020 spring season drawing permits to a future year for hunting black bear in Units 1-3, and 14C JBER, and brown and grizzly bear in Units 4, 8, 10, 14C, 22, and 26B.

The board will also take action on non-regulatory items during the meeting such as resolutions, findings, letters, and delegations related to spring bear hunts.

The proposed regulation changes are available on the Board of Game meeting information website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=06-03-2020&meeting=tele> or from the ADF&G Boards Support Section Office at (907) 465-4046. Additional information will be added to the meeting website as it becomes available for the meeting.

The board will consider these topics at a special meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 3, 2020. The special meeting will be held via teleconference. It is available to the public via online streaming on the board's website at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov; or by calling:

Call In Number: 1-650-479-3207
Access code: 284 469 358
Password: 667 543 77

The board will not be taking oral testimony during the meeting.

The board encourages written comments on the proposed regulations including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes by submitting written comments, limited to no more than 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages. Written comments can be submitted to the Board of Game as follows:

Online: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov
Email: dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov
Fax: (907) 465-6094
Mail: Board of Game, ADF&G Boards Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526.

The deadline for receiving public comments is May 27, 2020.

Comments must include a first and last name, community of residence, and the proposal numbers for which the comments pertain. Written comments that are submitted are public records and are subject to public inspection.

The Board of Game shall consider all factual, substantive, and relevant comments in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Alaska Statute 44.62.210. Comments having disparaging statements or personal attacks, or copyrighted materials, will be withheld or redacted

Any changes to meeting date or time, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release and posted on the board's website. Please watch for these announcements or call (907) 465-4046. Please carefully review the above-mentioned website for the specific issues to be addressed by the board.

Anyone interested in or affected by proposed regulations is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice the Board of Game may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT WERE GENERATED BY THE BOARD.** Pursuant to AS 44.62.200, the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact ADF&G, Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4046 no later than May 27, 2020 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05, AS 16.30.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.256; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.330; AS 16.05.340; AS 16.05.346; and AS 16.05.407.

Fiscal Information: It is unknown if the proposed regulation changes will require an increased appropriation.

DATE: April 20, 2020

/S/

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Game
465-6098

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(g))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Board of Game
2. General subject of regulation: Seasons, bag limits, and permit conditions and procedures for bear hunting in Units 1-4, 8-10, 14, 22 and 26.
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 85 and 92
4. Department of Law file numbers: 2020200330
5. Reason for the proposed action:
 - () compliance with federal law
 - () compliance with new or changed state statute
 - () compliance with court order
 - () development of program standards
6. (X) Other: Special meeting to address impacts to spring bear hunting resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.
7. Appropriation/Allocation: Natural Resources and all RDUs
8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: Additional costs and the need for an increased appropriation are uncertain at this time.
9. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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10. The origin of the proposed action:

- staff of state agency
- federal government
- general public
- Board of Game

11. Date: April 20, 2020

Prepared by:

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