

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**Central & Southwest Region Meeting**  
**Best Western Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla, Alaska**  
**January 21-27, 2022**

**Meeting Summary**

The Board of Game (board) convened the Central and Southwest Region meeting on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Wasilla at the Best Western Lake Lucille Inn. Seven board members were present: Chairman Jerry Burnett, Vice-Chairman Stosh Hoffman, Orville Huntington, Al Barrette, Lynn Keogh, Jake Fletcher and James Cooney.

The meeting opened with introductions and board member ethics disclosure statements, followed by agency reports. The list of agency reports is provided on page 11. Public testimony began Friday, January 21 at approximately 2:00 p.m. and concluded Sunday afternoon. The board heard from 54 testifiers which included 22 advisory committee representatives and one regional advisory council representative. (See Record Copy #042 for the complete list).

Board deliberations began Sunday at approximately 3:00 p.m. following the conclusion of public testimony. The board considered 119 proposals, adopting 37. Four of the adopted proposals were annual reauthorizations for antlerless moose hunts and brown bear tag fees. Board action for each proposal is recorded as: C = carried; A = amended; CA = carried as amended; F = failed; D = amended; DA = deferred as amended; P = Postpone; and NA = no action.

The meeting material and audio are available on the meeting website at:  
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-21-2022&meeting=wasilla>

**Regionwide & Multiple Units**

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins January 23, at 2:56:45 PM.*

F (0-7) **Proposal 1:** Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14.

F (0-7) **Proposal 4:** Establish a registration hunt by bow and arrow only for Dall sheep within Units 9, 11, 13A, 13B remainder, 13C remainder, 13D remainder, 14A remainder, 14B, and 16.

NA **Proposal 2:** Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 4.*

NA **Proposal 3:** Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 4.*

NA **Proposal 5:** Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 4.*

- C (7-0) **Proposal 197:** Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 198:** Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.
- C (5-2) **Proposal 7:** Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16.
- C (7-0) **Proposal 8:** Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16, and 17.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 9:** Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16.
- D **Proposal 199:** Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16. *The board deferred the proposal to the March 2022, Statewide Regulations meeting to allow stakeholders additional opportunity to meet and discuss ways to address the issue.*
- C (6-1) **Proposal 10:** Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16
- NA **Proposal 11:** Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16. *The board took no action based on the action on Proposal 10.*

### **Dillingham Area Proposals – Unit 17**

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins January 24, at 9:13:17 AM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.*

- C (7-0) **Proposal 200:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A.
- F (1-6) **Proposal 13:** Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A.
- C (7-0) **Proposal 14:** Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 15:** Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 16:** Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder.
- NA **Proposal 17:** Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B. *(The board took no action due to the action on Proposals 15 and 16.)*
- F (0-7) **Proposal 18:** Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C.
- NA **Proposal 20:** Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH). *The board took no action based on the department report about the lack of population information and no harvestable surplus. Research is currently underway and the department intends to submit a new proposal when more information is available.*

CA (7-0) **Proposal 21:** Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18. *The board amended the proposal with RC 47 which includes Units 17A and 18 in the intensive management plan; removes the 10,000 sq. mi. limitation to allow control to be conducted over a larger area if warranted; extends the plan until 2028; and allows department control of both wolves and bears.*

NA **Proposal 19:** Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19. *The board took no based on the previous proposal discussion and that it would be premature to discuss setting population and harvest objectives given the status of the herd.*

D **Proposal 22:** Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay. *The board deferred the proposal to the March 2022 Statewide Regulations meeting.*

F (1-6) **Proposal 201:** Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B.

CA (7-0) **Proposal 23:** Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17. *The board amended the proposal with RC048, to allow snowmachines to position a wolf or wolverine for harvest, and wolves or wolverines may be shot from a stationary snowmachine. During miscellaneous business, the board generated a proposal (RC059) to address the definition of “position”, for consideration at the March 2022 Statewide Regulations meeting.*

C (7-0) **Proposal 24:** Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17. *The board clarified the season end date to be January 31.*

C (7-0) **Proposal 202:** Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17.

C (5-2) **Proposal 203:** Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17.

### **King Salmon Area Proposals – Units 9 & 10**

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins January 24, at 3:20:12 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G and continues January 25.*

C (7-0) **Proposal 204:** Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C.

C (7-0) **Proposal 26:** Determine customary and traditional uses of the Unimak Island caribou herd (Unit 10 – Unimak Island.)

CA (7-0) **Proposal 25:** Review the intensive management findings for Unimak caribou and determine objectives if applicable. *The board adopted a negative finding for intensive management for Unimak caribou.*

C (7-0) **Proposal 27:** Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM).

- C (7-0) **Proposal 205:** Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan.
- F (3-4) **Proposal 28:** Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9.
- CA (4-3) **Proposal 206:** Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9. *The board amended the proposal to extend the resident spring season in even years to close May 31 in Units 9C, D & E.*
- F (0-7) **Proposal 207:** Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A.
- C (5-2) **Proposal 208:** Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A.
- CA (7-0) **Proposal 29:** Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9. *The board amended the proposal to apply only for hunting.*
- CA (7-0) **Proposal 30:** Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10. *The board amended the proposal to set the season dates as 10/1 – 4/30, and to restrict the use of snares 3/32<sup>nd</sup> inches or greater during 10/1 – 11/9.*
- C (7-0) **Proposal 31:** Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10.
- F (3-4) **Proposal 32:** Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 33:** Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents.
- NA **Proposal 34:** Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 35:** Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 36:** Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 37:** Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 38:** Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*

- NA **Proposal 39:** Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 40:** Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 41:** Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 42:** Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 43:** Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 44:** Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 45:** Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 46:** Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 47:** Increase the number of nonresidents permits for taking Emperor geese or set a hunt quota with 24-hour harvest reporting requirement for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 48:** Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 49:** Establish resident and nonresident quotas per region for taking Emperor geese with reporting requirements, or offer a second drawing for un-issued permits for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*
- NA **Proposal 50:** Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17. *The board took no action on Proposals 34 – 50 due to the action and discussion on proposal 33.*

## **Glennallen Area Proposals – Units 11 & 13**

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins January 25, at 11:24:22 PM, following the management area overview and the community subsistence harvest reports presented by ADF&G.*

- F (2-5)     **Proposal 51:** Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11.
- C (7-0)     **Proposal 209:** Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D. *indefinitely.*
- C (7-0)     **Proposal 52:** Repeal the “pre-2018” caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13.
- P (7-0)     **Proposal 211:** Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou. *The board voted to postpone the proposal indefinitely due to not having alternative regulations to consider if the community subsistence harvest hunts are repealed.*
- F (2-5)     **Proposal 53:** Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13.
- F (3-4)     **Proposal 217:** Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13.
- F (0-7)     **Proposal 54** Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13.
- F (0-7)     **Proposal 56:** Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder.
- NA         **Proposal 57:** Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 56.*
- CA (7-0)   **Proposal 214:** Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13. *The board amended the proposal to apply only to the resident draw hunt, DM324, to be effective for the 2023 hunting season.*
- C (7-0)     **Proposal 215:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A.
- P (7-0)     **Proposal 210:** Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13. *The board voted to postpone the proposal indefinitely due to not having alternative regulations to consider if the community subsistence harvest hunts are repealed.*
- F (1-6)     **Proposal 59:** Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13.
- F (0-7)     **Proposal 60:** Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13.
- C (5-2)     **Proposal 216:** Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C.
- F (0-7)     **Proposal 61:** Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E.
- C (6-1)     **Proposal 62:** Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E.

- F (0-7) **Proposal 63:** Eliminate the restrictions of one harvest report per household and one bag limit per household in the community subsistence caribou hunt for Unit 13.
- NA **Proposal 64:** Eliminate the salvage requirement for hide of moose for Alaska residents aged 60 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional. *The board took no action because they do not have authority to discriminate based on age for salvage requirements.*
- NA **Proposal 65:** Eliminate the moose hide salvage requirement for hunters aged 62 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional. *The board took no action because they do not have authority to discriminate based on age for salvage requirements.*
- F (0-7) **Proposal 74:** Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 213:** Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 212:** Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations.
- NA **Proposal 66:** Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 212.*
- C (6-1) **Proposal 219:** Modify the Unit 13 predation control program.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 55:** Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13.
- F (2-5) **Proposal 67:** Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 68:** Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 69:** Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.
- NA **Proposal 218:** Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13. *The board took no action to the action on Proposal 69.*
- F (0-7) **Proposal 70:** Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 220:** Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A.
- CA (7-0) **Proposal 71:** Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13. *The board amended the proposal to end the hunting season on February 15.*

NA **Proposal 72:** Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 71.*

NA **Proposal 73:** Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13. *The board took no action due to action on proposal 71.*

F (0-7) **Proposal 221:** Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13.

F (0-7) **Proposal 75:** Close the Tokositna State Recreation Area in Units 13E and 16A to the use of airboats for hunting.

F (0-7) **Proposal 222:** Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day.

NA **Proposal 76:** Extend the ptarmigan season and the lower bag limit in Unit 13B and 13E. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 222.*

F (0-7) **Proposal 77:** Open a youth only hunt for ptarmigan in Unit 13, August 10-24.

### **Palmer Area Proposals – Units 14A, 14B & 16**

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins January 26, at 11:30:45 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.*

F (0-7) **Proposal 78:** Extend the caribou season in Unit 16B.

C (7-0) **Proposal 223:** Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan.

F (0-7) **Proposal 225:** Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program.

C (7-0) **Proposal 224:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B.

F (0-7) **Proposal 80:** Create a resident youth hunting season for any bull moose (YM4XX) in Unit 14A.

C (7-0) **Proposal 226:** Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A.

F (0-7) **Proposal 81:** Allow muzzle loading and black powder cartridge long guns be used for harvesting moose in Units 14A and 14B.

C (6-0-1) **Proposal 82:** Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A.

F (0-7) **Proposal 83:** Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A.



- NA **Proposal 84:** Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B. *The board took no action due to lack of support from the local fish and game advisory committees as required by statute. Additional comments were provided on this proposal on 1/27 at 9:12:19.*
- F (0-7) **Proposal 85:** Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 16B.
- C (7-0) **Proposal 86:** Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram. *Clarification was provided on 1/27 at 9:21:17 that the new bag limit will be effective the following hunting season, regulatory year 23.*
- F (0-7) **Proposal 87:** Change the bag limit for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Unit 14A and convert the early season to archery only permit hunts.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 88:** Establish an archery only general season hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14.
- F (0-7) **Proposal 89:** Establish a registration hunt for Dall sheep open to certified bowhunters only, by longbow or recurve bow only within Unit 14A, Metal Creek area.
- F (2-5) **Proposal 90:** Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B.
- NA **Proposal 91:** Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 14A and 14B. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 90.*
- CA (5-2) **Proposal 92:** Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16. *The board amended the proposal to retain the closure around Wolverine Creek.*
- NA **Proposal 93:** Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 92.*
- NA **Proposal 94:** Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 92.*
- NA **Proposal 95:** Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 16B for residents and nonresidents. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 92.*
- CA (5-2) **Proposal 96:** Allow the take of black bear in Unit 16B the same day a hunter has flown. *The board amended the proposal to allow the take of black bear the same day airborne for all of Unit 16, except during August 10 – September 30.*
- NA **Proposal 97:** Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 10.*
- CA (5-2) **Proposal 98:** Extend the beaver trapping season in Unit 16. *The board amended the proposal to establish a beaver hunting season August 10 – May 31 and retain the existing trapping season.*
- C (7-0) **Proposal 229:** Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A.

F (0-7) **Proposal 99:** Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping.

DA (7-0) **Proposal 100:** Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16. *The board amended the proposal to apply statewide and deferred it to the March 2022 Statewide Regulations meeting.*

F (0-7) **Proposal 228:** Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16.

F (0-7) **Proposal 227:** Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation.

### **Miscellaneous Actions**

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins January 27, at 09:51:47 AM.*

The board scheduled a board generated proposal based on RC 59, to be scheduled for the March 2022 Statewide Regulations Meeting. RC 59 provides a definition for “position” as it applies to using a snowmachine to take game.

The board considered adopting findings for Nelchina caribou harvest found in RC061, but instead, opted to take “no action”.

The board discussed and agreed with providing the option for the public to give remote testimony by phone for the March 2022 Statewide Regulations Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**List of Oral Reports**

**Friday, January 21, 2022**

1. Agency Updates/Reports
2. Central & Southwest Region Overview for the Division of Wildlife Conservation– Gino Del Frate, ADF&G
3. Regional Research Overview for the Division of Wildlife Conservation, Jeff Stetz, ADF&G
4. Subsistence Program and Research Overview, Robin Dublin, ADF&G
5. Mulchatna Caribou Herd Status Report, Nick Demma and Renae Satler, ADF&G
6. Population Status of Alaska Hares, Chris Barger, ADF&G

**Reports Provided during Deliberations**

**Dillingham Area**

- Management Area Overview (Unit 17) – Chris Brockman & Todd Rinaldi, ADF&G
- Customary and Traditional Use Worksheet Presentation, Nushagak Caribou Herd – Bronwyn Jones, ADF&G

**King Salmon Area**

- Management Area Overview (Unit 9) – Dave Crowley, ADF&G
- Customary and Traditional Use Worksheet Presentation, Unimak Caribou Herd – Bronwyn Jones, ADF&G

**Glennallen Area**

- Glennallen Area (Units 11 & 13) – Heidi Hatcher and Joelle Hepler, ADF&G
- Management of Moose & Caribou in the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Area – Heidi Hatcher, ADF&G
- Pattern and Use of the Community Subsistence Hunt – Robin Dublin, ADF&G

**Palmer Area**

- Palmer Area (Units 14A, 14B & 16) – Tim Peltier & Chris Bockman, ADF&G