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ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Alaska Board of Game Meeting scheduled in Fairbanks, March 4-12, 2022 **Remote Testimony Deadline Approaching**

(Fairbanks) - The Alaska Board of Game (board) will be holding its Statewide Regulations Meeting in Fairbanks, March 4-12, 2022 at Pike's Waterfront Lodge located at 1850 Hoselton Drive. The board will address more than 100 proposals requesting changes to statewide regulatory provisions related to hunting and trapping, and several region-specific topics including reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts.

The meeting is open to the public and will be streamed live at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Due to concerns related to COVID-19, all public participants must register for the meeting online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-04-2022& meeting=fairbanks. Attendees will be able to register at the meeting, but pre-registration is preferred.

The board is scheduled to take oral testimony, both in-person and remote, beginning Friday, March 4, following agency reports. Remote testimony via phone is offered for those individuals who are unable to attend in person due to the risks associated with transmission of the COVID-19 virus and/or any variant. It is not intended to be an opportunity for stakeholders to line-up large numbers of testifiers on single subjects.

The cut off time to sign up for remote testimony is 5:00 p.m. Monday, February 28. For those testifying in-person at the meeting, the deadline to sign up will be Saturday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. Time periods for giving testimony are provided in the registration information and on the meeting agenda.

All meeting information including the agenda, roadmap, agency reports, public and advisory committee comments will be available online at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-04-2022&

meeting=fairbanks. The website will be updated as the meeting approaches, and throughout the duration of the meeting.

Written comments will be accepted as "record copies" during the meeting, and can be submitted via email to dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov (PDF attachments preferred, or contact ADF&G Boards Support for assistance), by fax to 907-465-6094, or in person at the meeting. Record copies are limited to ten single-sided pages and must include a full name, community of residence and proposal numbers for which the comments pertain.

Mitigation Measures

In an effort to fully conduct this meeting and provide a safer environment, the Department of Fish and Game and the meeting venue management will work together to enact a number of temporary COVID-19 mitigation measures. It is imperative all attendees comply with the mitigation measures to reduce the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus and/or any variant which could potentially cause the meeting to be delayed or postponed. The full mitigation plan will be posted on the board's meeting calendar page prior to the first day of the meeting and will be shared with meeting registrants.

Meeting registration is required of participants for the purpose of communicating meeting updates to attendees and, in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.

In addition, testing for COVID-19 and ensuring negative results prior to travel and attending the meeting is strongly encouraged. Anyone demonstrating symptoms associated with COVID-19 are asked not to attend and instead watch or listen to the meeting online. The board's staff has implemented the ability to video stream the meeting for public viewing.

For more information about the board meeting process, please contact Kristy Tibbles at 465-6098, or via email at Kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov. She and other ADF&G Boards Support staff will be available throughout the meeting to assist the public with the process.

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