#### **ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**

# Interior & Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Pike's Waterfront Lodge | Fairbanks, Alaska March 15-22, 2024

### **Meeting Summary**

The Board of Game (board) convened the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting on Friday, March 15, 2024, in Fairbanks, at the Alaska at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. Seven board members were present: Chairman Jerry Burnett, Vice-Chairman Stosh Hoffman, Allen Barrette, Jake Fletcher, James Cooney, Ruth Cusack, and Dave Lorring.

The meeting opened with introductions and board member ethics disclosure statements, followed by agency reports (see listing on page 14). Public testimony began Friday afternoon, March 15, at 3:50 p.m. and concluded Sunday, March 17, at approximately 3:30 p.m. The board heard from 77 testifiers which included 19 advisory committee representatives. (See Record Copy #58 for a complete list of testifiers.)

Board deliberations followed the conclusion of public testimony. The board considered 162 proposals, adopting 62 which included 16 proposals to reauthorize antlerless moose hunts and brown bear tag fee exemptions. The board also deferred 17 proposals related to Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19, to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025. Board action for each proposal is provided as: C = carried; CA = carried as amended; F = failed; D = Deferred and NA = no action.

The board meeting concluded on Friday, March 22, 2024, at approximately 1:35 p.m.

The meeting material and audio are available on the meeting website at: <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-15-2024&meeting=fairbanks">www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-15-2024&meeting=fairbanks</a>.

#### Regionwide & Multiple Units (6 proposals)

*The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 18, at 08:37:27 AM.* 

- F PROPOSAL 43: Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years.
- F PROPOSAL 44: Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years.
- NA **PROPOSAL 45:** Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years. *The board took no action due to the action on discussion on Proposal 44*.

- F PROPOSAL 46: Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups.
- F PROPOSAL 207: Repeal the age criteria for full-curl horn rams for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 47:** Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20. *The board amended the proposal to exclude wood bison.*
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 48:** Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska.
- <u>NA</u> **PROPOSAL 49:** Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting. *The board took no action because ADF&G has discretionary authority to identify the rivers.*
- F PROPOSAL 50: Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 51:** Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C. *The board amended the season dates to 9/15 6/10 for the entire region.*
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 52:** Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C. The board amended the proposal to change the language from "night vision goggles" to :electronic enhanced night vision".

# McGrath Area - Units 19, 21A and 21E (56 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 18, at 01:31:17 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.

- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 53:** Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 54:** Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 55:** Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C. The board reconsidred the proposal on 3/19 and amended it with RC 41 which provides the population and harvest objectives.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 56:** Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E.
- C PROPOSAL 57: Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19.

- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 58:** Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 59:** Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier.
- C PROPOSAL 60: Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C. (See RC 63 which was adopted by the board on March 22, 2024 at 01:20:21).
- NA PROPOSAL 61: Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C. The board took no action because they do not have statutory authority to adopt it, and the Intensive Management finding was adopted in a previous proposal.
- NA **PROPOSAL 62:** Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C. *The board took no action because the IM finding for Unit 19C was adopted in a previous proposal.*
- F PROPOSAL 63: Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 64:** Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents. *The board amended the proposal to eliminate the resident drawing hunt from the proposal.*
- C PROPOSAL 65: Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 66:** Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D.
- C PROPOSAL 67: Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 208:** Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 68:** Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online. *The board amended the proposal to issue up to 30 permits online.*
- F PROPOSAL 69: Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage.
- <u>NA</u> **PROPOSAL 70:** Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel. *The board took no action due to action on previous proposals and that because the Baord lacks authority to issue permits to residents based on domicile.*
- F **PROPOSAL 71:** Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19.

- F PROPOSAL 72: Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 73:** Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years.
- NA PROPOSAL 74: Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt. *The board took no action because DM837 does not require guides*
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 75:** Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E.
- D **PROPOSAL 76:** Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.*
- D **PROPOSAL 77:** Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.*
- D PROPOSAL 78: Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C. The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.
- D **PROPOSAL 79:** Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.
- <u>D</u> **PROPOSAL 80:** Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.* .
- D **PROPOSAL 81:** Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled March* 2025.
- <u>D</u> **PROPOSAL 82:** Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.
- D **PROPOSAL 83:** Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only. The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.
- D PROPOSAL 84: Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.
- D PROPOSAL 85: Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to eight year old rams. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.

- <u>D</u> **PROPOSAL 86:** Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six to ten year old rams. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.*
- D PROPOSAL 87: Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C. The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.
- D PROPOSAL 88: Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.
- D PROPOSAL 89: Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C. The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.
- D **PROPOSAL 90:** Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.
- D **PROPOSAL 91:** Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.*
- D **PROPOSAL 92:** Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19. *The board deferred the proposal to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March* 2025.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 95:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C. *The board amended the proposal to align 19C and 19B with season dates of 8/10-6/30.*
- NA PROPOSAL 93: Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 95*.
- NA **PROPOSAL 94:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 95.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 96:** Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 95.*
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 97:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C. *The board amended the proposal to include Unit 19B.*

- NA **PROPOSAL 98:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E. *The board took no action due to the action on poposal 97*.
- NA **PROPOSAL 99:** Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10. *The board took no action due to the action on poposal 97.*
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 100:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round. *The board amended the proposal to apply to all of Unit 19 and Units 21A and 21E.*
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 101:** Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown. *The board amended the proposal to inleude Unit 19B.*
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 102:** Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E. The board amended the proposal to apply to Units 19, 21A and 21E, with season dates of 8/1 10/31, and to allow the same day airborn take of bears over bait if within 300 feet of the plane.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 103:** Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 104:** Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 105:** Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A. *The board amended the proposal to apply to Units 19, 21A and 21E, with season dates of 8/1 10/31, and to allow the same day arborne take of bears over bait if within 300 feet of the plane.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 106:** Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E. *The board ook no action due to the action on Proposal 105*.
- NA **PROPOSAL 107:** Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E. *The board ook no action due to the action on Proposal 105*.

# <u>Tok Area - Units 12 and 20E</u> (17 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 19, at 02:27:52 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.

- C PROPOSAL 108: Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose. (See RC 35 which was adopted by the Board on March 22, 2024 at 01:24:12).
- F PROPOSAL 109: Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne.
- C **PROPOSAL 110:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E.

- F PROPOSAL 111: Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12.
- F PROPOSAL 112: Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 113:** Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20. *The board amended the proposal to set a 100 foot buffer for caribou hunting, between specific mileposts to be set by ADF&G.*
- CA **PROPOSAL 114:** Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts. *The board amended the proposal to allow proxy hunting for one animal, for season for the RC860 and RC867 hunts.*
- F PROPOSAL 115: Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field.
- F PROPOSAL 116: Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep.
- F PROPOSAL 117: Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits.
- F PROPOSAL 118: Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting the area.
- F PROPOSAL 119: Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 120:** Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12. *The board amended the proposal to apply to all of Unit 12.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 121:** Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12. *The board took no action due to the acion on Proposa 120.*
- F PROPOSAL 122: Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15.
- NA **PROPOSAL 123:** Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks. *The board took no action due to the acion on Proposa 122.*
- F PROPOSAL 124: Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15.

# <u>Delta Junction Area - Unit 20D</u> (14 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 20, at 10:42:40 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.

- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 125:** Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 126:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.
- CA PROPOSAL 127: Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791. The board adopted RC 51 which changed the existing youth hunt from one hunt to two (one for bulls and one for cows), shortened the season dates, and expanded the hunt area. It also eliminated the existing antlerless drawing hunt.
- NA **PROPOSAL 128:** Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 127.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 129:** Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 127.*
- F PROPOSAL 130: Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 131:** Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents.
- F PROPOSAL 132: Allocate 20% of the <u>resident</u> only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only.
- F PROPOSAL 133: Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt
- F PROPOSAL 134: Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime
- F PROPOSAL 135: Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents
- CA **PROPOSAL 136:** Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit. *The board amended the proposal to require a registration permit for hunting brown bear in all of Unit 20D.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 137:** Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 136.*
- NA PROPOSAL 138: Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River. *The Bhoard took no action due to the action on Proposal 136*.

## Galena Area - Units 21B, C, D & 26 (15 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 20, at 04:19:18 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.

- F PROPOSAL 139: Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow.
- F PROPOSAL 140: Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A
- F **PROPOSAL 141:** Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A
- F PROPOSAL 142: Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only
- F PROPOSAL 143: Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
- F PROPOSAL 144: Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 145:** Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
- F PROPOSAL 146: Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A.
- NA **PROPOSAL 148:** Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A. *The Board took no action due to action on proposal 146.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 147:** Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne. *The Board took no action due to action on proposal 146.*
- CA **PROPOSAL 149:** Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1. The board amended the proposal to allow the take of wolves with a snare 3/32" diameter or larger only, during the month of October.
- F PROPOSAL 150: Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25.
- NA PROPOSAL 151: Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25. *The Board took no action due to action on Proposal 150*.

- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 152:** Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B. *The board amended the proposal to allow the same day airborne take of bears over bait, if within 300 feet of the plane.*
- F PROPOSAL 153: Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30.

## Northeast Alaska Area - Units 25A, B, D, 26B & C (17 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 21, at 10:32:06 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G.

- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 154:** Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B
- NA **PROPOSAL 155:** Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 154.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 156:** Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 154*.
- NA PROPOSAL 157: Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas. *The board took no action due to the action taken at the January 2024 meeting under Proposal 35*.
- F PROPOSAL 158: Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C
- F PROPOSAL 159: Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area
- F PROPOSAL 160: Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
- NA **PROPOSAL 161:** Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 160.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 162:** Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 160.*
- CA **PROPOSAL 163:** Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1. *The board reconsidered the propsal on 3/22/24 and amended it to exclude Unit 25C.*

- F PROPOSAL 164: Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
- F PROPOSAL 165: Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
- F PROPOSAL 166: Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D
- NA PROPOSAL 167: Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10. *The board took no action due to Proposal 168*.
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 168:** Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents
- C PROPOSAL 169: Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B
- F PROPOSAL 170: Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15

# Fairbanks Area - Unit 20A, B, C, F & 25C (19 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 21, at 03:58:18 PM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G and advisory committee testimony.

- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 171:** Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C
- F PROPOSAL 172: Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 173:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
- F PROPOSAL 174: Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A
- NA PROPOSAL 175: Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A. *The board took no action due to Proposal 174*.
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 176:** Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B. *The board amended the proposal to exclude the hunt for qualified disabled veterans and the three 9/26-30 archery hunts.*

- F PROPOSAL 177: Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only.
- C **PROPOSAL 178:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.
- F **PROPOSAL 179:** Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B.
- CA **PROPOSAL 180:** Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A. The board amended the proposal to establish a nonresident permit allocation at 15%, of which half of the permits will require applicants to have signed guide client agreements.
- F PROPOSAL 181: Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only
- C PROPOSAL 182: Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15
- NA **PROPOSAL 183:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 182*.
- NA **PROPOSAL 184:** Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 182*.
- NA **PROPOSAL 185:** Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 182*.
- F **PROPOSAL 186:** Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping
- <u>CA</u> **PROPOSAL 187:** Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 20C to March 31. *The board amended to proposal to set the season dates for the remainder of Unit 20C as November 1 March 31, alignging the season for all of Unit 20C.*
- F PROPOSAL 188: Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 210:** Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current reiver channel.

## **Proposals for Other Regions** (13 proposals)

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 22, at 10:54:19 AM, following the management area overview presented by ADF&G and advisory committee testimony.

**CA PROPOSAL 211:** Change the hunt area boundary for Unit 1A goat hunt RG002 and accompanying permit issuance requirements. *The board amended the proposal to change the wording in 5 AAC 92.050 (a)(4) from "trend count area" to "hunt zone".* 

- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 189:** Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.
- NA **PROPOSAL 190:** Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A. *The board took no action because the proposal was approved at the Arctic Western/Western region meeting in January 2024.*
- C **PROPOSAL 191:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
- NA PROPOSAL 192: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A. *The board had no authority to adopt the proposal due to lack of required support by the ACs for this Unit.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 193:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C. *The board had no authority to adopt the proposal due to lack of required support by the ACs for this Unit.*
- NA **PROPOSAL 194:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E. *The board had no authority to adopt the proposal due to lack of required support by the ACs for this Unit.*
- C **PROPOSAL 195:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 196:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 197:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
- <u>C</u> **PROPOSAL 198:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B.
- C **PROPOSAL 199:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.
- C **PROPOSAL 200:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A.

#### **Miscellaneous Actions**

The audio for board deliberations on this section begins March 22, 2024, at 11:11:18 PM.

The board adopted findings (RC 62) which provides allocative guidance regarding anterless moose hunts in Unit 20D.

The board adopted RC 63 which provides the regulatory language for the intensive maangement plan in Unit 19C which was approved as Proposal 60.

The board adopted RC 35, providing the regulatory language for the intensive maangement plan in Units 12, 20D and 20E which was approved as Proposal 108.

The board approved Chair Burnett to write a letter to the legislature in support of the conept in Senate Bill 253 (RC 59) establishing a guide concession program.

## **Oral Reports Provided During the Meeting**

- 1. State and Federal Agency Reports and Updates
- 2. Review of Factors in Public and Agency Predator Control for Mulchatna Caribou, 2012-2023 Tom Paragi, ADF&G
- 3. Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Overview Lincoln Parrett, ADF&G
- 4. Overview of Subsistence Uses of Wildlife in the Interior & Eastern Arctic Region Jesse Coleman, ADF&G
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