

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Work Session
National Guard Armory |
Kotzebue, Alaska January 25, 2024

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game (board) convened the annual Work Session Thursday, January 25, 2024, in Kotzebue, Alaska at the National Guard Armory. Seven board members were present: Chairman Jerry Burnett, Vice-Chairman Stosh Hoffman, Allen Barrette, Jake Fletcher, James Cooney, Ruth Cusack, and Dave Lorrington.

Meeting material and the audio are available on the meeting website at:
www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-25-2024&meeting=kotzebue.

Following opening remarks and introductions, the board held officer elections. The board re-elected Jerry Burnett as Chair and Stosh Hoffman as Vice-Chair.

Agency Reports

The following agency reports were provided:

- Ryan Scott, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation (*Audio log: 09:16:10 AM*)
- Dr. Amy Wiita, ADF&G Subsistence Section (*Audio log: 09:27:20 AM*)
- Kristy Tibbles, ADF&G Boards Support Section (*Audio log: 09:34:13*)
- Cheryl Brooking, Department of Law, Legislative and Litigation Update (*Audio log: 09:41:58*)
- George Pappas, Office of Subsistence Management (*Audio Log: 10:03:19*)
- Wilhelm Wiese, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge (*Audio Log: 10:07:32*)

Board of Game Committee Reports and Assignments

- *Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB)*: Dave Lorrington provided an update on the BGCSB, and was selected by the board to continue to represent the Board of Game on the BGCSB per the membership requirements in Alaska Statute 08.54.591. (*Audio log: 10:31:11*)
- *Wood Bison Reintroduction Working Group*: Al Barrette provided an update on the Wood Bison Reintroduction Working Group. (*Audio log: 10:42:63*)
- *Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group*: Jake Fletcher provided an update on the Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group.

- *Committee Assignments:* The Board assigned members Al Barrette, Jake Fletcher, and Dave Lorrington to serve on the Joint Board Committee. (Audio log: 10:51:40)

2024/2025 Meeting Dates, Locations and the Call for Proposals

The board set the meeting dates and locations for the 2024/2025 meeting cycle as follows:

- Annual Work Session, January 9, 2025, Wasilla
- Central & Southwest Region Meeting: January 10 – 17, 2025, Wasilla
- Statewide Regulations Meeting: March 21 – 28, 2025, Anchorage

The board agreed to modify the proposal form to include a question asking submitters if the proposal was developed in coordination with others, or with a local fish and game advisory committee. The Board of Fisheries added the question at their October 2023 annual work session. Adding this question keeps the forms for both boards consistent. Member Barrette suggested the procedures for updating the proposal form be a discussion at the upcoming Joint Board meeting. (Audio log: 10:52:58 AM)

Findings: The board adopted a policy (RC 2) restricting the board members from utilizing a motion to rescind after the adjournment of a board meeting. (Audio log: 11:28:09 AM)

East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee: The board discussed a letter from the East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee requesting the Joint Board designate seats for the community of Hollis. No action was needed as the Board of Fisheries previously took action to schedule this proposed request to the agenda for the 2024 Joint Board Meeting. The board also discussed the need to discuss at the Joint Board meeting a process or policy for accepting late proposals or agenda change requests for Joint Board meetings. (Audio log: 11:37:19 AM)

Adjournment:

The board adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:45 p.m.