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

The Alaska Board of Game proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the use and taking of game in Game Management Units 9B, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19A, and 19B, including the following:

• 5 AAC 92.111(c) concerning the Mulchatna Caribou Predation Management Area is proposed to be changed to include predator control of brown and black bears in addition to wolves to aid in the recovery of the Mulchatna caribou herd.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments online to the Alaska Board of Game at <u>https://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</u>. Written comments may also be submitted to the ADF&G Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Additionally, the Board of Game will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-6094. The comments must be received not later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held on July 14, 2025, at the Coast Inn at Lake Hood, 3450 Aviation Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The hearing will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and might be extended to July 15, from 8:30 am to 5:30 p. m. at the same location to accommodate those present before 1:00 p.m. on July 14, who did not have an opportunity to comment.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact ADF&G, Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 not later than July 7, 2025 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, go to <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=07-14-</u> 2025&meeting=anchorage or contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110.

After the public comment period ends, the Board of Game will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Written comments are public records and are subject to public inspection.

Statutory authority: AS 16.05.255

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.270; AS 16.05.783

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

The ADF&G Boards Support Section keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the boards' notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to Kristy Tibbles at Kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices. Alternatively, visit the website at https://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov or contact ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110.

Individuals can also signup to receive automated notifications of all State of Alaska notices, including public notice for regulation changes, by subscribing to the Alaska Online Public Notices System: <u>https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx</u>.

Date: June 6, 2025

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Kristy Tibbles Executive Director Alaska Board of Game

ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION (AS 44.62.190(g))

- 1. Adopting agency: <u>Alaska Board of Game</u>
- 2. General subject of regulation: Intensive Management for Mulchatna Caribou Herd
- 3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): <u>5 AAC 92.111(c)</u>
- 4. Department of Law file number, if any: <u>2025200331</u>
- 5. Reason for the proposed action:
 - () Compliance with federal law
 - () Compliance with new or changed state statute
 - (x) Compliance with court orders
 - (X) Development of program standards
 - () Other (identify):_____
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation: <u>Natural Resources and all RDUs; OMB Component Number 2048</u>
- 7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):

	Initial Year	Subsequent Years	
	FY <u>23</u>	FY 24	FY25
Operating Cost	\$ <u>392.0</u>	\$ <u>572.0</u>	TBD*
Capital Cost	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	
1002 Federal receipts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	
1003 General fund match	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	
1004 General fund	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	
1005 General fund/			
program	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	
Other (identify)	\$ <u>392.0</u>	\$ <u>572.0</u>	100% Fish and Game Fund
			all years.

*Invoices are not available for FY 25 at this time. An estimated \$500.0 will be allocated for all future years of the program. Actual expenses will not be known until work is complete each year. Future costs are difficult to estimate due to unknown weather, unknown caribou location, staffing, and aircraft availability.

8. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Name:Kristy TibblesTitle:Executive Director, Board of GameAddress:Boards Support SectionAlaska Department of Fish and GamePO Box 115526Juneau, AK 99811-5526Telephone:(907) 465-6098E-mail address:kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov

- 9. The origin of the proposed action:
 - <u>X</u> Staff of state agency
 - _____ Federal government
 - <u>X</u> General public
 - _____ Petition for regulation change
 - Other (identify)

10. Date: June 6, 2025

Prepared by: Knist Tubble

Name (printed) <u>Kristy Tibbles</u> Title (printed): <u>Executive Director</u> Telephone: <u>907-465-6098</u>