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ADVISORY ANNOUNCEMENT For Immediate Release (February 27, 2025) CONTACT: Kristy Tibbles, 907-465-6098

Alaska Board of Game Meeting scheduled in Anchorage, March 21 - 28, 2025

The Alaska Board of Game (board) will meet in Anchorage, March 21 - 28, at the Egan Civic and Convention Center located in downtown Anchorage. During this eight-day public meeting, the board will address over 80 regulatory proposals requesting changes primarily to statewide provisions dealing with hunting and trapping, along with some region-specific topics.

Examples of the categories of topics to be considered by the board include, but are not limited to: migratory bird hunting, hunter education, hunting and other types of permits, unlawful methods and means, game management unit boundaries, proxy hunting, intensive management, salvage and sealing requirements, possession and the sale of game, and sheep hunting in Game Management Unit 19C. Proposals were submitted by the general public, local fish and game advisory committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. For more detailed information about the proposals, the public is encouraged to visit the meeting webpage at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-21-2025&meeting=anchorage.

All portions of the meetings are open to the public and a live audio and video stream will be provided on the board website at https://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Meeting material including agenda, staff reports, and public and agency comments on proposals can be accessed on the meeting website <u>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meeting info&date=03-21-2025&meeting=anchorage</u> as it become available.

<u>Public Testimony</u>: Oral testimony is expected to begin that morning following the conclusion of agency reports. Anyone wishing to testify before the board must sign up at the meeting location before <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 22</u>, at 10:00 a.m. Public testimony will continue until everyone who has signed up has been given the opportunity to be heard. However, state Fish and Game Advisory Committee and federal Regional Advisory Council representatives may elect to provide testimony later in the meeting. Deliberations on the proposals will begin following public testimony and continue through the remainder of the meeting.

<u>Public Comment Submission</u>: The board encourages the public to provide comments to assist in its decision-making process on the regulatory proposals. The comment deadline is Friday, March 7, 2025, although comments will also be accepted once the meeting convenes. Those who wish to provide written comments on proposals must include the proposal number(s) for which the

comments pertain, and the submitters first and last name, and community of residence. Comments submitted by the March 7 deadline are limited to 100 single-sided or 50 double-sided pages. Comments submitted by the deadline will be included in the board meeting workbook and posted on the meeting website before the meeting.

will Once the meetings begin, written comments be accepted online at http://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Written comments can also be submitted in person at the meeting, or via fax to 907-465-6098. Comments submitted during the meetings are limited to ten single-sided/five double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group. Comments submissions during the meeting will be logged with a record copy ("RC") number and distributed to the board and posted on the meeting page.

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