

Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

**Thursday, March 20th, 2025 at 6:00 pm
by web/teleconference only**

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/tananarampartmanleyACmarch20>

Dial in: (669) 444-9171 or (888) 475-4499 Toll-Free

Meeting ID: 882 7779 5984

Passcode: TRMAC

I. Call to Order: 6:20pm

II. Roll Call:

Present: Charlie Wright (chair),
Janessa Newman (vice chair),
Samantha Zuray (secretary),
Curtis Sommer,
Janet Woods (alternate),
Leah Woods (alternate),
Kathleen Peters-Zuray (Tanana designated alternate)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

III. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Matt Olson, Kyle Campbell

IV. Introduce Guests Present: Olivia Irwin, Kathleen Peters-Zuray, Gale Vick, Jazmyn Vent

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/26/2024
(AC met on 12/19/24 & 3/6/25, but quorum was not reached)

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's Report
- b. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- a. [Board of Game Statewide Proposals](#) – comments can be submitted as RCs
- b. Select Representative for BOG Statewide Meeting March 21-28
(remote AC testimony will be accepted)
- c. Letter of Support for Olivia Irwin's application to the Board of Fisheries

- d. Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 Call for Proposals - due April 10th
- e. Board of Fisheries AYK Meeting to be held in Fairbanks November 18th-22nd
- f. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

XI. **Set next meeting date:**

Adjourn

2024-2025 Board Meetings Dates and Comment Deadlines:

Board of Game Meeting: Statewide Regulations

March 21-28, 2025 in Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: March 7, 2025

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-21-2025&meeting=anchorage>

2025-2026 Proposal Deadlines:

Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 Proposal Deadline: April 10th, 2025

- *Alaska Peninsula/Bering Sea-Aleutian Island/Chignik Areas Finfish*
- *Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas Finfish*
- *Bristol Bay Area Finfish*
- *Statewide Provisions for Finfish*

Agenda Change Request Deadline: August 30th, 2025

See call for proposals here:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2025-2026/call.pdf>

Board of Game 2025-2026 Proposal Deadline: May 1st, 2025

- *Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15)*
- *Southeast Region (GMUs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)*

Agenda Change Request Deadline: November 1st, 2025

See call for proposals here:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/pdfs/2024-2025/call_2025-2026.pdf

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals March 11-16, 2025 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
Oppose	0	7	The passage of this proposal as written will prevent hunters from retrieving downed birds, which is counterintuitive to hunter ethics and wasteful. The further restriction of motor-driven boats is unnecessary when current federal and state laws prohibit the use of boats to hunt waterfowl as is.
88	Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game		
Support	7	0	While many of our community members were against the reintroduction of wood bison for fear the herd could not be managed in a way that produces a harvestable surplus, we believe the passage of this proposal provides the Board and ADFG with a tool to provide harvest in the interim. Adding wood bison to the list of species eligible for cultural and education permits is true to ADFG's intent for reintroducing wood bison Alaska, as spelled out in ADFG's Spring news release, "This restoration isn't just about ecological conservation; it's about enhancing the cultural, economic, and social fabric of our state, enriching the lives of its people and communities."
89	Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred		
Support	7	0	Our AC supports the proposals intent which requires nonresident moose hunters to take a hunter education course regardless of whether they hunt alone or accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred. Requiring nonresidents to complete a hunter education course promotes ethical hunting practices, is proactive in limiting improper meat handling, and can help alleviate enforcement efforts, allowing AWT to focus on more serious offenses. Additionally, as stated in staff comments, many states have hunter education requirements, all states offer hunter education courses according to IHEA-

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			<p>USA standards, and ADFG accepts these courses from other states and countries.</p> <p>Finally, accessing hunter education courses is incredibly difficult for people in our communities. Furthermore, people in our communities are frustrated that despite preparing our youth with 10-15+ years of hunting experience, a hunter education course often stands between them and their ability to hunt legally. While they are incredibly burdensome to us we support hunter education requirements as we believe they create safer hunting environments for everyone. If residents are required to take a hunter education course in order to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20, non-residents hunters should be required as well.</p>
129	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game		
Oppose	0	7	We oppose this proposal as the passage of this proposal would apply to all big game species. We believe putting a minimum cartridge requirement would negatively affect the quality of meat or fur for the smaller of the “big game species” (i.e. black bears, caribou, wolves, wolverine)
130	Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose		
Support	7	0	Initially our AC members were divided on this proposal as we felt establishing a minimum cartridge for taking moose would negatively affect a lot of people in our communities. We believe hunting is a privilege that one should take seriously, this includes properly gauging one’s skill and the ability of their chosen rifle to take a moose quickly and as painlessly as possible. In fact, countless people in our communities have successfully taken moose with rifles smaller than a .243, and many people prefer a .223 if the conditions are right. Ultimately, we unanimously supported this proposal solely on the basis that small caliber cartridges leave little room for error and each year moose are left to suffer and/or die. While we regret having to make this decision, we do so because we feel the number of people failing to gauge their skill and the conditions properly have crossed a threshold that we can no longer tolerate.
131	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares		

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Oppose	0	7	We oppose this proposal on a statewide level as its passage would pose a hardship on non-urban trappers. We very clearly see the need for trappers to include ID tags with their traps and snares in more urban/urban accessible areas, but I do not see it as necessary for more rural and less accessible areas of the state. In more rural areas of the state like ours traplines are inherited from family members, so more often than not people in the community know who the traps or snares belong to. Additionally, people in rural areas generally have more area to set their traps and snares away from where children or pets may encounter them.
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	7	We unanimously oppose antlerless hunts as a regulatory tool for population management as we believe the climate is becoming even more dramatically unpredictable and that removing cows from the population risks the population's ability to rebound from these unpredictable events. We have observed a notable increase in prevalence of disease, as well as non-predator and predator caused mortality in moose over the last decade. Furthermore, the increasingly unpredictable weather events makes moose survival all the more difficult. Therefore, we believe that antlerless harvests in a rapidly changing environment risks population stability and exposes everyone to food insecurity in the long term.
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	7	Refer to 159 comments
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Oppose	0	7	Refer to 159 comments
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
Oppose	0	7	Refer to 159 comments
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Oppose	0	7	Refer to 159 comments
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Oppose	0	7	Refer to 159 comments
165	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26		

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Minutes Recorded By: Janessa Newman

Minutes Approved By: Charlie Wright

Date: 3/21/2025