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Tentative Roadmap

Migratory Bird Hunting (3 Proposals)

- **Proposal 85:** Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services.
- **Proposal 86:** Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks.
- **Proposal 87:** Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl.

Hunter Education Requirements (3 Proposals)

- **Proposal 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.
- **Proposal 90:** Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting.
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Sheep Hunting (10 Proposals)

- **Proposal 92:** Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course.
- **Proposal 93:** Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent.
- **Proposal 94:** Change the definition for "full-curl" ram.
- **Proposal 95:** Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram.
- **Proposal 96:** Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram.
- **Proposal 97:** Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep.
- **Proposal 98:** Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep.
 - **Proposal 99:** Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions.
- **Proposal 100:** Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit.
- **Proposal 101:** Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use.

<u>Unit 19C Sheep Hunting</u> (19 Proposals)

- **Proposal 190:** Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C and establish a guide concession pilot program.
- **Proposal 192:** Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 102:** Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts.
- **Proposal 103:** Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting.
- **Proposal 104:** Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 105:** Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters.
- **Proposal 106:** Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents.
- **Proposal 107:** Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 108:** Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 109:** Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only.
- **Proposal 110:** Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years.
- **Proposal 111:** 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.
- **Proposal 112:** 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.
- **Proposal 113:** Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 114:** 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.
- **Proposal 115:** Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 116:** Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C.
- **Proposal 117:** Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan.
- **Proposal 118:** Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19.

Game Management Unit and Controlled Use Area Boundaries (4 Proposals)

- **Proposal 119:** Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D.
- **Proposal 120:** Change the boundary between Unit 25C and 25D.

Proposal 121: Divide Unit 15C into two subunits.

Proposal 191: Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area.

<u>Proxy Hunting</u> (2 Proposals)

- **Proposal 122:** Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide.
- **Proposal 123:** Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters

<u>Cultural Permits</u> (1 Proposal)

Proposal 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.

Permits for Bear Baiting (2 Proposals)

- **Proposal 124:** Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting.
- **Proposal 125:** Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7.

Unlawful Methods & Means (9 Proposals)

- **Proposal 126:** Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide
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- **Proposal 128:** Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers Statewide.
- **Proposal 187**: Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators.
- **Proposal 129:** Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big Game.
- **Proposal 130:** Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose.
- Proposal 131: Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares/
- **Proposal 132:** Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine.
- **Proposal 133:** Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine.

Hunting & Other Permits (7 Proposals)

- **Proposal 134:** Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents.
- **Proposal 135:** Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents.
- **Proposal 136:** Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt.
- **Proposal 137:** Change the drawing hunt permit process.

Proposal 138: Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox.

- **Proposal 188**: Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters.
- **Proposal 189:** Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply.

Salvage, Sealing & Sale of Game (6 Proposals)

- **Proposal 139:** Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals.
- **Proposal 140:** Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex.
- **Proposal 141:** Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form.
- **Proposal 142:** Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit.
- **Proposal 143:** Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit.
- **Proposal 144:** Shorten the time period from six months to 60 says for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies.

Permits for Possessing Live Game (Clean List) (3 Proposals)

- **Proposal 145:** Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit.
- **Proposal 146:** Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited form being released into the wild.
- **Proposal 147:** Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game.

Intensive Management (1 Proposal)

Proposal 148: Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game.

Advisory Committee Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Hunts (1 Proposal)

Proposal 149: Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region.

Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions (16 Proposals)

- **Proposal 150:** Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska.
 - **Proposal 151:** Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18,

22, 23 and 26A.

- **Proposal 152:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C).
- **Proposal 153:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C).
- **Proposal 154:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C).
- **Proposal 155:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B.
- **Proposal 156:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.
- **Proposal 157:** Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.
- **Proposal 158:** Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D.
- **Proposal 159:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
- **Proposal 160:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.
- **Proposal 161:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.
- **Proposal 162:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E.
- **Proposal 163:** Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D.
- **Proposal 164:** Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E.
- **Proposal 165:** Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26.

Petitions:

Following proposal deliberations, the board will consider a petition on Thursday, March 26, from the Department of Fish and Game requesting emergency regulation for Intensive Management of Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

Proposals Outside the Board of Game's Authority

The Board of Game may discuss the following proposals but does not have authority to take regulatory action

- **Proposal 166:** Add an exception for shooting from, on or across a highway where a highway is seasonally closed to normal traffic.
- **Proposal 169:** Exempt a resident in possession of tribal cards from the regulation requiring a hunting license.
- **Proposal 170:** Allow the transfer of a hunting permit from mother to child, when unable to hunt due to a pregnancy.
- **Proposal 172:** Remove the prohibition of nonresident aliens to hunt as second degree of kindred.
 - **Proposal 173:** Require Alaska big game hunting guides to be Alaska residents.

- **Proposal 174:** Modify the process for the intensive management of bears.
- **Proposal 175:** Modify the regulations for taking big game for certain religious ceremonies.
- **Proposal 176:** Modify the regulations for taking big game for Alaska Native Memorial Potlatch ceremonies.
- **Proposal 177:** Implement a state guide concession area.
- **Proposal 178:** Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
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- **Proposal 182:** Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
- **Proposal 183:** Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
- **Proposal 185:** Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
- **Proposal 186:** Modify the definition for certain sea ducks to include bufflehead, and Barrow's and common goldeneyes.