



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alaska Board of Game

DATE: January 6, 2025

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SUBJECT: Meeting dates for the 2025/2026 Board of
Game Meeting Cycle

During the annual work session on January 9, 2025, the Board of Game (board) will set the meeting dates and locations for the 2025-2026 meeting cycle. The topics on the board's schedule for this meeting cycle are Southeast Region (Game Management Units 1– 5) and the Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15).

The following considerations have been used by the board in past years when setting meeting dates and locations.

- The meeting dates are based on the duration of past meetings needed to address that region's issues.
- The meetings begin on a Friday to accommodate the public for providing testimony over the weekend, which is traditional practice by the board.
- The schedule takes into consideration the timing for the needs of the Department of Fish and Game such as surveying/data collecting, conflicts with hunting seasons, the legal review process for new regulations, and publishing the hunting regulations handbook.
- The duration between meetings needs to be at least four weeks apart.
- The options take into consideration the meeting dates for the Board of Fisheries to minimize overlap for agencies, advisory committees, and public participants. The Board of Fisheries tentative meeting dates in 2026 are:
 - January 13 – 17, 2026: Bristol Bay Finfish
 - February 18 – 24, 2026: Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Fisheries
 - March 17 – 20, 2026: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues
- The board's ACR deadline is November 1, and at least 30 days public notice is required for any that are accepted by the board.

The options provided on the following page reflect the above-mentioned criteria.

Options for the 2025/2026 Board of Game Meeting Cycle:

The following dates for the Southeast Region meeting are based on previous meeting durations of five days. However, in 2023 the board concluded the meeting in four days. The options for the Southcentral Region meeting are six-days durations, which is also based on past board meetings ranging from five to seven days. The table below provides the historical meeting information including the number of proposals and testifiers. The proposal deadline for this cycle will be May 1, 2025, so the number of proposals for the meetings is unknown in order to compare with previous meetings.

In addition to the schedule for the regional meeting, the board will also have a one-day Work Session the day prior to the first regulatory meeting and will meet via teleconference to consider agenda change requests following the annual deadline of November 1. The ACR meeting will be determined later as that deadline approaches unless the board prefers to set it at this Work Session.

Options for the Southeast Region Meeting

January 9 – 13, 2026 (*One day overlap with the Board of Fisheries meeting*)
January 16 – 20, 2026 (*One day overlap with the Board of Fisheries meeting & Jan. 19 falls on a state holiday.*)
January 23 – 27, 2026
January 31 – February 4, 2026

Options for the Southcentral Region Meeting

February 27 – March 4, 2026
March 6 – 11, 2026
March 13 - 18, 2026 (*Two days overlap with the Board of Fisheries meeting*)
March 20 – 25, 2026 (*One day overlap with the Board of Fisheries meeting*)

State holidays: 1/19/26 – Martin Luther King Day; 2/16/26 – Presidents’ Day; 3/30/26 - Seward’s Day

Historical Meeting Information for the Southeast and Southcentral Region meetings.

Southeast Region Meeting			
<i>Past Meeting Dates</i>	<i>Locations</i>	<i>No. of Proposals</i>	<i>No. of Testifiers</i>
January 20 – 23, 2023	Ketchikan	55	38
January 11 – 15 2019 (5 days)	Petersburg	56	30
January 9 – 13, 2015 (5 days)	Juneau	40	24
January 11 – 15, 2013 (5 days)	Sitka	52	29
November 5 – 9, 2010 (5 days)	Ketchikan	48	43

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Southcentral Region Meeting			
<i>Past Meeting Dates</i>	<i>Locations</i>	<i>No. of Proposals</i>	<i>No. of Testifiers</i>
March 17 – 22, 2023 (6 days)	<i>Soldotna</i>	144	91
March 14 – 20, 2019 (7 days)	<i>Anchorage</i>	96	71
March 13 – 18, 2015 (6 days)	<i>Kenai</i>	68	76
February 15-19, 2013 (5 days)	<i>Anchorage</i>	56	49
March 26 - 30, 2011 (5 days)	<i>Anchorage</i>	92	46

Agenda Change Request Deadline: November 1, 2025

The proposal deadline for the 2025/2026 meeting cycle will be May 1, 2025