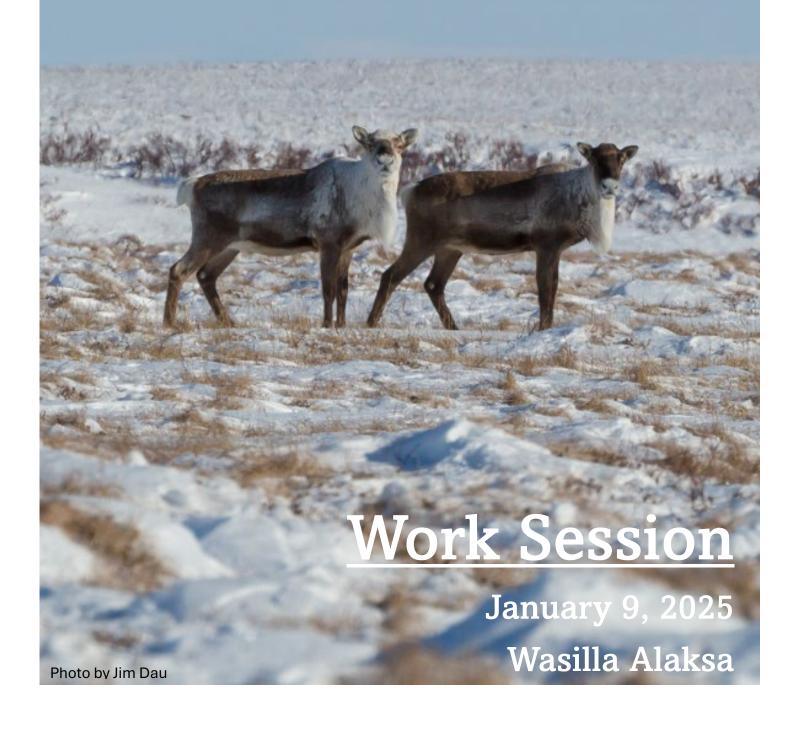
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#### ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Work Session - January 9, 2025

Bestwestern Lake Lucille Inn | Wasilla, Alaska

#### TENTATIVE AGENDA

**NOTE:** This Tentative Agenda is <u>subject to change</u> prior to or throughout the meeting. The board will <u>not</u> be taking oral testimony at the Work Session.

#### Thursday, January 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions of Board Members and Agency Staff
- 2) Election of Officers
- 3) State & Federal Agency Reports and Updates
- 4) Board of Game Committee and Assignment Updates
  - Big Game Commercial Services Board Dave Lorring
  - Wood Bison Reintroduction Working Group Al Barrette
  - Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group Stosh Hoffman & Jake Fletcher
  - Renewal of Committee & Other Assignments
- 5) Approve the 2025/2026 Meeting Dates and Locations
- 6) Other Business
- 7) Adjourn

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#### **Special Notes**

- 1. Meeting materials are available at: <a href="www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo">www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo</a> or by contacting the ADF&G Boards Support Office in Juneau at 465-4110.
- 2. A live audio stream for the meeting is intended to be available at: https://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov
- 3. The State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this hearing and public meeting should contact 465-4110 no later than January 3, 2025 to make any necessary arrangements.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Alaska Board of Game (board) will conduct a one-day work session in Wasilla on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the Best Western, Lake Lucille Inn, located at 1800 W. Lake Lucille Drive. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. Meeting topics include agency reports, board committee reports and assignments, approval of the 2025/2026 board meeting dates and locations, and other administrative business. The board will not be taking any regulatory action during the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public via live video for which the link will be posted online at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.main">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.main</a> the day of the meeting. Live audio will also be accessible by calling +1 253 215 8782 and entering the meeting ID: 885 2216 9846.

The board will not be taking oral testimony during the Work Session but is accepting written comments. Comments can be submitted online at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?</a> <a href="mailed-adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-09-2025&meeting=wasilla">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?</a> <a href="mailed-adfg=gameboard

The deadline for submitting written comments to be included in the meeting workbooks is Friday, **January 3, 2025.** Once the meeting begins, comments will be accepted online as record copies, by hand delivery at the meeting, or via the above-mentioned fax number. Comments submitted during the meeting are limited to ten single-sided or five double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group.

The agenda and other meeting documents will be available prior to the Work Session on meeting information webpage at: <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meeting">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meeting</a> info&date=01-09-2025&meeting=wasilla.

For more information about the meeting, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section at 465-6098. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-6098 no later than Monday, December 30, 2024 to make any necessary arrangements.

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#### ALASKA BOARD OF GAME 2024/2025 Cycle <u>Tentative Meeting Dates</u>

Meeting Dates	Topic	Location	Comment Deadline
<b>January 9, 2025</b> (1 day)	Work Session	<b>Wasilla</b> Best Western Lake Lucille Inn	TBD
<b>January 10-17, 2025</b> (8 days)	Central & Southwest Region Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 & 17	<b>Wasilla</b> Best Western Lake Lucille Inn	<b>December 27, 2024</b>
March 21-28, 2025 (8 days)	Statewide Regulations 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98	Anchorage Egan Civic & Convention Center	March 7, 2025

Total Meeting Days: 17

Agenda Change Request Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024

(The Board of Game will meet via teleconference to consider Agenda Change Requests following the November 1 deadline.)

## Alaska Board of Game 2015-212-BOG

#### Policy on Election of Officers

At its January 2015 Work Session, the Board of Game (Board) adopted a policy setting the schedule for officer elections based upon the following:

It is the policy of the Board for officer elections to be held annually at the work session, regardless of whether or not the membership changes. In the event a work session is not scheduled, the Board shall hold the officer elections at the first regular meeting of the year. Officers will serve until the Board is able to elect new officers or unless circumstances require the officer to step down.

Adopted: January 8, 2015

Vote: 7-0 Juneau, Alaska Ted Spraker, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

#### **ALASKA JOINT BOARDS OF FISHERIES AND GAME**

#### CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL

It has been suggested that criteria need to be established to guide the Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game, Board of Fisheries, and Board of Game (boards) members when deliberating on whether or not to develop a board-generated proposal. The boards will consider the following criteria when deliberating the proposed development and scheduling of a board-generated proposal:

- 1. Is it in the public's best interest (e.g., access to resource, consistent intent, public process)?
- 2. Is there urgency in considering the issue (e.g., potential for fish and wildlife objectives not being met or sustainability in question)?
- 3. Are current processes insufficient to bring the subject to the board's attention (e.g., reconsideration policy, normal cycle proposal submittal, ACRs, petitions)?
- 4. Will there be reasonable and adequate opportunity for public comment (e.g., how far do affected users have to travel to participate, amount of time for affected users to respond)?

Findings adopted this 16th day of October 2013.

Ted Spraker, Chairman

Alaska Board of Game

Vote: 6-0

Karl Johnstone, Chairman

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Vote: 7-0



#### **Department of Fish and Game**

Boards Support Section Headquarters Office

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Alaska Board of Game DATE: January 6, 2025

PHONE NO: (907) 465-6098

FROM: Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director 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										
Past Meeting Dates	Locations	No. of Proposals	No. of Testifiers							
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							

(Continued on the following page.)

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

Agenda Change Request Deadline: November 1, 2025

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

# State of Alaska **2026 HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

#### **State Holidays**

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Date	Holiday
01/01/2026	New Year's Day
01/19/2026	MLK Jr.'s Birthday
02/16/2026	Presidents' Day
03/30/2026	Seward's Day
05/25/2026	Memorial Day
06/19/2026	Juneteenth Day
07/04/2026	Independence Day (observed 07/03/2026)
09/07/2026	Labor Day
10/18/2026	Alaska Day (observed 10/19/2026)
11/11/2026	Veterans' Day
11/26/2026	Thanksgiving Day
12/25/2026	Christmas Day

Please refer to appropriate collective bargaining unit agreement for more information regarding holidays.



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#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME 2025/2026 Meeting Cycle

The Alaska Board of Game calls for proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Southeast and Southcentral Regions.

#### PROPOSAL DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

The Alaska Board of Game (board) is accepting proposed changes for hunting and trapping regulations for the Southeast Region (Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) and the Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, and 15) including the following topics:

Hunting seasons and bag limits including subsistence and general hunts for all species; trapping seasons and bag limits; big game prey populations and objectives for intensive management; predation control areas implementation plans; restricted areas including controlled use areas, management areas, closed areas, and closures in state game refuges.

Proposed changes to 5 AAC Chapter 92, Statewide Provisions, specific to Game Management Units (GMUs) within the Southeast and Southcentral Regions will also be accepted, excluding changes to Game Management Unit Boundaries. This includes regulations under the categories of general provisions, permits, permit conditions and provisions, methods and means, possession and transportation, and the use of game. Proposed changes to these provisions must specify the applicable Game Management Units in order to be accepted.

#### The following topics will be considered for <u>all</u> Game Management Units:

Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions

Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts (State statute requires all antlerless moose hunts be reauthorized annually.)

Proposals may be submitted by mail, fax, or online:

Online: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov

Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

*Fax:* (907) 465-6094

Proposals must be received by <u>Thursday, May 1, 2025</u>, at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. (A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt).

You are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date on Board of Game proposal forms available from the Boards Support Section regional offices and on the website at: <a href="https://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov">www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</a>. All proposals must contain an individual's first and last name and an organizational name if appropriate, contact telephone number, and address. Regional proposals must specify the applicable region or Game Management Unit.

The board encourages individuals or organizations to communicate and coordinate with others in the development of proposals. Local fish and game advisory committees (AC) are an excellent resource and the collective knowledge and experience within ACs may help improve proposals. Information about the 84 local fish and game advisory committees around the state is available at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.advisory">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.advisory</a>. You can also work with area staff from the Department of Fish and Game to better understand the current regulations, and what the effect(s) of your proposed change may be. Area staff contact information can be found on the ADF&G website at <a href="https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=contacts.main">https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=contacts.main</a>.

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Providing clarity on the proposal form helps the board, advisory committees, and the public more fully understand the proposed regulatory changes. Proposals that are incomplete or unclear may be omitted from the proposal book. You are encouraged to contact the Boards Support Section staff if you have questions or need assistance with completing the proposal form. Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested. Proposals with emotionally charged language will be rejected or redacted as they detract from the substance of the proposal, may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal, and may elicit nonresponsive charges from the public/board members. Proposals not meeting this call or submitted late will not be published.

Proposal books will be available to the advisory committees, agencies, and the public at <a href="https://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov">www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov</a> for review and comment.

Proposals received per the above "Call for Proposals" deadline will be considered by the Board of Game at their Southeast and Southcentral Region meetings scheduled for [insert specific meeting dates and locations]. For more information, please contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-6098, or email kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov.



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#### **Long-Term Meeting Cycle**

The Board of Game meeting cycle generally occurs from November through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule that cycle every three years. When the regional regulations are before the board, the following regulations are open for consideration within that region:

- Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits -- All species
- General and Subsistence Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits -- All species (Except antlerless moose hunts as noted below)
- Intensive Management Plans
- Closures and Restrictions in State Game Refuges
- Management Areas, Controlled Use Areas, and Areas Closed to Hunting and Trapping
- Changes specific to Units or Regions under 5 AAC Chapter 92, excluding Game Management Unit Boundaries in 92.450

Proposals pertaining for the reauthorization of all antlerless moose hunts, 5 AAC 85.045, and all brown bear tag fee exemptions, 5 AAC 92.015, are taken up annually. Changes having statewide applicability to 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98.005 listed on the following page and Game Management Units are considered once every three years at Statewide Regulations meetings.

The proposal deadline is May 1 every preceding year. Boards Support issues a "Call for Proposals" generally in January before the May 1 deadline, which will also specify which regulations are open for proposed changes.

#### **Topic & Meeting Schedule**

Southeast Region - Game Management Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Meeting Cycle: 2025/2026 2028/2029 2031/2032

Southcentral Region - Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15

Meeting Cycle: 2025/2026 2028/2029 2031/2032

Western Arctic / Western Region - Game Management Units: 18, 22, 23, 26A

Meeting Cycle: 2023/2024 2026/2027 2029/2030

Interior and Eastern Arctic Region - Game Management Units: 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C

Meeting Cycle: 2023/2024 2026/2027 2029/2030

Central and Southwest Region - Game Management Units: 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, & 17

Meeting Cycle: 2024/2025 2027/2028 2030/2031

**Statewide Regulations\*** (see next page)

Meeting Cycle: 2024/2025 2027/2028 2030/2031

\*5 AAC 92.037. Permits for falconry is scheduled every six years: 2027/2028 2033/2034 2039/2040

#### ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

#### Statewide Regulations ~ 5 AAC Chapters 92 and 98

#### **General Provisions & Definitions:**

- 92.001 Application of this Chapter
- 92.002 Liability for Violations
- 92.003 Hunter Education and Orientation Requirements
- 92.004 Policy for Off-Road Vehicle Use for Hunting and transporting game.
- 92.005 Policy for Changing the Board of Agenda
- 92.008 Harvest Guideline Levels
- 92.009 Policy Obstruction or Hindrance of Lawful Hunting or Trapping
- 92.990 Definitions

#### Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Reports, Tags, & Fees:

- 92.010 Harvest Tickets and Reports
- 92.011 Taking of Game by Proxy
- 92.012 Licenses and Tags
- 92.013 Migratory Bird Hunting Guide Services
- 92.018 Waterfowl Conservation Tag
- 92.019 Taking of Big Game for Certain Religious Ceremonies

#### **Permits:**

- 92.020 Application of Permit Regulations and Permit Reports
- 92.028 Aviculture Permits
- 92.029 Permit for Possessing Live Game
- 92.030 Possession of Wolf Hybrid and Wild Cat Hybrids Prohibited
- 92.031 Permit for Selling Skins, Skulls, and Trophies
- 92.033 Permit for Science, Education, Propagative, or Public Safety Purposes
- 92.034 Permit to Take Game for Cultural Purposes
- 92.035 Permit for Temporary Commercial Use of Live Game
- 92.037 Permit for Falconry (to be *addressed every 6 years*)
- 92.039 Permit for Taking Wolves Using Aircraft
- 92.040 Permit for Taking of Furbearers with Game Meat
- 92.041 Permit to Take Beavers to Control Damage to Property
- 92.042 Permit to Take Foxes for Protection of Migratory Birds
- 92.043 Permit for Capturing Wild Furbearers for Fur Farming
- 92.044 Permit for Hunting Bear w/the Use of Bait or Scent Lures
- 92.047 Permit for Using Radio Telemetry Equipment
- 92.049 Permits, Permit Procedures, and Permit Conditions
- 92.050 Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.051 Discretionary Trapping Permit Conditions & Procedures
- 92.052 Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- 92.057 Special Provisions for Dall Sheep Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.061 Special Provisions for Brown Bear Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.062 Priority for Subsistence Hunting; Tier II Permits
- 92.068 Permit Conditions for Hunting Black Bear with Dogs
- 92.069 Special Provisions for Moose Drawing Permit Hunts
- 92.070 Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Point System
- 92.071 Tier I Subsistence Permits
- 92.072 Community subsistence Harvest Hunt Area and Permit Conditions

#### **Methods & Means:**

- 92.075 Lawful Methods of Taking Game
- 92.080 Unlawful Methods of Taking Game; Exceptions
- 92.085 Unlawful Methods of Taking Big Game; Exceptions
- 92.090 Unlawful Methods of Taking Fur Animals
- 92.095 Unlawful Methods of Taking Furbearers; Exceptions
- 92.100 Unlawful Methods of Hunting Waterfowl, Snipe, Crane
- 92.104 Authorization for Methods and Means Disability Exemptions

#### **Intensive Management and Predator Control:**

- 92.106 Intensive Management of Identified Big Game Prey Populations
- 92.110 Control of Predation by Wolves
- 92.115 Control of Predation by Bears
- 92.116 Special Provisions in Predation Control Areas

#### Possession and Transportation:

- 92.130 Restrictions to Bag Limit
- 92.135 Transfer of Possession
- 92.140 Unlawful Possession or Transportation of Game
- 92.141 Transport, Harboring, or Release of Live Muridae Rodents Prohibited
- 92.150 Evidence of Sex and Identity
- 92.151 Destruction of trophy value of game required in specific areas.
- 92.160 Marked or Tagged Game
- 92.165 Sealing of Bear Skins and Skulls
- 92.170 Sealing of Marten, Lynx, Beaver, Otter, Wolf, and Wolverine
- 92.171 Sealing of Dall Sheep Horns

#### Use of Game:

- 92.200 Purchase and Sale of Game
- 92.210 Game as Animal Food or Bait
- 92.220 Salvage of Game Meat, Furs, and Hides
- 92.230 Feeding of Game
- 92.250 Transfer of Musk oxen for Science and Education Purposes
- 92.260 Taking Cub Bears & Female Bears with Cubs Prohibited

#### **Emergency Taking of Game:**

- 92.400 Emergency Taking of Game
- 92.410 Taking Game in Defense of Life or Property
- 92.420 Taking Nuisance Wildlife

#### **Game Management Units:**

92.450 Description of Game Management Units

#### **Antlerless Moose Reauthorization:**

98.005 Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Season



Name: Eric Anslinger

Community of Residence: Fairbanks

#### **Comment:**

Id like to see a review of CUA's statewide added to the agenda. Most of these areas were put in place by guides or their spouses while serving on the board. In cases where conflicts between resident hunters and guides exist, the residents shall receive deference in accordance with the state constitution. While guides do have a right to earn a living as shown in court during the 1980's, it did not prioritize those opportunities of access opportunities for residents. The federal government has and is continuing to limit access to residents. The Board has an obligation to the residents of this state to provide access and opportunity.

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December 31st, 2024

Chair Hoffman and Members of the Board of Game Alaska Board of Game P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Request to Host 2025-2026 Southeast Board of Game Meeting in Wrangell

Dear Chair Hoffman and Board Members,

On behalf of the City and Borough of Wrangell, I would like to formally invite the Board of Game to consider Wrangell as the host location for the upcoming Southeast Board of Game (BOG) meeting.

Wrangell offers excellent meeting facilities and a welcoming environment, with numerous local dining options and amenities all within close proximity to our downtown meeting spaces. Our community has not had the opportunity to host the Board of Game since 2006, and we believe this is an ideal time to bring the meeting back to Wrangell.

The Wrangell Advisory Committee will be convening on January 7th to discuss game issues, and there is already significant interest from local residents regarding potential proposals on moose, elk, and mountain lion. Holding the BOG meeting in Wrangell would not only facilitate meaningful public participation but also ensure that local voices and perspectives are well-represented on important regional wildlife matters.

We appreciate your dedication to ensuring that communities throughout Southeast Alaska are engaged in these critical discussions. Thank you for your time and consideration of Wrangell as a host city for the upcoming Board of Game meeting. We look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to provide any additional information or assistance needed.

Sincerely,

Mason F. Villarma

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Borough Manager City and Borough of Wrangell



Name: Chris Guggenbickler

Community of Residence: Wrangell

**Comment:** 

Dear Chair Hoffman and members of the

Board of Game,

As chair of the Wrangell Advisory Committee I would like to invite and encourage you to choose Wrangell for the upcoming SE BOG meeting. Wrangell has a great meeting facility as well as many local places to eat all within walking distance. The last time the BOG met in Wrangell was 2006.

We will be having a local AC meeting on January 7th to go over game issues. I anticipate from discussions with local individuals that we will be submitting proposals on moose, elk and mountain lion from our AC. I am hopefull a BOG meeting in Wrangell would generate decent public participation.

It was great meeting many of you in Ketchikan last cycle. Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Thank You,

Chris Guggenbickler