

# BOARD MEETINGS, COMMENT & PROPOSAL DEADLINES

## BOARD OF FISHERIES

**April 24 2018 | Anchorage**  
Tsiu/Tsivat Proposal 242 & Miscellaneous  
Comment deadline: April 10, 2018

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE: APRIL 10, 2018**

**October 17-18, 2018 | Anchorage**  
Work Session  
Comment deadline: October 3, 2018

**November 28-December 4, 2018 | Dillingham**  
Bristol Bay Finfish  
Comment deadline: November 14, 2018

**January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage**  
Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish  
Comment deadline: January 2, 2019

**February 21-27, 2019 | Anchorage**  
Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands Finfish  
Comment deadline: February 7, 2019

**March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage**  
Statewide Finfish & Supplemental Issues  
Comment deadline: February 20, 2019

## BOARD OF GAME

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2018**

**January 10, 2019 | Petersburg**  
Work Session  
Comment deadline: TBA

**January 11-15, 2019 | Petersburg**  
Southeast Region  
Comment deadline: December 28, 2018

**March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage**  
Southcentral Region  
Comment deadline: March 1, 2019

## JOINT BOARD

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2018**

**March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage**  
Joint Board Meeting  
Comment deadline: March 7, 2019



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Darren Bruning (ADF&G) presents Delta AC Chair Don Quarberg with an Excellence in Service Award.

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## Dear Advisory Committee Members

With spring nearing it brings an enthusiasm for getting back to some of our favorite outdoor activities and enjoying the bounty of our fish and wildlife resources. We trust you take pride in your AC service, helping to make decisions that sustain these resources we all enjoy.

Hopefully the summer break from AC and board activity will renew your energy for the next meeting cycle. That cycle brings regulatory change for the Southeast and Southcentral Regions for the Board of Game, while the Board of Fisheries takes on fisheries regulations for the Aleutian Islands up to the Bering Sea, the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers, and statewide finfish.

As you read this early April edition, don't let some of the articles fool you. It is true – BOF member Al Cain is not retiring and will serve another term; the BOF is holding a special meeting in April; the Valdez AC reactivated after several years of dormancy; and the Joint Board is meeting next cycle. The newsletter features the work of the Seward and Homer ACs sponsoring youth fishing events and it provides brief updates from the recent board meetings.

While the AC activity winds down over the next month, we want to thank you on behalf of the boards and the Department of Fish and Game for your time and involvement in this process.

Enjoy your summer.

Glenn Haight, Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Fisheries

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Game

## Joint Board to Meet in Anchorage in March 2019

Have you heard? The Joint Board of Fisheries and Game is coming to town! The two boards will meet together March 21-25, 2019 to consider regulatory changes for advisory committees and the board's processes (5 AAC Chapters 96 and 97). The deadline to submit proposals is May 1, 2018.

The last regulatory meeting of the Joint Board was in 2013. Both the Board of Game and Board of Fisheries come together to deliberate proposals and to discuss matters of interest to both boards. Since the Joint Board does not meet frequently, this is the opportunity to bring issues before them. Some ideas to think about for types of changes are:

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## Board Reappointments Announced



Governor Walker recently announced reappointments for Board of Game members Teresa Sager Albaugh and Larry Van Daele and Board of Fisheries members Orville Huntington and

Al Cain. This will be Sager Albaugh's 4th term and Huntington's 3rd, while Cain was first appointed in 2016 and Van Daele in 2017, both filling vacant seats. Cain previously intended to end his service at the end of his term, but since then, decided to serve another term. The appointments are currently going through the confirmation process with the legislature.

## Board of Fisheries Update

The Alaska Board of Fisheries is close to wrapping up its 2017/2018 meeting season with one more issue, a Yakutat Area Tsiu River closed waters proposal, to resolve. This special meeting is April 24 in Anchorage.

The board's Statewide Dungeness, Shrimp, and Other Miscellaneous Shellfish Meeting wrapped up March 9. Eleven of the 31 proposals dealt with Prince William Sound commercial and non-commercial shrimp. None of these proposals were passed. Moreover, with the exception of two proposals that were withdrawn at the request of the proposer, none of the proposals received a single yes vote.

The board passed a new regulation, starting in 2020, to require a deep water release mechanism on sport fishing vessels in Prince William Sound (this was also passed in Southeast). Many rockfish species have swim bladders which expand when brought from deep water. This presents them from submerging on their own. Deep water release mechanisms allow fishers to submerge rockfish to depth, which deflates the expanded bladder and allows the fish to live.

A number of other issues were discussed, including hatcheries, sea otter depredation in Southeast, the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting location, the potential for Sitka Sound herring pounding, and a number of issues related to the federal North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

To read more about the meeting, please visit the board's website at [www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardoffisheries.adfg.alaska.gov) and look for the Statewide Meeting.

## Board of Game News

The Board of Game met for the first time in Dillingham to address hunting and trapping regulations for the Central/Southwest Region. The board, staff, and visiting public were well received by the community and the students at the Dillingham Middle School. Board members were pleased to have the opportunity to hear from the area residents, learning about their culture and interests.

Actions of interest from this meeting include: clarification of the use of snow machines to position and harvest caribou in Unit 17; modification of the definition of community/group for the Copper Basin Area community subsistence harvest hunt; changes to the Fortymile caribou hunting seasons and bag limits; and the opening of a youth hunt for caribou in Unit 13. In addition, the board made several adjustments to big and small game seasons and bag limits across the region, all of which are noted in the meeting summary available on the board website, [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov), under the Central/Southwest Region Meeting.

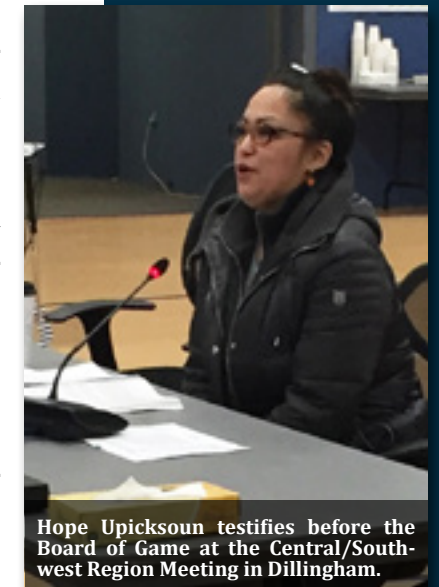
Four proposals will be scheduled for the next meeting cycle. The board deferred Proposal 123, as amended, which modifies the Clearwater

Creek Controlled Use Area in Unit 13, allowing motorized access on the Maclaren Summit Trail, and Proposal 165, which requests a new registration moose hunt for Unit 19A. Both proposals are slated for the March 2019 Southcentral Region Meeting. Two new proposals were requested by the board; one to clarify regulations for transporting game within controlled use areas, which

will be considered in January 2019 at the Southeast Region Meeting. The other will provide additional antlerless and any bull hunting opportunity in Unit 16A and is scheduled for March 2019. All four proposals will be included in the proposal books this fall.



Board of Game meeting in Dillingham, February 2018.



Hope Upicksoun testifies before the Board of Game at the Central/Southwest Region Meeting in Dillingham.

## Valdez Advisory Committee Reactivates Under New Chair, Hope Upicksoun

The Valdez Fish and Game Advisory Committee was active for many years, but over time, participation began to wane and they did not meet for several years.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) held a hunting and fishing advocacy training in April 2017. Under the leadership of Carrie Stevens, the UAF Tribal Management

Program offered a Board of Game training class, during which students attended the Alaska Board of Game Statewide Meeting held in Anchorage. During the course of the board meeting, one of those students, Hope Upicksoun, began asking

questions about the Valdez AC. Hope expressed a desire with Boards Support to get that committee functional again.

In order for a committee to reactivate, they must hold a meeting with at least five people who are interested in continuing involvement in the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game process. In this case, Hope was able to gather a group of people, including some of the former AC members. Not only was she elected to become a member, but she also became the new chair. Hope attended the Board of Fisheries meeting when it met in Valdez and brought her daughter to the Board of Game meeting in Dillingham to introduce her to the process as well. Hope has done a great job reactivating the committee and Boards Support looks forward to the Valdez AC's participation in the process.

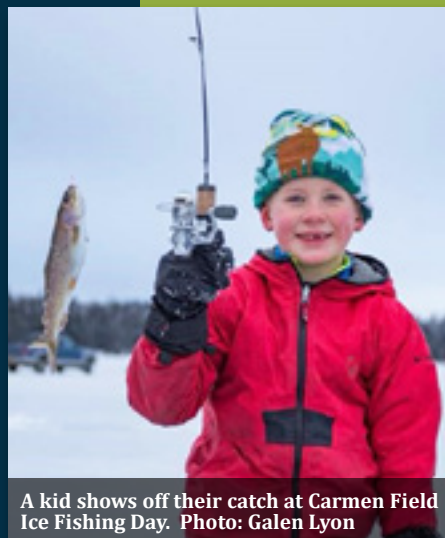
## JOINT BOARD

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- Does the make-up of the AC (such as designated or undesignated seats) work effectively?
- Is there a way to balance the designated and undesignated seats for the AC?
- Are there inactive ACs that should be removed?
- Are there communities near your AC that lack representation?
- Do the Uniform Rules of Operation work well for the AC, or would any adjustments be helpful?
- Are there board processes that merit review?

These are the types of change the Joint Board would welcome and can address at this meeting. Please feel free to talk to the Boards Support Regional Coordinators if you are looking for ways to address any concerns or if you have questions.

Information about the Joint Board meeting and the Call for Proposals is available online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard). Proposal books will be available for AC and public viewing by late August.



A kid shows off their catch at Carmen Field Ice Fishing Day. Photo: Galen Lyon

## Southcentral Region Advisory Committees Sponsor Youth Fishing Events

The Homer Advisory Committee sponsored the Carmen Field Ice Fishing Day in early January at Johnson Lake. The event was a huge success with around 30 to 35 folks in attendance over the course of the day. At least 20 kids participated in the fishing and only caught a few fish, but the weather was good, and they consumed 50 hotdogs, lots of hot cocoa and many marshmallows. Some future fishermen were acquainted with the sport and will be encouraged to be part of the stewardship of our Alaskan resources for years to come.

The Seward Advisory Committee will sponsor a Kid's Fishing Day on May 19 at First Lake Park. This event is an annual family friendly event where

children ages one to 15 can come and enjoy a morning of fishing. The event starts at 8am and runs until noon, when the town horn sounds. Children can learn a life skill and have fun while doing it.



Carmen Field Ice Fishing Day. Photo: Galen Lyon

First Lake is stocked by ADF&G and children can bring their own poles or use one provided. Participants will sign in upon arrival and receive a drawing ticket for some great locally donated prizes.

The Seward AC has sponsored this event for several years.