



## **Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Committee Meeting**

Discussion of Scheduling a Future Joint Board Meeting

December 21, 2017, Teleconference

### MEETING SUMMARY

Committee members: Karen Linnell, Teresa Sager Albaugh, Robert Ruffner, Al Cain, and Reed Morisky

The Joint Board Committee (committee) met by teleconference meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the need for a future Joint Board meeting in 2018/2019. Board of Game members Teresa Sager Albaugh and Karen Linnell, and Board of Fisheries members Robert Ruffner, Al Cain, and Reed Morisky were present. The meeting was chaired by Board of Game member Karen Linnell. In addition to the committee members, Board of Game members Larry Van Daele, Tom Lamal, and Chair Ted Spraker participated via teleconference as did a number of Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) staff.

Public listen-in sites were located at the ADF&G office buildings in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks. The committee did not take oral testimony from the public, but written public comments were solicited for the meeting. All meeting materials are available on the Joint Board Committee meeting website at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=12-21-2017&meeting=teleconference](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=12-21-2017&meeting=teleconference).

Chair Linnell called for introductions of committee members, other board members, and agency staff. Following introductions, she reviewed the meeting purpose. ADF&G Boards Support Executive Directors provided information about Joint Board regulatory authorities, past Joint Board meetings and call for proposals, meeting projections, recent proposals for changes to Joint Board regulations, and a timeline for a future meeting, all of which is including in the meeting material.

Following board member questions and discussion about the meeting planning process and timeline, the committee unanimously supported a motion to schedule a subsequent committee meeting for the purpose of soliciting public and advisory comments on regulatory topics the Joint Board should consider at a future meeting. The intent of a follow up meeting and public comment would help the committee better form a recommendation to each board on the need for and regulatory scope of a Joint Board meeting.

The committee requested the second meeting be scheduled far in advance to provide for a 30-day public comment period. The committee set the next meeting date for Wednesday, February 7, 2018, with a comment deadline of February 2, 2018. This would give the committee members time to report to each board by March. The committee will also discuss a recommendation to the boards for establishing a set schedule for future Joint Board meetings.

The committee adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.