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2016 STATEWIDE REGULATIONS PROPOSAL BOOK

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

REVIEWER LETTER

Dear Reviewer:

September 2015

The Alaska Board of Game will consider the attached book of regulatory proposals at its meeting scheduled for **March 18-28, 2016**. The proposals generally concern statewide changes to hunting and trapping regulations under 5 AAC Chapter 92. The board will also consider a number of statewide sheep hunting season and bag limit proposals which were accepted under an expanded Call for Proposals this year. Finally, there is a section of proposals accepted as Agenda Change Requests for this cycle. Members of the public, organizations, advisory committees, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) staff submitted these proposals. The proposals are published essentially as they were received.

The proposals are presented as brief statements summarizing the intended regulatory changes. In cases where confusion might arise or where the regulation is complex, proposed changes are also indicated in legal format. In this format, bolded and underlined words are **additions** to the regulation text, and capitalized words in square brackets are [DELETIONS] from the regulation text.

You are encouraged to read all proposals presented in this book, as regulations may have regional, species-specific, and statewide applications. Proposals are organized by broad topics and are listed in the tentative order in which they are to be considered during the meeting. The final order of proposals to be deliberated, also known as the “roadmap,” will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting. However, the roadmap may be changed up to and during the meeting.

Before taking action on these proposed changes to the regulations, the board would like your written comments and/or oral testimony on any effects the proposed changes would have on your activities.

Please submit written comments:

Online: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov

Via fax: 907-465-6094

Via mail: ATTN: Board of Game Comments
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Public comment, in combination with Advisory Committee comments ADF&G staff presentations, provide the Board of Game with useful biological and socioeconomic data to form decisions. Written comments become public documents. The following are recommendations for providing written comments:

Timely Submission: Comments received by an established deadline for each meeting, usually two weeks in advance, are considered “on-time” comments and are provided to the board and the public in advance of the meeting.

After the on-time comment period has closed, written comments are accepted via fax and mail. Comments received after the on-time period will not be included in board member workbooks until the beginning of each meeting. Comments are also typically accepted during the meeting. At a

meeting, submit 20 hard copies, known as “record copies,” to Board Support Section staff, who will distribute them to board members and ADF&G staff. Include your name on each copy, and if including graphs or charts, please indicate the source.

Length: For on-time comments, the board will accept up to 100 single-sided pages from any one individual or group for any one meeting. For comments received after the on-time period or during the meetings, comment is limited to ten single-sided pages.

List the Proposal Number: Written comments should indicate the proposal number(s) to which the comments apply. Written comments should specifically state “support” or “opposition” to the proposal(s). If the comments support a modification in the proposal, please indicate “support as amended” and provide your preferred amendment in writing. This will help ensure written comments are correctly noted for the board members. You do not need to list the Alaska Administrative Code number.

Do Not Use Separate Pages When Commenting on Separate Proposals: If making comments on more than one proposal, please do not use separate pieces of paper. Simply begin the next set of written comments by listing the next proposal number.

Provide an Explanation: Please briefly explain why you are in support of or opposition to the proposal. Board actions are based on a complete review of the facts involved, not a calculation of comments for or against a proposal. Advisory committees and other groups also need to explain the rationale behind recommendations. Minority viewpoints from an advisory committee should be noted in along with the majority recommendation. The board benefits greatly from understanding the pros and cons of each issue.

Write Clearly: Comments will be scanned and photocopied so please use 8 1/2" x 11" paper and leave reasonable margins on all sides to allow room for insertion into the board workbooks. Whether typed or handwritten, use dark ink and write legibly.

Advisory Committees: In addition to the above, please make sure the Advisory Committee meeting minutes reflect why the committee voted as it did. If the vote was split, include the minority opinion. A brief description consisting of a couple of sentences is sufficient. Detail the number of members in attendance (e.g., 12 of 15 members) and indicate represented interests such as subsistence, guides, trappers, hunters, wildlife viewers, and others.

Meeting information, documents, and a link to the audio is available through the Board of Game website at: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Board actions will also be posted on the website shortly after the meeting.

Persons with a disability needing special accommodations in order to comment on the proposed regulations should contact the Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110 at least two weeks prior to the schedule meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

We thank you for your interest and involvement with the Board of Game and the regulatory process.

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC & ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

Persons planning to testify before Board of Game hearings must fill out a blue PUBLIC TESTIMONY SIGN-UP CARD and turn it in to the board's staff. Persons providing written material for the board members must provide at least **20 copies to submit with the blue sign-up card**. Do not wait until it is your turn to testify to submit written material, as it may not be distributed to the board in time for your testimony. **Provide a name and date on the first page of written material and identify the source of graphs or tables, if included in materials.**

When the chair calls your name, please go to the microphone; state your name and whom you represent. At the front table, a green light will come on when you begin speaking. A yellow light will come on when you have one minute remaining. A red light will indicate that your time is up. When you are finished speaking, please stay seated and wait for any questions board members may have regarding your comments.

If you wish to give testimony for more than one group (i.e., yourself plus an organization, or yourself plus an advisory committee), please fill out a blue sign-up card for each testimony you would like to give. For example: if you are testifying for an Advisory Committee as well as for yourself, please fill out two cards, one specifying your AC and one specifying personal testimony. When you begin your testimony, state for the record the group you are representing. Keep your comments separate for each group. For example: give comments for the first group you are representing; then, after stating clearly that you are now testifying for the second group, give comments for that group.

Please be aware that when you testify you may not ask questions of board members or of department staff. This is your chance to make comments on proposals before the board. If board members and/or department staff need clarification, they will ask you questions. **A person using derogatory or threatening language to the board will not be allowed to continue speaking.**

Generally, the board allows **five minutes** for oral testimony for an individual or an organization, and **15 minutes** for ACs. If you are testifying once for an organization and once as an individual, these testimonies are considered separate, and each allotted its own time. The board chair will announce the length of time for testimony at the beginning of the meeting. Time limits on testimony do not include questions the board members may have for you.

Advisory Committee representatives are usually allotted 15 minutes to testify, and should restrict testimony to relating the advisory committee's discussion(s). Testimony should be a brief summary of the minutes of the meeting, and copies of the minutes should be available for the board members. An Advisory Committee representative's personal opinions should not be addressed during Advisory Committee testimony.



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**2015/2016 Cycle
Tentative Meeting Dates & Locations
Statewide Regulations - Cycle A and Cycle B Schedules**

Statewide regulations include the general categories of: licenses, harvest tickets, tags and harvest reports, methods and means, possession, transportation and use of game, intensive management and predator control, definitions, emergency taking of game, descriptions of game management units, and areas of jurisdiction for antlerless moose reauthorization.

Meeting Dates	Topic	Location	Comment Deadline
March 17, 2016 (1 day)	Work Session	Fairbanks Pike's Waterfront Lodge	March 4, 2016
March 18-28, 2016 (11 days)	Statewide Regulations (Cycle A and Cycle B)	Fairbanks Pike's Waterfront Lodge	March 4, 2016

Total Meeting Days: 12

Agenda Change Request Deadline: January 18, 2016

Proposal Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2015

2016/2017 Meeting Cycle: The Board of Game recently changed its meeting schedule to a three-year cycle. The new schedule is posted online at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. For the 2016/2017 meeting cycle, the board will address regulations for the Interior, Arctic, and Western Regions (also referred to as Regions III and V and include Game Management Units 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26). The deadline to submit proposals for the 2016/2017 meeting cycle will be 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2016.



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Long Term Meeting Cycle
(Three-year Cycle)

The Board of Game meeting cycle generally occurs from January through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule that cycles 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 Chapters 92 and 98

Proposals pertaining to 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 are considered once every three years at Statewide Regulations meetings.

The proposal deadline is May 1 every preceding year. If May 1 falls on a weekend, the deadline is the Friday before. Boards Support issues a “Call for Proposals” generally in December or January before the May 1 deadline, which will also specify which regulations are open for proposed changes.

Topic & Meeting Schedule
<p>Southeast Region - Game Management Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</p> <p><i>Meeting Cycle: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025</i></p>
<p>Southcentral Region - Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15</p> <p><i>Meeting Cycle: 2018/2019 2021/2022 2024/2025</i></p>
<p>Central and Southwest Region - Game Management Units: 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, & 17</p> <p><i>Meeting Cycle: 2017/2018 2020/2021 2023/2024</i></p>
<p>Arctic and Western Region - Game Management Units: 18, 22, 23, 26A</p> <p><i>Meeting Cycle: 2016/2017 2019/2020 2022/2023</i></p>
<p>Interior and Northeast Region - Game Management Units: 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C</p> <p><i>Meeting Cycle: 2016/2017 2019/2020 2022/2023</i></p>
<p>Statewide Regulations (see next page)</p> <p><i>Meeting Years: 2015/2016 2017/2018 2020/2021</i></p>

The three year schedule was adopted at the January 2015 Work Session.

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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.
- 92.990 Definitions

Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Harvest Reports, Tags, and 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
- 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 Black 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
- 92.062 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
- 92.160 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 Seasons.



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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Statewide Regulations Meeting
March 18-28, 2016
Pike's Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, Alaska

~TENTATIVE AGENDA~

Note: This Tentative Agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda.

Friday, March 18, 8:30 AM

OPENING BUSINESS

- Call to Order
- Introductions of Board Members and Staff
- Board Member Ethics Disclosures
- Purpose of Meeting (overview)

AGENCY REPORTS

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP TO TESTIFY will be announced prior to the meeting. Public testimony will continue until persons who have signed up before the deadline and who are present when called by the Chair to testify are heard.

Saturday, March 19, 8:30 AM

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

Sunday, March 20, 9:00 AM

BOARD DELIBERATIONS (Upon conclusion of public testimony)

Monday, March 21, 8:30 AM – Saturday, March 26, 8:30 AM

BOARD DELIBERATIONS Continued

Sunday, March 27, 1:00 PM (EASTER SUNDAY)

BOARD DELIBERATIONS Continued

Monday, March 28, 8:30 AM

BOARD DELIBERATIONS Continued

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including petitions, findings and policies, letters, and other business (Upon conclusion of deliberations)

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Special Notes

- A. Meeting materials, including a list of staff reports, a roadmap, and schedule updates, will be available at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo or by contacting the ADF&G Boards Support Office in Juneau at 465-4110.
- B. A live audio stream for the meeting is intended to be available at: www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov
- C. 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 March 4, 2016 to make any necessary arrangements.