



## Alaska Board of Game

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Dear Reviewer,

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The Alaska Board of Game will consider the enclosed regulatory proposals at its two regulatory meetings scheduled in **January and February 2017**. The proposals generally concern changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Interior, Western, and Arctic Regions of the state. Members of the public, organizations, advisory committees, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) submitted these proposals. With the exception of minor edits, 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 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].

You are encouraged to read all proposals in this book as some proposals may have statewide application and affect other regions and units. Proposals are grouped by each meeting to which they pertain (see Proposal Index). The proposals are listed in the tentative order in which they are expected to be considered during the meeting. The final order of proposals to be deliberated on, also known as the “roadmap,” will be available at least two weeks prior to the meetings.

**Public Comment Requested:** Before taking action on these proposed changes to the regulations, the board would like to consider your written comments and/or oral testimony on any effects the proposed changes would have on your activities and interests.

The board relies heavily on written comments and oral testimony explaining the effect of the proposed changes. Public comment, in combination with Advisory Committee comments and ADF&G staff reports provide the board with useful biological and socioeconomic data to form decisions. Written comments can be submitted:

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**Timely Submission:** Written comments are encouraged to be submitted by the set deadline for each meeting, usually two weeks in advance. Comments received by the deadlines are provided to the board and the public on the meeting information website in advance of the meeting. After the deadline but before the meeting, written comments are accepted via fax and mail only, and will be

provided to board members at the meeting. Finally, comments are accepted in person at board meetings by submitting 20 copies. All meeting materials, including written comments, are uploaded to the meeting information website and distributed to board members, agency staff, and the public during the meeting.

**Tips for Providing Written Comments:**

- Clearly state the proposal number and your position by indicating “support” or “oppose” 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.
- Include your name and if including graphs or charts, please indicate the source.
- Briefly explain why you support or oppose the proposal. The board benefits greatly from understanding the pros and cons of each issue. Board actions are based on a complete review of the facts involved, not the sum of total comments for or against a proposal.
- Keep comments brief. Clearly stating proposals and one’s position with supporting rationale will be helpful for the board members.
- Page limits: For on-time comments, the board will accept up to 100 single-sided pages from any one individual or organization. For comments received after the on-time period or during the meetings, comment is limited to ten single-sided pages.
- 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.
- Write clearly, use dark ink and write legibly. Comments will be scanned and photocopied so please use 8 1/2" x 11" paper and leave reasonable margins.

**Advisory Committees:** In addition to the above, please make sure Advisory Committee (AC) meeting minutes reflect why the AC 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. AC members are strongly encouraged to use the format prescribed by the board, and provided by Boards Support regional coordinators. For more information on providing recommendations on proposals and testimony during board meetings, refer to the AC manual available online and from Boards Support Section.

Meeting information, documents, and a link to the audio is available through the Board of Game website at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov), or through ADF&G Boards Support Section. Preliminary board actions will also be posted on the website during the meeting, followed by final actions 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.

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

Sincerely,

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director  
Alaska Board of Game

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# Guidelines for Testifying at Board Meetings

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 the staff, and **submit with your blue testimony 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.

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.**

**If you are giving testimony for yourself as well as an organization** (i.e., yourself plus an advisory committee or other organization), you only need to turn in one sign-up card, listing each group you will be representing. When you begin your testimony, state for the record who you are representing. Keep your individual comments and comments for your organization separate. For example: give comments for the organization you are representing; then, after stating clearly that you are now testifying for yourself, give your individual comments. Each testimony is allotted its own time.

The board chair will announce the length of time for testimony at the beginning of the meeting. Generally, the board allows five minutes for oral testimony for an individual or an organization; Advisory Committees typically have 15 minutes. Time limits on testimony do not include questions the board members may have for you.

Advisory Committee representatives should restrict testimony to relaying the advisory committee's discussions. 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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# About the Board of Game & Advisory Committees

## Alaska Board of Game

The Board of Game is Alaska's regulatory authority for adopting regulations to conserve and develop the state's wildlife resources and to allocate uses of those resources. The board consists of seven members, serving three-year terms. Each member is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Alaska State Legislature.

The board considers regulatory topics on a three-year cycle, with two to three meetings each year to address proposed regulations on a regional basis. Each year, the board solicits proposals for new regulations and changes to existing regulations. Any individual or organization may submit proposals and offer oral and/or written testimony for the board's consideration. More information about the Board of Game members, process and meeting information is online at: [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov).

## Advisory Committees

The local fish and game advisory committees (ACs) play a key role in the regulatory process for both fisheries and wildlife management. While the board makes the final decisions on proposed regulations, they rely heavily on ACs to offer their local knowledge on fish and wildlife issues of interest by submitting proposals and comments on proposals.

There are 84 advisory committees in the state; nearly all actively participate in the state as well as the federal regulatory processes. AC members serve three-year terms, and are elected by local community members. ACs begin meeting as early as September throughout the board meeting cycle to review proposals and submit recommendations to the boards. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting information is online at: <http://www.advisory.adfg.alaska.gov>, or through Boards Support regional coordinators.

Boards Support Regional Coordinators facilitate AC participation with the board process by coordinating meetings and ensuring the ACs have the necessary information to be effective. For information about ACs, contact the Regional Coordinators at:

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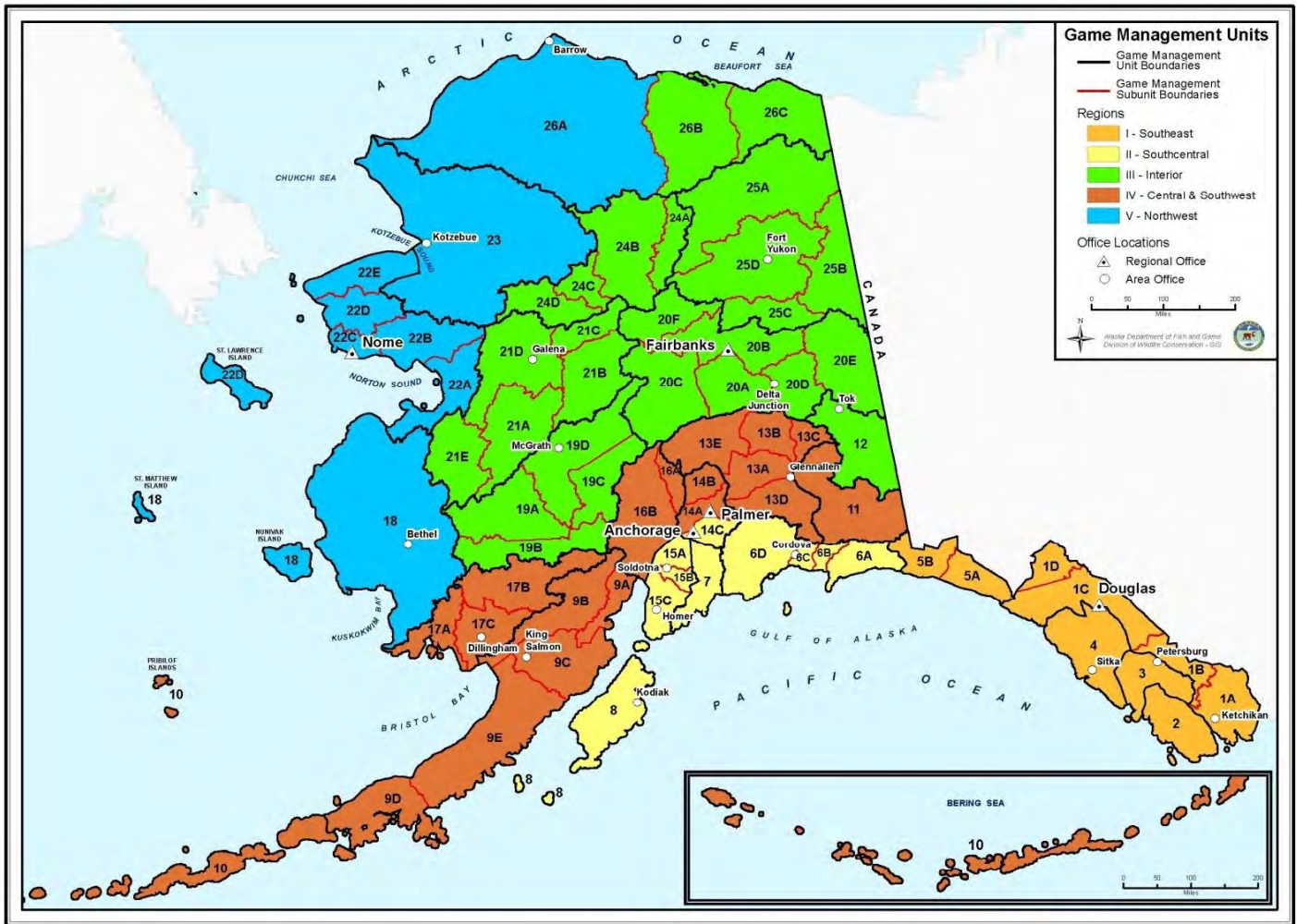
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## Region and Game Management Unit Boundaries



## Commonly Used Acronyms & Terms

<b>AAC</b>	Alaska Administrative Code	<b>DWC</b>	ADF&G, Division of Wildlife Conservation
<b>AC</b>	Advisory Committee	<b>EO</b>	Emergency Order
<b>ADF&amp;G</b>	Alaska Department of Fish and Game	<b>FSB</b>	Federal Subsistence Board
<b>ANS</b>	Amount reasonably necessary for subsistence	<b>GMU/Unit</b>	Game Management Unit
<b>AS</b>	Alaska Statute	<b>IM</b>	Intensive management
<b>AWT</b>	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	<b>NPS</b>	National Park Service
<b>Board</b>	Board of Game	<b>OSM</b>	Office of Subsistence Management, US Dept. of the Interior
<b>Caribou</b>		<b>RY</b>	Regulatory year, July 1—June 30
<b>MCH</b>	Mulchatna caribou herd	<b>RAC</b>	Federal Regional Advisory Council
<b>TCH</b>	Teshkepuq caribou herd	<b>USF&amp;WS</b>	US Fish & Wildlife Service
<b>WAH</b>	Western Arctic caribou herd		
<b>C&amp;T</b>	Customary & Traditional Use		
<b>CUA</b>	Controlled Use Area		



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## 2016/2017 Tentative Meeting Dates & Locations

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comment Deadline</b>
<b>January 5, 2017</b> (1 day)	<b>Work Session</b>	<b>Bethel</b> Yupitit Piciryarait Cultural Center	<b>December 22, 2016*</b>
<b>January 6-9, 2017</b> (4 days)	<b>Arctic &amp; Western Region</b> (Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A)	<b>Bethel</b> Yupitit Piciryarait Cultural Center	<b>December 22, 2016*</b>
<b>February 17-25, 2017</b> (9 days)	<b>Interior &amp; Northeast Arctic Region</b> (Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C)	<b>Fairbanks</b> Pike's Waterfront Lodge	<b>February 3, 2017</b>

Total Meeting Days: 14

Agenda Change Request Deadline: Friday, November 4, 2016

2017/2018 Cycle Proposal Deadline: Monday, May 1, 2017

*\*Note – this comment deadline falls on a Thursday.*



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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 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

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

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



**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.
- 92.990 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
- 92.151 Destruction of trophy value of game required in specific areas.
- 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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