

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY
REVIEWER LETTER

January 2005

DEAR REVIEWER:

The Alaska Board of Game will consider the attached book of regulatory proposals at its **Spring 2005** meeting, to be held **March 4 – 13, 2005**, at the Coast International Inn, 3333 West International Airport Road, Anchorage, Alaska. The proposals generally concern changes to the regulations governing hunting, trapping, and the use of game in the Southcentral and Southwest regions, consisting of Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, as well as certain deferred proposals from prior meetings, affecting Game Management Units 1, 2 and 19. Additionally, the board will consider certain statewide regulations pertaining to brown bear tag fee exemption, and reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts. Members of the public, organizations, advisory committees, and staff submitted these proposals, and are published essentially as they were received.

The proposals in this book 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 or letters in square brackets [XXXX] are deletions from the regulation text.

You are encouraged to read all proposals presented in this book. Some regulations have statewide application and some regulations may affect other regions of the state. Also, some proposals recommend changes to multiple areas or regions.

In this book proposals are grouped first by the area of regulation, and then by the resource to which they pertain (see Table of Contents). This proposal list is not in roadmap order for the meeting. Prior to the meeting, the board will generate and make available to the public, a roadmap for deliberations. 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.

After you review the proposals, please send written comments to:

ATTN: BOG COMMENTS
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Boards Support Section
PO Box 25526
Juneau, AK 99802-5526
Fax: 907-465-6094

Public comments, in combination with ADF&G staff presentations, provide biological and socioeconomic data to form decisions by the Board of Game. Comments may be submitted at any time until the public testimony period for that proposal and/or its subject matter is closed at the meeting and the board begins deliberations. As a practical matter, you are encouraged to send your written comments to the above Juneau address no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2005, to ensure inclusion in the board workbook. All comments received after that time will be presented to board members at the time of the meeting, but will not be printed in the board workbook. Written comments will also be accepted during the board meeting, and public testimony at the meeting during the public testimony portion of the agenda is always appreciated.

When providing written comments on the proposals in this proposal book, please consider the following simple tips to help ensure board members and the public more fully understand recommendations to the board:

Timely submission: Submit written comments by fax or mail at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comments received at least two weeks prior to the meeting are printed and cross referenced in the members' board workbooks. **Written comments on the March 2005 proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. February 18, 2005 for inclusion and cross referencing to proposals in the board workbooks.** The written comments and cross references to proposals help board members during the meeting. Written comments received after the two-week period will be included as "late comments" and are not cross referenced. Materials received during the meeting are not cross referenced. Submit 20 copies of written comments provided during a board meeting to help avoid delay in distribution to board members by Board Support Section staff. Visit <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/> to view updated information about written comment deadlines, meeting calendars and meeting notices for the March 2005 meeting.

List the proposal number and state whether the comments support, oppose or recommend amendment(s): Include proposal number(s) in written comments, and specifically state whether the comments support, oppose, or recommend amendments to the proposal. This will help ensure written comments are correctly noted for the board members. If the comments support a modification in the proposal, please indicate "support as amended" and provide a preferred amendment in writing.

Provide an explanation: The board benefits greatly from understanding the pros and cons of each proposal. A brief description consisting of a couple of sentences is sufficient. Briefly explain why the written comments support, oppose or recommend amendment of the proposal. Board actions are based on a complete review of the factors involved in each proposal, not a mere tally of comments in support or opposition.

Write clearly: Comments will be photocopied. Use 8 1/2" x 11" paper and leave reasonable margins on all sides, allowing for hole punches on the left margin. Whether typed or handwritten, use dark ink and write legibly. **If commenting on more than one proposal, do NOT use a separate page for each proposal.**

Use the correct address or fax number: Mail written comments to Board Comments, ADF&G, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802, or fax them to 907-465-6094.

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 in attendance (e.g., 12 of 15 members) and indicate represented interests, such as subsistence, guides, trappers, hunters, wildlife viewers, etc.

Submitting written comments during the board meeting: Provide 20 copies of written comments to the board secretary, who officially stamps and logs them into the record, and distributes them to the board members.

Additional copies of this proposal book are available at most offices of the Department of Fish and Game and at: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>

A tentative agenda for the Spring 2005 Board of Game meeting is shown on page xi. A roadmap detailing the tentative order in which proposals will be considered will be available in February 2005 at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/>

Updated status of the meeting: After the board meeting begins, a recorded telephone message will provide current updates on the board's agenda and schedule. Dial (800) 764-8901 (in Juneau, call 465-8901).

Additional accommodations: 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 no later than February 18, 2005 to make any necessary arrangements.

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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
 SPRING 2005 PROPOSAL BOOK

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**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE
for 2005/2006 Meeting Cycle
as of January 4, 2005**

	<u>Dates & Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Fall 2005	November 11 – 15, 2005 Place to be announced Proposal Deadline: Tentatively Aug. 6, 2005 Written Comment Deadline: October 28, 2005	Arctic and Western Region and Statewide “A” List
Spring 2006	Date to be announced Place to be announced Proposal deadline to be announced Written comment deadline: Two weeks prior	Interior Region
Fall 2006	Date to be announced Place to be announced Proposal Deadline: To be announced Written Comment Deadline: Two weeks prior	Southeast Region

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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME MEETING CYCLE

The board meeting cycle generally occurs from October through March. The board considers changes to regulations on a region-based schedule. Each region will be discussed on a two-year cycle. When the regional area is 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)
- Wolf Control Implementation Plans
- Bag Limit for Brown Bears
- Areas Closed To Hunting
- Closures and Restrictions in State Game Refuges
- Management Areas
- Controlled Use Areas
- Areas Closed To Trapping

Regulations specific to an area (e.g., Permits for Access to Round Island) will be taken up when the board is scheduled to consider regulations in that region.

Proposals for changes to regulations pertaining to reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts, 5 AAC 85.045, and brown bear tag fee exemptions, 5 AAC 92.015, will be taken up annually, at spring meetings.

The Board of Game does not consider proposals to statewide regulations in every meeting cycle. Instead, the Board of Game reviews statewide regulations on a four-year cycle, distributed between fall meetings, every other year. The list of statewide regulations and the associated "Cycle A" and "Cycle B" meeting schedule is set forth on the next page of this publication.

<u>Regulations for:</u>	<u>Will be considered:</u>		
SOUTHEAST REGION	Fall 2004	Fall 2006	Fall 2008
Game Management Units: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5			
SOUTHCENTRAL & SOUTHWEST REGIONS	Spring 2005	Spring 2007	Spring 2009
Game Management Units: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17			
All GMUs: Brown Bear Tag Fees Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts			
ARCTIC AND WESTERN REGIONS	Fall 2005	Fall 2007	Fall 2009
Game Management Units: 18, 22, 23, 26A			
INTERIOR REGION	Spring 2006	Spring 2008	Spring 2010
Game Management Units: 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C			
All GMUs: Brown Bear Tag Fees Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts			
STATEWIDE REGULATIONS (Chapter 92)	Fall 2005	Fall 2007	Fall 2009
Cycle "A" and Cycle "B" addressed in alternating two year periods			

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Schedule

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS: 5 AAC 92 CYCLE “A”: Fall 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017, etc.

- .001 Application of this Chapter
- .002 Liability for Violations
- .003 Hunter Education and Orientation Requirements
- .004 Policy for Off-Road Vehicle Use for Hunting and Transporting Game
- .005 Policy for Changing Board Agenda
- .010 Harvest Tickets and Reports
- .011 Taking of Game by Proxy
- .012 Licenses and Tags
- .016 Muskoxen Tag Fees
- .018 Waterfowl Conservation Tag
- .019 Taking of Big Game for Certain Religious Ceremonies
- .020 Application of Permit Regulations and Permit Reports
- .025 Permit for Exporting a Raw Skin
- .027 Permit for Exporting Big Game Trophies
- .028 Aviculture Permits
- .029 Permit for Possessing Live Game
- .031 Permit for Selling Skins and Trophies
- .033 Permit for Scientific, Educational, Propagative, or Public Safety Purposes
- .034 Permit to Take Game for Cultural Purposes
- .039 Permit for Taking Wolves Using Aircraft
- .047 Permit for Using Radio Telemetry Equipment
- .104 Authorization for Methods and Means Disability Exemptions
- .106 Intensive Management of Identified Big Game Prey Populations
- .110 Control of Predation by Wolves
- .165 Sealing of Bear Skins and Skulls
- .170 Sealing of Marten, Lynx, Beaver, Otter, Wolf, and Wolverine
- .200 Purchase and Sale of Game
- .210 Game as Animal Food or Bait
- .220 Salvage of Game Meat, Furs, and Hides
- .230 Feeding of Game
- .250 Transfer of Muskoxen for Scientific and Educational Purposes
- .450 Description of Game Management Units
- .990 Definitions

STATEWIDE REGULATIONS: 5 AAC 92 CYCLE “B”: Fall 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019, etc.

- .035 Permit for Temporary Commercial Use of Live Game
- .037 Permit for Falconry
- .040 Permit for Taking of Furbearers with Game
- .041 Permit to Take Beavers to Control Damage to Property
- .043 Permit for Capturing Wild Furbearers for Fur Farming
- .049 Permits, Permit Procedures, and Permit Conditions
- .050 Required Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- .051 Discretionary Trapping Permit Conditions & Procedures
- .052 Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
- .062 Priority for Subsistence Hunting; Tier II Permits
- .068 Permit Conditions for Hunting Black Bear with Dogs
- .070 Tier II Subsistence Hunting Permit Point System
- .075 Lawful Methods of Taking Game
- .080 Unlawful Methods of Taking Game; Exceptions
- .085 Unlawful Methods of Taking Big Game; Exceptions
- .090 Unlawful Methods of Taking Fur Animals
- .095 Unlawful Methods of Taking Furbearers; Exceptions
- .100 Unlawful Methods of Hunting Waterfowl, Snipe, Crane
- .130 Restrictions to Bag Limit
- .135 Transfer of Possession
- .140 Unlawful Possession or Transportation of Game
- .150 Evidence of Sex and Identity
- .160 Marked or Tagged Game
- .260 Taking Cub Bears & Female Bears with Cubs Prohibited
- .400 Emergency Taking of Game
- .410 Taking Game in Defense of Life or Property

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Note: Western Region area advisory committees are assigned to Boards Support Section staff as follows:

Central Bering Sea A.C. – Joe Chythlook
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Lower Kuskokwim A.C. – Joe Chythlook
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Alaska Board of Game

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY & ADVISORY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

Persons planning to testify at the March 4 – 13, 2005 Board of Game hearing 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, **submitted with your blue testimony card. Provide a name and date on the first page of written material and identify the source of graphs, if included in materials.**

When the board chairman calls your name, please go to the table; state your name and whether you represent a group or organization. When you are finished speaking, please wait for any questions board members may have regarding your comments.

When you testify you may not ask questions of the board members or of department staff. This is your chance to make comments on proposals before the board members. 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 individuals and organizations five minutes for oral testimony. The board chairman will announce the length of time for testimony.

Advisory Committee representatives are usually allowed 15 minutes to testify, and should restrict testimony to relating what occurred at the advisory committee meeting(s). Testimony should be a brief summary of the minutes of the meeting; 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The time limit on testimony does NOT include questions the board members may have on an individual's, organization's or Advisory Committee representative's testimony.

**DRAFT ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
SOUTHCENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST REGIONS**

March 4 – 13, 2005

West Coast International Inn, 3333 W. International Airport Rd, Anchorage, AK

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. Persons wishing to testify must sign-up by the deadline. Public testimony will continue until those present at the meeting are heard; the board will continue working through its agenda immediately upon conclusion of public testimony. The following time blocks are only an estimate. Updated agendas will be posted in the meeting room, or call 1-800-764-8901 for a recorded message on daily progression through the meeting.

Friday, March 4, 2005, 8:30 AM

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff

Board Member Ethics Disclosures

Purpose of Meeting (overview)

STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS (a complete list will be available at the meeting)

Saturday, March 5, 2005, 8:30 AM

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP TO TESTIFY will be announced at the meeting.

Public testimony will continue until persons signed up before the deadline, and who are present when called by the Chair to testify, are heard.

Sunday, March 6, 2005, 8:30 AM

Continue/Conclude public testimony

BOARD DELIBERATIONS at conclusion of public testimony

Monday, March 7, 2005 through Sunday, March 13, 2005

Continue/Conclude board deliberations

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including Petitions, Findings, Resolutions, Letters, Other

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SPECIAL NOTES

A. This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and roadmap will be available at the meeting. Scheduled updates can be obtained by calling the board's recorded message phone. Phone Number: **1-800-764-8901** (in Juneau call: 465-8901).

B. Advisory Committee representatives can present their reports either at the beginning or end of the "Oral Public Testimony." The committee representative should notify the board secretary whether they prefer to present their report at the beginning or end of public testimony.

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 February 18, 2005 to make any necessary arrangements.