

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**Work Session | Bethel, Alaska | January 5, 2017**



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Work Session - January 5, 2017  
Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center  
Bethel, Alaska**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**NOTE: This Tentative Agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting. The board will not be taking oral testimony or written comments at the meeting.**

**Thursday, January 5, 2017, 9:00 a.m.**

- 1) Call to order and Introductions of Board Members and Agency Staff
- 2) Election of Officers
- 3) Agency Reports
- 4) License Fee Increase Update
- 5) Board Committee Assignments and Reports
- 6) Approval of the 2017/2018 Meeting Dates and Locations
- 7) Agenda Change Request Policy
- 8) Update on Federal Subsistence Board Issues
  - MOU for Coordinated Interagency Fish and Wildlife Management for Subsistence Uses on Federal Public Lands in Alaska between the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska
  - Federal Land Closures
- 9) Status and Function of Working Groups
- 10) Other Business

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**Special Notes**

1. Meeting materials are available at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo) or by contacting the ADF&G Boards Support Office in Juneau at 465-4110.
2. A live audio stream for the meeting is intended to be available at: [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov)
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Alaska Board of Game (board) will conduct a one-day work session on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at the Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center, located at 420 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel, Alaska. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am. No regulatory action will be taken at the meeting. Meeting topics are listed on the agenda and include agency and informational reports, approval of the 2017/2018 board meeting dates and locations, and other administrative issues that may come before the board.

The meeting is open to the public but no oral public testimony will be taken. Comments can be submitted online at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov), by fax to (907) 465-6094, emailed to [dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov) (PDF format only), or mailed to: ADF&G Boards Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. The deadline for submitting written comments has been extended to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2016 to ensure inclusion in the board workbooks. During the meeting, written comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery if 20 copies are provided. Written comments that are submitted are public record and are subject to public inspection.

The audio of the meeting is intended to be streamed live on the website at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.main). The agenda and any other meeting documents will be available prior to the meeting on the Alaska Board of Game meeting information webpage at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo)

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For more information about the meeting, contact Kristy Tibbles at 465-4110.

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**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME  
2016/2017 Cycle  
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> Yupit 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> Yupit Piciryarait Cultural Center	<b>December 22, 2016</b>
<b>February 17-25, 2017</b> (9 days)	<b>Interior &amp; Northeast Arctic</b> (Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C)	<b>Fairbanks</b> Pike's Waterfront Lodge	<b>February 3, 2017</b>
<b>March 18 – 21, 2017</b> (3 days)	<b>Special Meeting on Copper Basin Area Moose and Caribou Hunting</b> Units 11, 12, & 13	<b>Glennallen</b> Alaska Bible College	<b>March 3, 2017</b>

Total Meeting Days: 17

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



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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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DATE: December 30, 2016  
TO: Board of Game Members  
FM: Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director  
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RE: Discussion of the 2017/2018 Meeting Dates

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During the January 5, 2017 Board of Game (board) Work Session, the board will be asked to approve the meeting dates and locations for the 2017/2018 meeting cycle. Several considerations are used in determining the dates and locations. These considerations have been used in past years and are listed below for board members' benefit.

- The meeting dates are based on the duration of past meetings needed to address that region's issues.
- The options begin on Friday start dates to accommodate the public for providing testimony over the weekend which is traditional practice by the board.
- The options take into consideration the timing for the needs of the Department of Fish and Game such as surveying/data collecting, conflicts with hunting seasons, the legal review process for new regulations, and the publishing of the regulations handbook (handy dandy).
- The schedule takes into consideration the meeting dates for the Board of Fisheries.

Board of Fisheries Meeting dates for 2017/2018 Cycle:

October 18-19, 2017: Work Session

December 1 - 5, 2017: Prince William Sound Finfish, Valdez

January 11 - 23, 2018: Southeast & Yakutat Finfish & Shellfish, Sitka

March 6 - 9, 2018: Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp and Misc. Shellfish, Anchorage

- Meetings are scheduled to be at least four weeks apart.

The following dates are proposed to the board for the 2017/2018 meeting schedule. The dates were shared with board members and I am unaware of any conflicts with the members' schedules. The Department of Fish and Game is also accepting of the proposed dates.

**2017/2018 Board of Game Meeting Cycle  
Proposed Dates**

**Work Session**

November 9, 2017

**Statewide Regulations Meeting**

November 10 – 17, 2017 (8 days)

*Note - November 11, 2017 is Veterans Day*

**Central/Southwest Region Meeting**

February 9 – 16, 2018 (8 days)

February 16 – 23, 2018 (8 days)

In addition, the board will be expected to hold one teleconference to address Agenda Change Requests (ACR) received by the ACR deadline of sixty days prior to the first meeting, which would be approximately September 26, 2017 the November dates for the Statewide Regulations meeting is selected.

**Meeting Dates and Locations for Prior Meeting Cycles**

<b>Past Meeting Dates</b>		<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 18 – 26, 2016	(9 days)	Statewide Regulations Meeting	Fairbanks
March 14 – 18, 2014	(5 days)		Anchorage
January 13 – 18, 2012	(6 days)		Anchorage
Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2010	(4 days)		Anchorage
February 13 – 20, 2015	(8 days)	Central/Southwest Region Meeting	Wasilla
February 8 – 14, 2013	(7 days)		Wasilla
March 4 – 10 & 25, 2011	(8 days)		Wasilla

Agenda Change Request Deadline: 60 days prior to each meeting.

The proposal deadline for the 2017/2018 meeting cycle will May 1, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

# 2017

## Holidays & Observances

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- Jan 28 Chinese New Year
- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 20 President's Day
- Mar 01 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 12 Daylight Saving (begin)
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Vernal equinox
- Apr 01 April Fool's Day
- Apr 16 Easter
- Apr 17 Taxes Due
- Apr 26 Admin Assistants Day
- May 05 Cinco de Mayo
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 29 Memorial Day
- Jun 04 Pentecost
- Jun 14 Flag Day
- Jun 18 Father's Day
- Jun 21 June Solstice
- Jul 04 Independence Day
- Sep 04 Labor Day
- Sep 11 Patriot Day
- Sep 22 Autumnal equinox
- Oct 09 Columbus Day
- Oct 16 Boss's Day
- Oct 31 Halloween
- Nov 05 Daylight Saving (end)
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving
- Dec 21 December Solstice
- Dec 25 Christmas Day
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### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS** **ALASKA BOARD OF GAME** **2017/2018 Meeting Cycle**

**The Alaska Board of Game calls for proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Central/Southwest Region, Statewide Regulations, and Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Hunts**

**PROPOSAL DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

#### **Central/Southwest Region**

The Alaska Board of Game (board) is accepting proposed changes for hunting and trapping regulations for the Central/Southwest Region (Game Management Units 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17) including the following topics:

Hunting seasons and bag limits including subsistence and general hunts for all species; trapping seasons and bag limits; big game prey populations and objectives for intensive management; predation control areas implementation plans; community subsistence harvest areas; restricted areas including controlled use areas, management areas, closed areas, and closures in state game refuges.

Proposed changes to regulations under 5 AAC Chapter 92, Statewide Provisions, specific to game management units (GMUs) within the Central/Southwest Region will also be accepted. This includes regulations under the categories of: general provisions, permit conditions and provisions, methods and means, possession and transportation, and the use of game. Statewide regulations that do not reference GMUs will not be accepted for the region meeting. Please specify game management units or areas/regions for which the proposal applies.

#### **Statewide Provisions**

The board is also accepting proposed changes to specific regulations having statewide applicability under 5 AAC Chapter 92, and 5 AAC 98.005, Areas of jurisdiction for antlerless moose seasons. The regulations open on the Call for Proposals are listed on pages 2 and 3, and do not include trapping and hunting seasons and bag limits under 5 AAC Chapters 84 and 85. Proposed changes must be for statewide applicability; proposals specific to regions or Game Management Units will not be accepted unless submitted for the Central/Southwest Region Call for Proposals described above.

In addition, the board will consider brown bear tag fee exemptions and reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts for all Game Management Units, which are required annually by state statute.

## Statewide Regulations Open on the 2017/2018 Call for Proposals

### **General Provisions and 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
- 92.005 Policy for Changing Board Agenda
- 92.009 Obstruction or Hindrance of Lawful Hunting or Trapping
- 92.990 Definitions

### **Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Harvest Reports, Tags, and Fees:**

- 92.010 Harvest Tickets and Reports
- 92.044 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.

**Proposals may be submitted by mail, fax, or online:**

**Online:** [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal)  
**Email:** [www.bog.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:www.bog.comments@alaska.gov) (Adobe PDF documents only)  
**Mail:** ADF&G, Boards Support Section  
P.O. Box 115526  
Juneau, AK 99811-5526  
**Fax:** (907) 465-6094

**Proposals must be received by Monday, May 1, 2017 at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. (A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt).**

You are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date on Board of Game proposal forms available from the Boards Support Section regional offices and on the website at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal). All proposals must contain an individual's name or an organizational name if appropriate, contact telephone number, and address. Regional proposals must specify the applicable region or game management unit.

Providing clarity on the proposal form helps the board, advisory committees, and the public more fully understand the proposed regulatory changes. Proposals that are incomplete or unclear may be omitted from the proposal book. You are encouraged to contact the Boards Support Section staff if you have questions or need assistance with completing the proposal form.

All proposals are reviewed and formatted prior to publication. Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested. Emotionally charged language will be eliminated as it detracts from the substance of the proposal, may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal, and may elicit nonresponsive charges from the public/board members. Proposals not meeting this call will not be published.

Following publication, proposal books will be available to the advisory committees, agencies, and the public for review and comment. Proposals will be available online at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov).

Proposals received per the above "Call for Proposals" deadline will be considered by the Board of Game at their Statewide Regulations Meeting and the Central/Southwest Meeting during the 2017/2018 meeting cycle. Dates for these meetings have not yet been set. For more information, please contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110, or email [kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov](mailto:kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov).



## **ALASKA BOARD OF GAME AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST POLICY**

Because of the volume of proposed regulatory changes, time constraints, and budget considerations, the boards must limit their agendas. The boards attempt to give as much advance notice as possible on what schedule subjects will be open for proposals. The following regulations specify how the Board of Game considers agenda change requests (5 AAC 92.005):

**5 AAC 92.005. Policy for changing board agenda.** (a) The Board of Game (board) may change the board's schedule for considering proposed regulatory changes in response to an agenda change request, submitted on a form provided by the board, in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (1) an agenda change request must be to consider a proposed regulatory change outside the board's published schedule and must specify the change proposed and the reason the proposed change should be considered out of sequence. An agenda change request is not intended to address proposals that could have been submitted by the deadline scheduled for submitting proposals.
  - (2) the board will accept an agenda change request only
    - a. for a conservation purpose or reason;
    - b. to correct an error in a regulation; or
    - c. to correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted;
  - (3) the board will not accept an agenda change request that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new information that is found by the board to be compelling;
  - (4) a request must be received by the executive director of the boards support section at least 60 days before the first regularly scheduled meeting of that year;
  - (5) if one or more agenda change requests have been timely submitted, the board shall meet to review the requests within 30 days following the submittal deadline in subsection (4), and may meet telephonically for this purpose.
- (b) The board may change the board's schedule for consideration of proposed regulatory changes as reasonably necessary for coordination of state regulatory actions with federal agencies, programs, or laws.

*Note: The form in 5 AAC 92.005 is available on the Board of Game webpage at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.forms](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.forms) or by contacting the Department of Fish and Game, Boards Support Section office (907) 465-4110.*

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For

Coordinated Interagency Fish and Wildlife Management for Subsistence Uses on Federal  
Public Lands in Alaska

between the

Federal Subsistence Board

(U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of  
Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Secretarial Appointees)

and

State of Alaska

(Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and Alaska Board of Fisheries and  
Alaska Board of Game (State Boards))

**I. PREAMBLE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska establishes guidelines to coordinate management of subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands in Alaska.

WHEREAS, the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior (Secretaries), by authority of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and other laws of Congress, regulations, and policies, are responsible for ensuring that the taking of fish and wildlife for nonwasteful subsistence uses on Federal public lands, as discussed in ANILCA §802(2) and defined in ANILCA §803, shall be accorded priority over the taking on such lands of fish and wildlife for other purposes as provided for in ANILCA §804; and that the Secretaries are responsible for protecting and providing the opportunity for rural residents of Alaska to engage in a subsistence way of life on Federal public lands in Alaska, consistent with the conservation of healthy populations of fish and wildlife and recognized scientific principles; and that these lands are defined in ANILCA §102 and Federal regulation (36 CFR Part 242 and 50 CFR Part 100); and that the Secretaries primarily implement this priority through the Federal Subsistence Board, providing for public participation through Regional Advisory Councils and Subsistence Resource Commissions as authorized by ANILCA §805 and §808 and Federal regulations (above); and,

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska, under its laws and regulations, is responsible for the management, protection, maintenance, enhancement, rehabilitation, and extension of the fish and wildlife resources of the State of Alaska on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses, such as providing a priority for subsistence harvest and use of fish and wildlife (where such uses are customary and traditional), and implements its program through the State Boards and the ADF&G, providing for public participation

through Advisory Committees authorized in the State's laws and regulations (Alaska Statutes Title 16; Alaska Administrative Code Title 5) and through Alaska Administrative Procedure Act; and,

WHEREAS, ANILCA, Title VIII, authorizes the Secretaries to enter into cooperative agreements in order to accomplish the purposes and policies of Title VIII, and the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska believe it is in the best interests of the fish and wildlife resources and the public to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding;

THEREFORE, the signatories endorse coordination of Federal and State regulatory processes and the collection and exchange of data and information relative to fish and wildlife populations and their use necessary for subsistence management on Federal public lands. This MOU forms the basis for such cooperation and coordination among the parties with regard to subsistence management of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands.

## **II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MOU is to provide a foundation and direction for coordinated interagency fish and wildlife management for subsistence uses on Federal public lands, consistent with specific Federal and State authorities as stated above, that will protect and promote the sustained health of fish and wildlife populations, ensure conservation of healthy populations and stability in fish and wildlife management, and include meaningful public involvement. The signatories hereby enter this MOU to accomplish this purpose and to establish guidelines for subsequent agreements and protocols to implement coordinated management of fish and wildlife resources used for subsistence purposes on Federal public lands in Alaska.

## **III. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1) Ensure conservation of fish and wildlife resources while providing for continued uses of fish and wildlife, including a priority for subsistence uses, through interagency subsistence management and regulatory programs that promote coordination, cooperation, and exchange of information between Federal and State agencies, regulatory bodies, Regional Advisory Councils, Subsistence Resource Commissions, State Advisory Committees, state and local organizations, tribes and/or other Alaska Native organizations, and other entities;
- 2) Recognize that wildlife management activities on Federal public lands, other than the subsistence take and use of fish and wildlife remain within the authority of the individual land management agencies.
- 3) Use the best available information, including scientific, cultural and local knowledge and knowledge of customary and traditional uses, for decisions regarding fish and wildlife management for subsistence uses on Federal public lands;

- 4) Avoid duplication in research, monitoring, and management;
- 5) Involve subsistence and other users in the fisheries and wildlife management planning processes;
- 6) Promote stability in fish and wildlife management and minimize unnecessary disruption to subsistence and other uses of fish and wildlife resources; and
- 7) Promote clear and enforceable hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations.

#### **IV. THE FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD AND STATE OF ALASKA MUTUALLY AGREE**

- 1) To cooperate and coordinate their respective research, monitoring, regulatory, and management actions to help ensure the conservation of fish and wildlife populations for subsistence use on Federal public lands.
- 2) To recognize that fish and wildlife population data and information, including local knowledge of customary and traditional uses, are important components of successful implementation of Federal responsibilities under ANILCA Title VIII.
- 3) To recognize a Federal priority for rural residents on Federal public lands for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources. Additionally, to allow for other uses of fish and wildlife resources when harvestable surpluses are sufficient, consistent with ANILCA and Alaska Statute 16.05.
- 4) To recognize that cooperative funding agreements implementing the provisions of this MOU be negotiated when necessary and as authorized by ANILCA §809 and other appropriate statutory authorities. Federal funding agreements for cooperative research and monitoring studies of subsistence resources with organizations representing local subsistence users and others are, and will continue to be, an important component of information gathering and management programs.
- 5) To recognize that Federal and State scientific standards for conservation of fish and wildlife populations are generally compatible. When differences interpreting data are identified, the involved agencies should appoint representatives to seek resolution of the differences.
- 6) To cooperatively pursue the development of information to clarify Federal and State regulations for the public.
- 7) To recognize that the signatories establish protocols or other procedures that address data collection and information management, data analysis and review, in-season fisheries and wildlife management, and other key activities and issues jointly agreed upon that affect subsistence uses on Federal public lands. (See Appendix)

8) To have Federal and State staff work cooperatively with Regional Advisory Councils, Subsistence Resource Commissions, State Advisory Committees, tribes and other stakeholders, as appropriate, to review data analyses associated with regulatory proposals, harvest assessment and monitoring studies, and subsistence resource management.

9) To designate liaisons for policy and program communications and coordination between the Federal and State programs.

10) To provide adequate opportunity for the appropriate Federal and State agencies to review analyses and justifications associated with special actions and emergency orders affecting subsistence uses on Federal public lands, prior to implementing such actions. Where possible and as required, Federal and State agencies will provide advance notice to Regional Advisory Council, Subsistence Resource Commission, and/or State Advisory Committee representatives, tribes and other interested members of the public before issuing special actions or emergency orders. Where conservation of the resource or continuation of subsistence uses is of immediate concern, the review shall not delay timely management action.

11) To cooperatively review existing, and develop as needed, Federal subsistence management plans and State fish and wildlife management plans that affect subsistence uses on Federal public lands. Provide an opportunity for Regional Advisory Council, Subsistence Resource Commission and/or State Advisory Committee representatives, tribes and other public to participate in the review. Consider Federal, State and cooperative fish and wildlife management plans as the initial basis for any management actions so long as they provide for subsistence priorities. Procedures for management plan reviews and revisions will be developed by the respective Federal and State Boards in a protocol.

12) To use the State's harvest reporting and assessment systems supplemented by information from other sources to monitor subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands. In some cases, Federal subsistence seasons, harvest limits, or data needs necessitate separate Federal subsistence permits and harvest reports.

13) To ensure that local residents, tribes and other users will have meaningful involvement in subsistence wildlife and fisheries regulatory processes that affect subsistence uses on Federal public lands.

## **V. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1) No member of, or Delegate to, Congress shall be admitted to any share or part of this document, or to any benefit that may arise from it.

2) This MOU is complementary to and is not intended to replace the Master Memoranda of Understanding between the individual Federal agencies and ADF&G, with the exception of specific Federal responsibilities for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife on

Federal public lands. Supplemental protocols to this document may be developed to promote further interaction and coordination among the parties.

- 3) Nothing herein is intended to conflict with Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.
- 4) Nothing in this MOU enlarges or diminishes each party's existing responsibilities and authorities.
- 5) Upon signing, the parties shall each designate an individual and an alternate to serve as the principal contact or liaison for implementation of this MOU.
- 6) This MOU becomes effective upon signing by all signatories and will remain in force until such time as the Secretary of the Interior determines that the State of Alaska has implemented a subsistence management program in compliance with Title VIII of ANILCA, or, signatories terminate their participation in this MOU by providing 60 days written notice. Termination of participation by one signatory has no impact on this MOU's effectiveness between the remaining signatories.
- 7) Regional Advisory Councils, Subsistence Resource Commissions and State Advisory Committees will be asked annually to provide comments to the signatories concerning Federal/State coordination. The signatories will meet annually or more frequently if necessary, to review coordinated programs established under this MOU, to consider Regional Advisory Council, Subsistence Resource Commission and State Advisory Committee comments, and to consider modifications to this MOU that would further improve interagency working relationships. Any modifications of this MOU shall be made by mutual consent of the signatories, in writing, signed and dated by all parties.
- 8) Nothing in this document shall be construed as obligating the signatories to expend funds or involving the United States or the State of Alaska in any contract or other obligations for the future payment of money, except as may be negotiated in future cooperative funding agreements.
- 9) This MOU establishes guidelines and mutual management goals by which the signatories shall coordinate, but does not create legally enforceable obligations or rights.
- 10) This MOU does not restrict the signatories from participating in similar agreements with other public or private agencies, tribes, organizations, and individuals.

SIGNATORIES

In WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date written bellow.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Date:

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Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board  
Date:

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Chair  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Date:

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Regional Director  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Date:

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Chair  
Alaska Board of Game  
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National Park Service  
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State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
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Bureau of Indian Affairs  
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Member of the Federal Subsistence Board  
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## APPENDIX

### SCOPE FOR PROTOCOLS AND/OR PROCEDURES

- 1) Joint technical committees or workgroups may be appointed to develop protocols and/or procedures.
- 2) Individual protocols and/or procedures should:
  - a. Be developed by an interagency committee. The committee shall involve, as appropriate, Regional Advisory Council, Subsistence Resource Commissions and/or State Advisory Committee representatives and other Federal/State regional or technical experts.
  - b. Identify the subject or topic of the protocol and provide justification.
  - c. Identify the parties to the protocol.
  - d. Identify the process to be used for implementing the protocol.
  - e. Provide for appropriate involvement of Regional Advisory Councils, Subsistence Resource Commissions and/or State Advisory Committees, tribes and/or other Alaska Native organizations, governmental organizations, and other affected members of the public when implementing protocols.
  - f. Specify technical committee or workgroup memberships.
  - g. Develop a timeline to complete tasks.
  - h. Identify funding obligations of the parties.
  - i. Define the mechanism to be used for review and evaluation.
- 3) Protocols or procedures require concurrence by the land agencies party to the specific protocols as appropriate and prior to implementation.