

### **Department of Fish and Game**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Alaska Board of Game Members DATE: January 13, 2022

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THROUGH:

SUBJECT: Options for Scheduling the 2022/2023

Board Meeting Cycle

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Board of Game

At the January 20, 2022 Work Session, the Board of Game (board) will be asked to set the meeting dates and locations for the 2022/2023 meeting cycle. The topics on the board's schedule for this meeting cycle are the Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 5, 7, 8, 14C and 15) and Southeast Region (GMUs 1-5).

The following considerations have been used by the board in past years when setting meeting dates and locations.

- 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 publishing the hunting regulations handbook.
- Duration between meetings need to be at least four weeks apart.
- The board's ACR deadline is November 1, and at least 30 days public notice prior to the regulatory meetings is required for any that are accepted by the board and added to the agenda.
- The options take into consideration the meeting dates for the Board of Fisheries to minimize overlap for agencies, advisory committees, and public participants. The Board of Fisheries tentative meeting dates in 2023 are:

January 14-18, 2023: Arctic/Yukon Kuskokwim, Anchorage

February 13-17, 2023: AK Peninsula, Aleutian Island & Chignik, Anchorage

March 10-13, 2023: Statewide Finfish, Anchorage

#### Options for the 2022/2023 Board of Game Meeting Cycle:

The dates provided below are options for the 2022/2023 meeting schedule that reflect the above-mentioned criteria and are not known to conflict with board members' schedules. In addition to the regulatory meetings, the schedule will include a one-day work session prior to the first regulatory meeting and a web-conference to consider agenda change requests following the November 1st annual deadline. The meeting date for considering agency change requests will be determined at a later date as the deadline approaches.

The Southeast Region meeting is expected to be five days based on the historical information provided below. The Southcentral Region meeting has ranged from five to seven days depending on the number of proposals. The options are five-day periods, and extra days can be added for the Southcentral Region meeting if needed.

January 6 - 10, 2023

January 20 - 24, 2023

January 28 – February 1, 2023

February 3 - 7, 2023

February 24 - 28, 2023

March 17 - 21, 2023

March 24 - 28, 2023

State holidays: 1/16/23 – Martin Luther King Day; 2/20/23 – Presidents' Day; 3/27/23 - Seward's Day Historical Meeting Information for the Southeast and Southcentral Region meetings.

Southeast Region Meeting			
Past Meeting Dates	Locations	No. of Proposals	No. of Testifiers
January 11 – 15 2019 (5 days)	Petersburg	56	30
January 9 – 13, 2015 (5 days)	Juneau	40	24
January 11 – 15, 2013 (5 days)	Sitka	52	29
November 5 – 9, 2010 (5 days)	Ketchikan	48	43

Southcentral Region Meeting			
Past Meeting Dates	Locations	No. of Proposals	No. of Testifiers
March 14 – 20, 2019 (7 days)	Anchorage	96	71
March 13 – 18, 2015 (6 days)	Kenai	68	76
February 15-19, 2013 (5 days)	Anchorage	56	49
March 26 - 30, 2011 (5 days)	Anchorage	92	46

Agenda Change Request Deadline: November 1, 2022.

The proposal deadline for the 2022/2023 meeting cycle will be April 29, 2022

# **State of Alaska 2023 HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

#### **State Holidays**

Date	Holiday
01/01/2023	New Year's Day (observed 01/02/2023)
01/16/2023	MLK Jr.'s Birthday
02/20/2023	Presidents' Day
03/27/2023	Seward's Day
05/29/2023	Memorial Day
07/04/2023	Independence Day
09/04/2023	Labor Day
10/18/2023	Alaska Day
11/11/2023	Veterans' Day (observed 11/10/2023)
11/30/2023	Thanksgiving Day
12/25/2023	Christmas Day

Please refer to appropriate collective bargaining unit agreement for more information regarding holidays.



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