

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Alaska Board of Game proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 5 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the use and taking of game. Regulations subject to board action are in 5 AAC 84, 85, 92, and 99. The subject matter areas to be addressed concern Game Management Units 12, 19, 20 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C; statewide reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts and brown bear tag fee exemptions; and all aspects of moose and caribou hunting in Unit 13 and the associated community harvest permit hunt areas. The board will also address additional topics for other Game Management Units and statewide provisions as described below:

- A. TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C, including but not limited to: beaver, mink, weasel, lynx, black bear, and wolves. In addition, the potential statewide classification of black bear as furbearers.
- B. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS in Units 12, 19, 20 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C including, but not limited to: bison, black bear, brown bear, coyote, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolves; and reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts in all Units.
- C. LICENSES, HARVEST TICKETS, HARVEST REPORTS, TAGS, FEES, AND PERMITS in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B) and 26(C), including, but not limited to: discretionary and required permit hunt conditions and procedures; harvest reporting requirements; taking of game by proxy; permits for hunting black bear and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures; special provisions for moose and Dall sheep drawing permit hunts; guide requirements for nonresident moose hunting; permit and registration hunts for youth; maintaining bait stations by guides and assistant guides; special hunts and trapping areas for youth and disabled individuals; community subsistence harvest areas and conditions; and reauthorization of brown bear tag fee exemptions.
- D. HUNTING AND TRAPPING METHODS AND MEANS in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B) and 26(C) including, but not limited to: lawful methods of taking game, big game, and furbearers, including requirements for checking traps; taking black and brown bear using bait and scent lures; taking bear with snares and with the use of artificial light; and using radio/satellite communications for locating bison.
- E. POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF GAME in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B) and 26(C) including, but not limited to: sealing of bear skins and skulls; salvage of game meat, furs, and hides; taking cub bears and female bears with cubs; and purchase and sale of game including bear hides.
- F. RESTRICTED AREAS AND GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B) and 26(C) including, but not limited to: areas closed to hunting and trapping including the Stampede and Nenana Canyon Closed Areas; closures and restrictions in state game refuges; management areas, and controlled use areas including the Koyukuk, Kanuti, Wood River, and Ladue Controlled Use Areas.
- G. INTENSIVE / PREDATOR MANAGEMENT in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B) and 26(C) including, but not limited to: population and harvest objectives including the Fortymile Caribou Herd and moose in Unit 21; control of predation by wolves and bears, predation control implementation plans; and methods, means and bag limits for taking predators. In addition, establishing a predator control area for Unit 10, and statewide

requirements for cooperation with federal agencies as to control of predation by wolves and control of predation by bears.

You may comment on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes by submitting written comments to the Alaska Board of Game, Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (907) 465-6094.

Written comments may be submitted to the Board of Game at any time before the proposal is taken up by the board in deliberations, but as a practical matter, written comments should be submitted to the Boards Support Section office at the above address or fax number by **5:00 pm Friday, February 12, 2010** to ensure inclusion in the board workbooks. Written comment over 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group relating to proposals will not be accepted. Written comments submitted after February 12, 2010 will be limited to 10 single sided or 5 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group. Written comments that are submitted are public record and are subject to public inspection.

The public hearing portion of the meeting will begin immediately after staff reports and continue until everyone who has signed up and is present when called has been given the opportunity to be heard. However, state advisory committee representatives may elect to provide testimony at a later portion of the meeting. The deadline to sign up to testify will be announced at the meeting. The board will take oral testimony only from those who register before the cut-off time. The length of oral statements may be limited to three to five minutes, or less. Additional public hearings may be held throughout the meeting just before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. An agenda will be posted daily during the meeting.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE
Interior Region Regulations
February 26 – March 7, 2010
Westmark Fairbanks Hotel
813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, Alaska

A live audio stream of the Board meeting is intended to be available on the Boards Support Section website at: <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us>. Any changes to meeting locations, dates or times, or rescheduling of topics or subject matter will be announced by news release. Please watch for these announcements in the news media or call (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact Scott Crass at (907) 465-4110 no later than February 12, 2010 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact the Boards Support Section at the above address, or on the website at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us/gameinfo/index.php>.

Anyone interested in or affected by subsistence and general hunting or trapping regulations is hereby informed that, by publishing this legal notice the Board of Game may consider any or all of the subject areas covered by this notice. **THE BOARD IS NOT LIMITED BY THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OR CONFINES OF THE ACTUAL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR STAFF.** Pursuant to AS 44.62.200, the board may review the full range of activities appropriate to any of the subjects listed in this notice. The board may make changes to the hunting and trapping regulations as may be required to ensure the subsistence priority in AS 16.05.258 including reexamining customary and traditional use findings and determinations for amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence use.

After the public hearing, the Board of Game may adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or amend, reject, supplement, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. You should comment during the time allowed if your interest could be affected.

Statutory Authority: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.270

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.256; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.407; AS 16.05.346; AS 16.05.340; AS 16.30.010 – .030; AS 16.05.330, and AS 16.05.783

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

DATE: January 22, 2010



Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director
Alaska Board of Game

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Board of Game
2. General subject of regulation: Interior Region
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 84, 85, 92, 98, and 99
4. Reason for the proposed action:
 - compliance with federal law
 - compliance with new or changed state statute
 - compliance with court order
 - development of program standards
 - other: Regularly scheduled topics for the Spring 2010 Board of Game meeting and other miscellaneous provisions. Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05– AS 16.30
5. Program category and RDU: Natural Resources and all RDUs
6. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: It is not possible to estimate cost. However, this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.
7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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8. The origin of the proposed action:
 - staff of state agency
 - federal government
 - general public
 - petition for regulation change
 - other (please list)

9. Date: January 22, 2010

Prepared by: _____


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