

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

Notice is given that the Alaska Board of Game, under the authority of Title 16, Alaska Statutes, proposes to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations 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, 98 and 99 for the Arctic/Western and Interior Regions including statewide reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts and brown bear tag fee exemptions as described below:

For the Arctic/Western Region, Game Management Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A, and the Interior Region Game Management Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C, the following subject matter areas to be addressed are:

- A. TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS for furbearers, including but not limited to: beaver, coyote, mink, marten, otter, muskrat, squirrel, marmot, fox, weasel, lynx, black bear, and wolves.
- B. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS for all species including, but not limited to: bison, moose, caribou, black bear, brown bear, Dall sheep, musk ox, wolves, wolverine, lynx, fur animals, small game, unclassified game, and deleterious exotic wildlife. In addition, the potential for Tier I or Tier II subsistence hunting for each population; and the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts.
- C. LICENSES, HARVEST TICKETS, HARVEST REPORTS, TAGS, FEES, AND PERMITS including, but not limited to: discretionary and required permit hunt conditions and procedures; discretionary trapping permit conditions and procedures; reauthorization of brown bear tag fee exemptions statewide; special provisions for moose, brown bear, and Dall sheep hunts; taking game by proxy, youth hunts, and permits and guide requirements for hunting black bear and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures, using of game meat for bear bait, and trapping bears.
- D. HUNTING AND TRAPPING METHODS AND MEANS including, but not limited to: lawful methods of taking game, big game, and furbearers including restrictions to ammunition for taking wildfowl, and prohibiting the use of snares for taking bears.,
- E. POSSESSION, TRANSPORTATION, AND USE OF GAME including, but not limited to: Restrictions to bag limits; evidence of sex and identity including black bear in Unit 20; destruction of trophy value including moose antlers in Unit 20; sealing and salvage requirements including wildfowl in Unit 18 and brown bear taken at bait stations; and purchase and sale of game and parts of game including caribou antlers in Unit 23.
- F. GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS: Description of Game Management Unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21, and 26.
- G. RESTRICTED AREAS including, but not limited to: areas closed to hunting and trapping; management areas including Minto Flats Management Area, a youth hunt management area in Unit 20, and allowing use of muzzle loading rifles in the Dalton Highway Corridor

Management Area,; controlled use areas including Kanuti, Anaktuvuk Pass, Nenana, Glacier Valley Mountain, Wood River, and new Controlled Use Areas in Unit 20.

- H. INTENSIVE / PREDATOR MANAGEMENT for all prey populations and populations having a positive finding as identified big game prey populations including predation control areas implementation plans including Units 19, 12, 20; bear snaring in predation control areas; population and harvest objections; and related findings.
- I. CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USES OF GAME POPULATIONS including but not limited to: customary and traditional use findings and amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses of game including caribou and muskox.

The proposed regulation changes are available on the Board of Game website at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo) or through the ADF&G Boards Support Section Office at (907) 465-4110. Other informational documents including intensive management operational plans will also be available on this website.

You may comment on the proposed regulations, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes by submitting written comments limited to no more than 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages to the Alaska Board of Game, Boards Support Section at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526, or by fax to (907) 465-6094, or electronic submission at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov). Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. December 27, 2013 for the Arctic/Western Region meeting and 5:00 p.m. January 31, 2014 for the Interior Region meeting.

Unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting in a published notice, written public comments over 100 single sided or 50 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group related to proposals at any one meeting will not be accepted. Written comments limited to 10 single sided or 5 double sided pages in length from any one individual or group will be accepted after the two-week deadline, but will not be inserted in the board member workbooks until the beginning of the meeting.

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 the two-week comment deadline 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.

Each meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. on the first day of the meeting dates noted below. The public hearing portions for each meeting will begin 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 meetings.

Additional public hearings may be held throughout the meeting just before consideration and adoption of proposed changes in the regulations. The board will take oral testimony only from

those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chair at each regulator meeting. The length of oral statements may be limited to three to five minutes, or less. Anyone interested in, or affected by, the subject matter contained in this legal notice should make written or oral comments if they wish to have their views considered by the board.

## **TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Arctic/Western Region Meeting**  
**(Game Management Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A)**  
**January 10 – 13, 2014**  
**National Guard Armory, 605 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska**

**Interior Region Meeting**  
**(Game Management Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C)**  
**February 14 – 23, 2014**  
**Alpine Lodge, 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, Alaska**

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. Please carefully review the **PROPOSAL INDEX** available for the meeting for all specific proposal issues to be addressed by the board. Copies of the proposal indices are in the proposal book for each relevant meeting and available on-line at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo).

A live audio stream of the board meeting is intended to be available at each meeting and can be accessed on the Board of Game website at: [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov) .

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 ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodations in order to participate in this process, please contact Robert Pearson at (907) 465-4110 no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of each meeting to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

**Statutory Authority:** AS 16.05, AS 16.30.

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 16.05.255; AS 16.05.256; AS 16.05.258; AS 16.05.405; AS 16.05.407; AS 16.05.346; AS 16.05.340; AS 16.30.010 – .030; AS 16.05.330; AS 16.05.780; and AS 16.05.783.

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

DATE: December 4, 2013



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**ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION**  
**(AS 44.62.190(d))**

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Board of Game
2. General subject of regulation: Hunting and trapping regulations for Arctic, Western, and Interior Regions.
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 Arctic/Western and Interior Regions at the Board of Game meetings 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: December 4, 2013

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