Alaska Board of Game CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Arctic, Western, and the Interior Regions

The Alaska Board of Game calls for proposed changes in the regulations pertaining to hunting, trapping, and the use of game for the following regions:

- 1) Arctic and Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23, AND 26A);
- 2) Interior and Eastern Arctic Region (GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, AND 26C)

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016

The Alaska Board of Game is accepting proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Interior, Arctic, & Western Regions (Game Management Units 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26) 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; special permit areas and hunts including provisions for special ceremonies and taking stranded muskoxen.

Proposed changes to 5 AAC Chapter 92, Statewide Provisions <u>specific to the GMUs in these regions</u> will 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.

The following topics will be considered for <u>all</u> Game Management Units:

Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions

Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts (State statute requires all antlerless moose hunts be reauthorized annually.)

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

Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

Online: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal

Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2016 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. Address only one issue per proposal. All proposals must contain an individual's name and an organizational name if appropriate, contact telephone number, and address. Email addresses are appreciated.

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.

Proposals received per the above "Call for Proposals" deadline will be considered by the Board of Game during the 2016/2017 regional meetings.

For more information, please contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4110, or email kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov.