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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alaska Board of Game Meeting Scheduled in Fairbanks March 6-14

(Fairbanks) - The Alaska Board of Game (board) will meet in Fairbanks on March 6-14, 2020 at Pike's Waterfront Lodge located at 1850 Hoselton Drive. During this nine-day public meeting, the board will address more than 100 proposals requesting changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region (Game Management Units [GMU] 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C). Written comments from the public on specific proposals are asked to be submitted by Friday, Feb. 21.

Topics to be addressed within the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region include hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for residents and nonresidents, restricted and management areas including closed areas to hunting and trapping wolves near Denali National Park, methods and means, salvage requirements, hunting permits and conditions, and intensive management plans. The board will also address annual reauthorizations of antlerless moose hunts and resident brown bear tag fee exemptions statewide.

For a full listing of proposals to be addressed at this meeting, please visit the meeting website at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-06-2020&meeting=fairbanks>. The website includes all other meeting materials, including the agenda, roadmap (order of proposals) list of staff reports, and public, advisory committee, and agency comments on proposals.

All portions of the meetings are open to the public. Live audio is expected to be streamed on the board website at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov.

Following opening business at the start of the meeting on Friday, March 6, the board will hear a number of state and federal agency updates, followed by regional reports that include the following topics:

1. Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Overview
2. Regional Research Overview for the Division of Subsistence
3. Wildlife Disease and Health Update
4. Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area Overview

In-person, oral public testimony will begin Friday, following the conclusion of reports. Anyone wishing to testify before the board must sign up at the meeting location before 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7. Public testimony will continue until all who have signed up have received the opportunity to be heard. Deliberations on proposals will begin following public testimony and will continue through the remainder of the meeting.

Those who wish to provide written comments on proposals must include the proposal number(s) for which the comments pertain, and the submitters first and last name, and community of residence. Details on submitting public comments is available at www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov. Written comments submitted by Feb. 21 will be included in the board's workbook and posted on the meeting website before the meeting.

During the meeting, written public comments from any one individual or group may be submitted by hand delivery at any time if 20 copies are provided. Individuals not in attendance can submit written comments by fax to (907) 465-6094. Comments submitted during the meeting are limited to 10 single-sided or 5 double-sided pages in length from any one individual or group.

Learn about the Board of Game Process: ADF&G Boards Support Section will host a training session on the board process and how to be effective at board meetings on Thursday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. While the training is designed for individuals who are new to the board process, all are welcome to join.

For more information about the board meeting process, please contact Annie Bartholomew at 465-4046, or via email at annie.bartholomew@alaska.gov. She and other ADF&G Boards Support staff will be available throughout the meeting to assist the public with the process.

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