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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
INTERIOR REGION
February 29 - March 10, 2008
Pike's Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, Alaska
TENTATIVE AGENDA

NOTE: This Tentative Agenda is subject to change throughout the course of the meeting.

This Tentative Agenda is provided to give a general idea of the board's anticipated schedule. The board will attempt to hold to this schedule; however, the board is not constrained by this Tentative Agenda. Persons wishing to testify must sign-up by the deadline. Public testimony will continue until those present at the meeting are heard; the board will continue working through its agenda immediately upon conclusion of public testimony. The following time blocks are only an estimate. Updated agendas will be posted in the meeting room, or call 1-800-764-8901 for a recorded message on daily progression through the meeting.

Friday, February 29, 8:30 AM

OPENING BUSINESS

Call to Order; Introductions of Board Members and Staff

Board Member Ethics Disclosures

Purpose of Meeting (overview)

STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS

PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY: Oral testimony will begin immediately upon conclusion of staff reports.

Saturday, March 1, 8:30 AM

Continue PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY

DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP TO TESTIFY will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1st.

Public testimony will continue until persons who have signed up before the deadline, and who are present when called by the Chair to testify, are heard.

Sunday, March 2 and Monday, March 3, 8:30 AM

Continue/Conclude PUBLIC AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL TESTIMONY

BOARD DELIBERATIONS (Upon conclusion of public testimony.)

Tuesday, March 4 through Monday, March 10, 8:30 AM

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, including petitions, findings, resolutions, letters, & other

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SPECIAL NOTES

A. This agenda is TENTATIVE and subject to change during the meeting. A list of staff reports and a roadmap will be available at the meeting. Scheduled updates will be available on the board's recorded message phone. Phone Number: 1-800-764-8901; in Juneau call 465-8901.

B. Advisory Committee representatives may present their reports either at the beginning or end of the "Oral Public Testimony" portion of the meeting. The committee representative should notify the board staff whether they prefer to present their report at the beginning or end of public testimony.

C. The State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, and/or special modifications to participate in this hearing and public meeting should contact 465-4110 no later than February 15, 2008 to make any necessary arrangements.

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 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, including, but not limited to the following:

- A. TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS in Units 12, 14, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C, including but not limited to: beaver, lynx, black bear, brown bear, and wolverine.
- B. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS in Units 12, 19, 20 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C including, but not limited to: beaver, lynx, black bear, brown bear, moose, caribou, Dall sheep, wolves, and wolverine; black bear in Unit 16B; caribou and moose in Unit 18 including the amount necessary for subsistence; Dall sheep in Units 13 and 14; musk ox in Units 22 and 23; and reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts statewide.
- 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; antler destruction requirements; special provisions for moose and Dall sheep drawing permit hunts; Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system; and reauthorization of brown bear tag fee exemptions in all Units statewide
- 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: methods of taking beaver while trapping; lawful methods of taking game, big game, and furbearers, including trapping black and brown bear and taking black bear brown bear using bait and scent lures; restricting hunting with the use of boats and land vehicles; taking wolf and bear from dens;
- 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;
- 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, areas closed to trapping, closures and restrictions in state game refuges, management areas, and controlled use areas; and a wildlife refuge in Unit 13.
- G. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS including, but not limited to: classifying black and brown bear as a furbearer, and hunter education and orientation requirements.
- H. INTENSIVE MANAGEMENT: Population and harvest objectives, control of predation by wolves and bears, and predation control implementation plans including Units 9, 12, 13, 17, 16, 19, 20, and 25.

You may comment on the regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the changes, by submitting written comments to the Alaska Board of Game, Board Support Section, at P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526. Comments may also be submitted by fax to (907) 465-6094. Comments will be accepted at any time prior to the time the board considers the action regarding the regulation changes, but to ensure distribution to board members, comments should be submitted to the above address or fax number by 5:00 p.m. February 15, 2008. 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. The public hearing will continue until everyone has been given the opportunity to be heard. 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 during the meeting. The board will take oral testimony from those who register before the cut-off time announced by the board chairman. The length of oral statements may be limited to three to five minutes, or less.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact the board at the address above or go to the Board Support Section website at: www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

Pikes Waterfront Lodge
1850 Hoselton Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709
February 29 - March 10, 2008
Interior Region Topics

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 on the Boards Support Section website at <http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us> or call (907) 465-4110.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Olivia Orsborn at (907) 465-4110 no later than February 15, 2008 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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.

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; and AS 16.05.330.

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

DATE: January 25, 2008



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 regulations: Interior Region Regulations.
3. Citation of regulations: 5 AAC 84, 85, 92 AND 99.
4. Reason for proposed actions: Implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of AS 16.05 - AS 16.30.
5. Program category and RDU affected: Natural Resources and all RDUs.
6. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding: It is not possible to estimate the costs. However, these actions are not expected to require any additional costs.
7. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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PO Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
(907) 465-4110

8. The origin of the proposed action:
 staff or state agency
 general public

9. Date: January 25, 2008

Prepared by: _____



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Note:

The Board of Game will consider proposal 59 as amended at the statewide board meeting in January concerning trapping in the Chugach State Park, Unit 14.

The board will also consider regulatory changes to sheep hunting in Units 13 and 14.

Errata:

The Spring 2008 Board of Game proposal book contains an error that is corrected as follows:

PROPOSAL 86: Proposed by the Copper Basin Advisory Committee.