

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Central/Southwest Region Meeting
Wasilla, Alaska
February 8 -15, 2013

Actions Taken

C = Carried; F = Failed; A = Amendment; NA = No Action; D = Deferred; T = Tabled

Dillingham Area - Unit 17

- CA 45 Change the hunting regulations for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd in Units 9, 17, 18 and 19. *Amended with substitute language, RC 78, to clean up regulatory language describing current boundaries.*
- F 46 Modify the caribou hunting season dates in Unit 17.
- F 47 Open a nonresident caribou season in Unit 17B with certain conditions.
- CA 48 Establish a nonresident registration hunt in Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 17A. *Amended with substitute language, RC 79, to open a registration hunt, season Sept. 5-15, up to 20 permits to be issued the first year.*
- F 49 Decrease the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 17B.
- F 50 Allow the sale of brown bear in Unit 17.
- C 51 Change hunting regulations for black bear in Unit 17 to a bag limit of three bears per year and no closed season.

King Salmon Area – Units 9 and 10

- F 52 Restrict nonresident hunting opportunity in Unit 9.
- CA 53 Establish caribou hunting seasons and bag limits for the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd in Unit 9D. *Amended with substitute language, RC 80, to open a winter hunt 11/15 – 3/31.*
- CA 54 Modify the brown bear hunting regulations for Unit 9. *Amended with substitute language to extend the spring season through May 31.*
- F 58 Establish a Katmai Preserve, specific registration hunt for brown bear in Unit 9.
- F 55 Eliminate the village registration permit hunts in Unit 9, allow the taking of nuisance bears, and/or open bear season.

- F 56 Increase the brown bear bag limit in Units 9 and 10 for the RB525 hunt.
- F 57 Modify the brown bear hunt area for the village registration permits (RB525) in Units 9 and 10.
- CA 59 Allocate brown bear permits in Unit 10 and establish limits for number of applications allowed per guide. *Amended with substitute language to allow up to 50 permits to be issued for Unimak brown bear.*
- F 60 Exclude National Park Service lands from certain wolf hunting and trapping regulations.
- C 61 Modify the intensive management plan for the North Alaska Peninsula Caribou herd.

Glennallen Area – Units 11 and 13

- C 62 Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.
- CA 63 Modify the cow moose drawing hunt for Unit 13. *Amended to provide an antlerless season for Unit 13 for the full months of October and March effective 2014; action supersedes the action on proposal 62.*
- F 64 Open a youth hunt for moose in Unit 13A.
- CA 73 Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. *Amended to set the upper limit for caribou drawing permits at 5,000 and a bag limit of 1 caribou.*
- NA 72 Repeal the exclusive hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. *(Due to action on proposal 69 and other discussions.)*
- NA 65 Modify the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest Hunt in Units 11, 12 and 13. *(Due to action on proposal 69 and other discussions.)*
- NA 66 Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and other changes. *(Due to action on proposal 69 and other discussions.)*
- NA 67 Repeal the community subsistence harvest hunt and conditions and establish a weighted subsistence drawing hunt. *(Due to action on proposal 69 and other discussions.)*
- NA 68 Increase the number of people per group who can apply for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt. *(Due to action on proposal 69 and other discussions.)*
- CA 69 Increase the any bull quota for the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt. *Amended with substitute language, RC 113 as amended, to create a registration winter hunt. In separate actions related to the community subsistence harvest hunt, the board adopted the second sentence in RC 116 which states “any bull permits will be allocated per group-only one any bull permit will be issued for every 3 households in*

the group”; and the board passed a motion to increase the quota of bull moose permits to 100.

- F 70 Establish general harvest moose hunts for nonresidents in Unit 13.
- F 71 Establish a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 13B; close the other Unit 13 subunits to nonresident hunting.
- NA 75 Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting. *(Due to action on proposal 76.)*
- NA 78 Open Unit 13D to brown and black bear baiting. *(Due to action on proposal 76.)*
- NA 74 Allow the taking of brown bear over registered black bear bait stations in Unit 13D. *(Due to action on proposal 76.)*
- C 76 Open Unit 13D to brown bear baiting.
- NA 77 Open Unit 13 to brown bear baiting. *(Due to action on proposal 76.)*
- CA 81 Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13. *Amended to adopt the population objective for Unit 13C as 2,000-3000, and striking the remainder of the language.*
- NA 80 Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13B. *(Due to action on proposal 81.)*
- F 82 Modify the wolf population objective under intensive management for Unit 13.
- F 83 Modify the intensive management plan for Unit 13.
- F 84 Establish a predator control program in Units 11 and 12.
- NA 85 Establish a predator control plan in Unit 11. *(Due to action on proposal 84.)*
- F 86 Close an area near Denali National Park in Unit 13 to taking wolves.
- NA 87 Allow use of off-road vehicles for elderly and/or disabled to hunt caribou in Unit 13. *(The board does not have the authority to change the regulation.)*
- F 88 Modify the hunting season open date and bag limit for Ptarmigan in Unit 13.
- F 89 Establish and muzzleloader and archery hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 13A.
- F 90 Modify the resident sheep hunt and bag limit for Unit 13.
- F 91 Change the Dall sheep bag limit to full curl, convert the draw hunts to general hunts for Units 13 and 14A, and limit nonresident allocation.
- F 92 Modify bag limit to full curl in Units 14A and 13D.

Palmer Area – Units 14A, 14B, and 16

- C 93 Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 14A.
- NA 94 Modify the season and/or bag limit for moose hunting in Unit 14A. *(Due to request by the proposal author to withdraw it.)*
- F 95 Require moose hunters in Unit 14A to submit jaw bone and antlers to ADF&G.
- C 96 Establish a winter antlerless moose hot-spot hunt in 14B and reauthorize the winter antlerless moose hunt in Unit 14A.
- C 97 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
- F 98 Modify the moose hunting season dates in Unit 16A.
- C 103 Review and modify the Unit 16 intensive management program and the progress that has been made towards meeting the program's objectives.
- NA 108 Suspend/relax the intensive management of wolves in Unit 16. *(Due to action on proposal 103.)*
- CA 99 Align the resident and nonresident moose season dates in Unit 16B. *Amended with substitute language, RC 110, to establish a youth hunt.*
- NA 100 Close the nonresident season in the Unit 16 intensive management area. *(Due to action on proposal 100.)*
- F 101 Prohibit hunting with off road vehicles in Unit 16B until after 3:00 am following the day riding.
- NA 104 Prohibit the snaring of bears in the Central/Southwest Region. *(Due to action on proposal 103.)*
- NA 105 Prohibit the snaring of bears in the Central/Southwest Region. *(Due to action on proposal 103.)*
- CA 106 Open Unit 16 to brown bear baiting for residents and nonresidents in the spring and fall. *Amended by retaining the proposed spring season and removing the fall season; clarification was given that the black bear baiting permit conditions would apply.*
- CA 107 Retain the current no closed season for brown bear in the remainder of Unit 16B. *Amended to include Unit 16A.*
- CA 102 Establish a drawing permit hunt for caribou in Unit 14A and a winter season that can be offered if harvest opportunity exists. *Amended to change the bag limit to once caribou instead of one bull.*

Regional and Multiple Units

- F 109 Open resident hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons, allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents; remove guide requirements, and increase tag and permit fees for Central/Southwest Region Units.
- F 110 Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for the Central/Southwest Region Units.
- NA 111 Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units. *(Due to action on proposal 110.)*
- NA 112 Open resident sheep seasons five days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units. *(Due to action on proposal 110.)*
- NA 113 Open resident sheep hunting seasons five days before nonresident seasons for the Central/Southwest Region. *(Due to action on proposal 110.)*
- F 114 Open resident hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons for Central/Southwest Region Units.
- F 115 Limit sheep drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Central/Southwest Regions.
- F 116 Limit drawing permits to ten percent for nonresidents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
- F 117 Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region hunts and exclude nonresidents in hunts with less than ten permits
- NA 118 Develop a permit allocation formula for second degree of kindred hunters in Units 10, 13, and 14. *(Due to request by the proposal author to withdraw it.)*
- C 119 Open coyote hunting year round in the Central/Southwest Region Units.
- NA 120 Close the taking of coyotes on National Park Service lands during summer months and reduce the bag limit in the Central/Southwest Region. *(Due to action on proposal 119.)*
- F 121 Prohibit the taking of wolves March through November in the Central/Southwest Region.
- CA 122 Reauthorize the brown bear tag fees for the Central/Southwest Region. *(Amended to include Denali State Park land.)*
- NA 79 Exclude National Park Service lands from brown bear tag fee exemptions. *(Due to action on proposal 122.)*

Interior Region

CA 123 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 19D, 20A, 20B and 20D. *Amended with substitute language, RC 107, which removes Unit 19D.*

C 124 Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.

CA 125 Create a youth hunt for Fortymile caribou. *Amended with substitute language, RC 2 tab 2, page 75, to set the season dates, bag limit and hunt conditions.*

Statewide

C 126 Prohibit some pack animals from being used for big game hunting.

Miscellaneous Actions

The board considered an petition (RC 10) on February 8 submitted by Al Barrette, requesting review of 5 AAC 92.095, Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions. Specifically, the petition requested clarification for the term “taken” by replacing it with “incidentally taken”. The board did not find that the petition justified an emergency regulation. Instead, the board requested a board generated proposal on the issue be scheduled for the March 2013, Southcentral Region meeting.

The board held an executive session on Monday, February 11 for the purpose of receiving an update on pending litigation concerning Nelchina caribou and subsistence hunting regulations.

The board requested a board generated proposal to clarify salvage regulations for brown bear meat taken at bait stations, be scheduled for the 2014 Interior/Northeast Region meeting.

The board adopted findings (RC 118) giving direction to ADF&G provided during the Central/Southwest Region meeting.

The meeting adjourned on February 14, 2013 at approximately 6:12 p.m.