

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Work Session
Best Western Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla, Alaska
January 20, 2022

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game (board) convened the annual Work Session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2022, in Wasilla, Alaska at the Best Western, Lake Lucille Inn. Seven board members were present: Stosh Hoffman, Jerry Burnett, Allen Barrette, Orville Huntington, Lynn Keogh, Jake Fletcher, and James Cooney.

Meeting material and the audio are available on the meeting website at:

www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-19-2023&meeting=ketchikan.

Following opening remarks and introductions, the board held officer elections. The board elected Jerry Burnett as Chair and Stosh Hoffman as Vice-Chair.

Agency Reports

The following state and federal agency reports were provided:

- Commissioner Doug Vincent Lang, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) (*Audio log: 09:14:14 AM*)
- Ryan Scott, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation (*Audio log: 09:18:33 AM*)
- Kristy Tibbles, ADF&G Boards Support Section (*Audio log: 09:35:11*)
- Cheryl Brooking, Department of Law (*Audio log: 09:35:16*)
- Captain Derek DeGraaf, Alaska Wildlife Troopers (*Audio log: 09:52:36*)
- George Pappas, Office of Subsistence, Department of Interior (*Audio Log: 10:04:16 AM*)
- Mark Strum, National Park Service, Alaska Region (*Audio Log: 10:39:52 AM*)
- Erika Reed, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Region (*Audio Log: 10:50:21 AM*)

Intensive Management Refresher

- The board received a detailed report on intensive management by ADF&G Regional Biologist, Tom Paragi. (*See Record Copies (RC) 1 and 2*). The report included the statutory history and steps to implementing predator control. (*Audio log: 11:07:40 AM*)

2022/2023 Meeting Dates and Locations

The board set the meeting dates and locations for the 2022/2023 meeting cycle as follows:

- Annual Work Session: January 19, 2023, Ketchikan
- Southeast Region Meeting: January 20 – 24, 2023, Ketchikan
- Southcentral Region Meeting: March 17 – 22, 2023, Kenai

(*Audio log: 11:42:39 AM AM*)

Huntology: The Business, Science, and Philosophy of Hunting – A new initiative at the University of Fairbanks.

UAF Professors Dr. Margaret Keiper, Dr. Mark Lindberg, and Dr. Eduardo Wilner provided a report to the board about a new course being offered at UAF to introduce students to hunting and related topics. *(Audio Log: 01:38:29 PM)*

Board of Game Committee Reports and Assignments

- *Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) Conference Update.* Member Barrette provided a report on his virtual participation at the July 2022 WAFWA conference. *(Audio log: 09:58:50)*
- *Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB):* Chair Burnett provided an update on the BGCSB. Chair Burnett will continue to represent the Board of Game on the BGCSB per the membership requirements in Alaska Statute 08.54.591. *(Audio log: 01:55:31 PM)*
- *Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Committee:* The Board assigned Chairman Burnett and members Al Barrette and Lynn Keogh to serve on a Joint Board Committee. *(Audio log: 01:56:05)*

Other Business

The board discussed allowing remote testimony at the March 2022, Statewide Regulations meeting, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The board scheduled continued discussion at the conclusion of the Central/Southwest Region meeting, under miscellaneous business. *(Audio Log: 01:58:03: PM)*

Executive Session

The board held an executive session to regarding pending litigation against the Federal Subsistence Board. *(Audio Log: 02:11:45: PM)*

Adjournment:

The board adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:00 p.m.