

## **Report to the Delta AC on my attendance at the BOG meeting 17-22 MAR 2023.**

Due to work travel, I missed the first day of public testimony. Public testimony, is individuals, as well as representatives from ACs and other organizations, including Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) like the Alaska Trappers Association, Alaska Professional Hunters, Safari Club, and the Cooper Landing Trails Association. The public testimony took all of Friday and Saturday, and half of Sunday. Of the Day and a half of testimony I heard, the biggest issues from the public's viewpoint were trapping conflicts with other users of multi-use trails, Sea duck populations, Nelchina Caribou herd, Unit 19C Sheep, Sheep in General, use of dogs to track wounded big game, and shooting from a boat. There was also testimony from the Minto Flats AC chair regarding their concerns over 20B moose abundance and urging the board NOT to reauthorize the antlerless hunts. This was based at least partly on the Community not trusting the Dept. to keep its word on not having antlerless hunts before the population can really support that. The hunts were reauthorized, since this was the only AC that did not support the Department's requests.

I will share some observations about the process and the current board here. In general, I found the board pretty staunch in their opposition to any hunt they perceived as even possibly taking opportunity away from an existing hunt. This was most noticeable in all the requests for archery-only and other primitive weapons hunts. Supplanting part of an existing hunt for one of these, putting one of these before an existing hunt, or during the prime period of rut for a species were all kisses of death.

There were probably more individuals testifying in support of setbacks or some other restrictions on trapping on/near multi-use trails than any other single issue. It was clear that domestic pets being caught in traps is creating a lot of conflict on the Kenai. There are a lot of trails which are groomed and maintained for skiers, fat-tire bikers, and hikers that are being trapped as well. While the BOG did support a couple of the trapping setback proposals, it did not support several others. One proposal that was passed originally with 100 yard setbacks from some specific trails was amended by the board the next day to 50 yds due to some other areas that already had 50 yds.

The board also demonstrated clearly that they are generally opposed to accepting proposals that lead to more complexity in regulations.

There was also a good bit of public testimony on sea duck populations in Kachemak bay and the unethical methods being employed by hunters there. Many local birders and others say the numbers there are a bare fraction of what they used to be. Because ducks are migratory, the USFWS and ADF&G tend not to be very concerned about localized populations, depending instead on surveys of the entire continent and the flyways. I did think it was interesting that for one species, their numbers showed a decrease in overall population from 64,000 to 46,000 pairs in the last ten years, but listed them as stable with no concerns... I also found it very interesting that of 2 proposals for each of four species (bufflehead, Goldeneye, Harlequin, and long-tail), board rejected all four that were for all of areas 7 and 15, and passed only one of the three that were specific to area 15C – that for

long-tail ducks. I could see no rhyme or reason for that set of decisions.

For positioning future proposals from or supported by our AC for success at the Board of Game, it is important to be as thorough as we can in the actual proposal – include all the pertinent data that supports the position. Don't include emotional pleas. Try to make it clear – the board is made up of folks from diverse backgrounds, so don't assume they will know what we are talking about. They really do care what the ACs say – for some things, like antlerless hunts, the Board cannot go against a majority of the ACs in an area. It is important to get as many ACs as possible to support our proposals, but especially important to get the ACs that live and operate in the areas/hunts under consideration. I talked with Mark Richards of the Fairbanks AC about potentially having a couple of Joint meetings of all the area 20 ACs so we can talk over our questions, concerns, and rationale on proposals in an effort to get the best bang for our bucks at BOG meetings. Split votes by an AC, including votes with unexplained abstentions, are weaker in influencing the board than are unanimous votes – especially on a proposal submitted by the AC.

Dall's Sheep, as always, were a contentious subject. I heard various board members says things like "We know hunting does not really affect major population decline or rebound." And turn around a little bit later and say "I can't support this hunt in an area with a declining sheep population." The Department is committed to full curl management, and that does seem to be the best data-supported management technique available. Most of the ACs in 19C wanted the general season sheep season closed for all hunting – Subsistence, resident and non-resident. In the end, it was closed to non-resident only. My testimony on behalf of the Delta AC was about the unintended consequences on the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep hunts (DS 203 and DS204). Here is my testimony:

"The Delta AC agrees with Mr. Montgomery that there were unintended consequences to the implementation of his proposal 149 from last year and those consequences need to be remedied. His new proposal, 208 which is being considered at this meeting, seeks changes to 149, but only for three of the six hunts affected by 149. As you are aware, the Delta AC submitted an Agenda Change Request for this meeting to repeal last year's proposal 149. That request was denied, but since proposal 208 is about changing the old 149, our comments are being made here. We limit our comments to the two hunts in the Delta Controlled Use Area – called out as DS313 and DS314 in proposal 149, these hunts are actually DS 203 and DS 204. Proposal 149 specifically stated "First hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of a possible 7 nonresident permits. And Second hunt- 1 permit 2DK only. This is one of a possible 7 nonresident permits." Later, it also stated "These permits would be taken from existing nonresident permit allocation and would not create any new nonresident permits or allocation. It said one of a possible 7 permits because the 2022-20223 draw hunt supplement states "DCUA (DS203 & DS204)- up to 10% of permits are allocated to nonresidents.", with 65 permits available in each hunt. 10% of 65 is 6.5 permits which gets rounded to 7 possible permits but it could have been any number from 0 to 7 in each hunt. Following Mr. Montgomery's

proposal this year, with only 40 permits in each hunt would have allocated up to 1 permit to 2DK in each hunt and up to 3 to guided non-residents in each hunt. So no guarantees.

In the 2023-2024 Supplement, after implementation of Proposal 149, the “up to 10%” language was removed and two new DCUA hunts added – DS003 provides 1 permit for a 2DK Non-resident hunter in the early walk-in only season, and DS205 provides 7 permits for Guided Non-residents in the second, motorized hunt. First, this means 2DK hunters may not compete for the motorized season, and no guided hunter could apply for the walk-in hunt. That is troubling, but more worrisome is the fact that 8 permits of the 80 available this year are now ***guaranteed*** to go to non-residents. And while that number does track to 10% of the total permits available, it is one and a quarter % for 2DK and 8.75% for guided non residents. That is mildly interesting, but actually irrelevant, since neither group can compete for all 80 tags - When taken just as part of their specific season, that is 2.56% of the walk-in tags guaranteed for 2DK and a whopping 17% of available motorized hunt permits guaranteed to guided non-residents. Both groups of non-residents are excluded from applying for one of the hunts. How will this affect permit application revenue? Similarly, when Residents realize that their opportunity to draw a motorized hunt has been reduced by at least 7%, will as many of them apply?

We urge the board to find a better way to implement sharing of non-resident permits between 2DK and guided non-residents, if you believe that really needs to be done. The Delta AC recommends reverting to the previous procedure – up to 10% to non-residents – as the methodology by which the total number of permits to non-residents should be determined – UP TO 10% by random draw. Setting aside 10% of the total permits limits opportunity for residents, and limiting 2DK hunters to only one permit unfairly disadvantages them when compared to Guided Hunters. In past years, non-residents have never drawn the full 10% of the allowed non-resident permits – partly due to the popularity of these hunts and the high number of resident applicants. At 5103 applicants for 65 permits in the walk-in hunt last year, and 4887 for 65 permits in the motorized hunt, this meant all applicants had a 1% chance of being drawn, and no other sheep hunts had as many applicants last year.

We are fully cognizant of the economic impact non-resident hunters make to our state and are not asking to reduce the opportunities they have traditionally had to apply for DCUA sheep hunts. The board and the department have told Alaskans for many years that the random draw is the fairest way to grant permits – please follow your own advice and return these hunts to a random draw for all applicants, and a cap of 10% for non-residents by reinstituting the UP TO 10% language.

I got no questions or comments from the Board. Later, Ryan Scott, the Deputy Director of Wildlife Conservation for ADF&G did let me know that since this was a South Central region meeting, they would not be able to take action on an interior region issue and urged that we put in a proposal to have this modified next year. I have already started drafting

the proposal and have made requests to the Board Support section for additional supporting data to include in the proposal. In the end, it really isn't a change to the AAC that we need to address our concerns, but a change to the ADF&G implementation of the changes made by proposal 149.

Public testimony matters. Written comments to the board matter. I urge each member of the AC and of the Delta public to submit their comments and provide oral testimony at Board of Game and Board of fish meetings. If you can't go in person, they always have it set up for telephone/Zoom, etc. testimony. Especially for proposals we feel strongly about, we should submit the AC comments/testimony, AND each of us should submit individual comments.

The Board support staff is amazing. I always thought we just got really lucky first with Nissa and now with Kyle, but (sorry Kyle) I no longer believe the outstanding support we get from our assigned folks is the exception. It seems to be the rule. I had no idea the sheer volume of work that goes into getting everything and everyone ready for one of these meetings. This is true for other parts of the Department, too - Natalie Weber, who is the regulations guru, and Ryan Scott deserve mention for how super helpful they were as well.

I have inserted comments here and there in the board results below. Where I did that, they are highlighted in yellow. I am always available to answer any questions about what I saw/heard at the meeting. I prefer to take these questions at our next AC meeting.

VR,  
Jeff

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME  
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**Preliminary Actions on Proposals**

C = Carry; CA = Carry as Amended; F = Fail; D = Defer; T = Table; NA = No Action

**Regionwide & Multiple Units**

F      **Proposal 55:** Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units.

- F      **Proposal 56:** Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15.
- F      **Proposal 57:** Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15.
- F      **Proposal 58:** Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units.
- F      **Proposal 200:** Create a moose hunt in the Southcentral Region for seniors over the age 65 with ADF&G Permanent ID.

### **Cordova Area – Unit 6**

- F      **Proposal 59:** Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters.
- F      **Proposal 60:** Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only.
- F      **Proposal 61:** Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6.
- C      **Proposal 62:** Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C. This was necessary due to the ACs there not meeting during COVID times to reauthorize the hunts, so they had to start over.
- F      **Proposal 63:** Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island.
- F      **Proposal 64:** Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6.

### **Kodiak Area Proposals – Unit 8**

- F      **Proposal 65:** Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula.
- F      **Proposal 66:** Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area.
- F      **Proposal 67:** Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt.

- CA **Proposal 68:** Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt. *The board amended the proposal to change the nonresident bag limit to bull-only, and retained the one caribou bag limit for residents.*
- F **Proposal 69:** Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder.
- CA **Proposal 70:** Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt. *The board amended the proposal to strike the nonresident registration hunt from the proposal and retain the resident registration hunt.*
- F **Proposal 71:** Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak.
- F **Proposal 72:** Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island.
- CA **Proposal 209:** Reallocate four permits each, from elk drawing permit hunts DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723 to resident registration hunts, with 8 permits available for pick up in Ouzinkie and 8 in Port Lions. *The board reconsidered and amended the proposal to clarify a hunter may only obtain one of the 16 registration permits available 3 business days prior to the start of the hunt. These are open to any resident of Alaska, but you do have to go to one of these two places and stand in line to get them.*
- CA **Proposal 73:** Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder. *The board amended the proposal to change the nonresident bag limit to one buck, and retain the current resident bag limit.*
- F **Proposal 74:** Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8.
- F **Proposal 75:** Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years.
- F **Proposal 76:** Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8.
- F **Proposal 77:** Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8.
- F **Proposal 78:** Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits.
- F **Proposal 79:** Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation. *This has potential applicability to what happens to the undersubscribed sheep hunts in the DCUA – but the TOK management area regulations say specifically that undersubscribed permits WILL go to residents.*
- F **Proposal 80:** Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193.
- F **Proposal 81:** Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms.

### **Anchorage Area – Unit 14C**

- C **Proposal 82:** Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area.
- F **Proposal 83:** Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing

permits to not increase the total take of rams.

F      **Proposal 84:** Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area.

- F **Proposal 208:** Modify the nonresident drawing permit allocation for Dall sheep in Unit 14C. *This is the proposal that we testified on. Dan Montgomery modified his proposal after it failed to address some concerns of the board, and it still failed.*
- F **Proposal 85:** Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River.
- C **Proposal 86:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
- C **Proposal 87:** Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder.
- F **Proposal 88:** Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt.
- CA **Proposal 203:** Establish a moose drawing hunt within Unit 14C in Kincaid Park for hunters that meet the 70% disability standard with mobility impairments. *The board amended the proposal to strike muzzleloaders and to add the use of archery equipment and crossbows along with shotguns.*
- C **Proposal 89:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C.
- F **Proposal 90:** Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C.
- F **Proposal 91:** Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.
- C **Proposal 92:** Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area.
- NA **Proposal 93:** Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas. *The board took no action due to the discussion and action on proposal 91.*
- F **Proposal 94:** Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area.
- NA **Proposal 95:** Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area. *The board took no action due to the discussion and action on proposal 94.*
- NA **Proposal 96:** Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag. *The board took no action due to the discussion and action on proposal 91.*
- F **Proposal 97:** Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C.
- F **Proposal 98:** Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C.
- CA **Proposal 99:** Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents. *The board amended the proposal to mirror the season dates of 10/1-31, and allowable weapons as the black bear hunt, with up to 5 permits to be issued.*



- NA **Proposal 100:** Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years. *The board took no action due to the discussion and action on proposal 91.*
- F **Proposal 101:** Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder.
- C **Proposal 102:** Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder.
- F **Proposal 103:** Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear.
- F **Proposal 104:** Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping.

### **Kenai Peninsula Area – Units 7 & 15**

- CA **Proposal 105:** Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15. *The board amended the proposal to limit possession of one permit per species, per season, for those hunts having limited number of permits.*
- F **Proposal 106:** Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C.
- NA **Proposal 107:** Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles. *The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 106.*
- F **Proposal 108:** Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration hunts.
- F **Proposal 109:** Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15.
- F **Proposal 110:** Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder.
- F **Proposal 111:** Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder.
- F **Proposal 112:** Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder.
- F **Proposal 113:** Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder.
- F **Proposal 114:** Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt.
- F **Proposal 115:** Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons.
- C **Proposal 116:** Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested.
- NA **Proposal 117:** Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C. *The board took no action due to their action on proposal 116.*
- F **Proposal 118:** Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers.
- F **Proposal 119:** Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents.
- F **Proposal 120:** Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15.

- CA     **Proposal 121:** Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B. *The board amended the proposal that it be applied to the nonsubsistence area only.*
- NA     **Proposal 122:** Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B. *The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 121.*
- NA     **Proposal 123:** Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C. *The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 121.*
- NA     **Proposal 124:** Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder. *The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 121.*
- NA     **Proposal 125:** Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B. *The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 121.*
- NA     **Proposal 126:** Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C. *The board took no action based on action taken on Proposal 121.*
- CA     **Proposal 127:** Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi. *The board amended the proposal to extend the late season to 11/30.*
- C     **Proposal 128:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.
- C     **Proposal 129:** Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C.
- C     **Proposal 130:** Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan.
- C     **Proposal 131:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B.
- CA     **Proposal 132:** Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area. *The board amended the proposal to remove the sealing requirement for all of Units 7 and 15.*
- NA     **Proposal 133:** Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C. *The board took no action based on the action and discussion on proposal 56.*
- C     **Proposal 134:** Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15.
- NA     **Proposal 135:** Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season. *The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 134.*
- NA     **Proposal 136:** Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15. *The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 134.*
- NA     **Proposal 137:** Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15. *The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 134.*
- NA     **Proposal 138:** Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15. *The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 134.*

- NA **Proposal 139:** Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15. *The board took no action on this proposal based on action taken on Proposal 134.*
- F **Proposal 140:** Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15.
- NA **Proposal 141:** Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 134.*
- NA **Proposal 142:** Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 134.*
- F **Proposal 143:** Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15.
- D **Proposal 144:** Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7. *The board deferred the proposal to the next Statewide Regulations meeting. This is an issue we will want to weigh in on.*
- CA **Proposal 145:** Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15. *The board amended the proposal to make it illegal to hunt or take game within the area. These areas are wildlife "funnels" created by highway overpasses and underpasses specifically for wildlife crossings.*
- CA **Proposal 146:** Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C. *The board amended the proposal to allow trapping within 100 yards of the trails if sets are elevated 3 feet from the hard ground; under-water, under ice, or enclosed.*
- F **Proposal 147:** Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C.
- F **Proposal 148:** Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7.
- CA **Proposal 149:** Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7. *The board amended the proposal to mirror the amendment on proposal 146. Under reconsideration, the board reduced the setback distance to 50 yards.*
- F **Proposal 150:** Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7.
- F **Proposal 151:** Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7.
- F **Proposal 152:** Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7.
- F **Proposal 153:** Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7.
- F **Proposal 154:** Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7.
- CA **Proposal 155:** Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping. *The board amended the proposal to shorten the beaver trapping season in Units 15 and 7 with a season start date of 11/10 through 4/30.*
- F **Proposal 156:** Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years.
- NA **Proposal 157:** Shorten the beaver trapping season in Unit 7. *The board took no action due to the action on proposals 155.*

- CA **Proposal 158:** Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15. *The board amended the proposal to include wolves.*
- F **Proposal 159:** Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15.
- F **Proposal 160:** Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers.
- NA **Proposal 161:** Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay. *The board took no action due to the lack of authority.*
- F **Proposal 162:** Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31.
- F **Proposal 163:** Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C.
- F **Proposal 164:** Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15.
- F **Proposal 165:** Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C.
- F **Proposal 166:** Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15.
- F **Proposal 167:** Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C.
- F **Proposal 168:** Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15.
- F **Proposal 169:** Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C.
- C **Proposal 170:** Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15.
- NA **Proposal 171:** Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15. *The board took no action due to the lack of authority to direct the department to implement the request.*
- F **Proposal 172:** Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.

### **Proposals for Other Regions excluding Reauthorization Proposals**

#### *Central and Southwest Region:*

- CA **Proposal 207:** Establish a Tier II hunt for Nelchina caribou in Unit 13. *The board amended the proposal to set the season dates as 8/10 - 9/20 and 10/21 - 3/31 with a one caribou bag limit, for which up to 1,000 permits to be issued.* The ADF&G presentation on Nelchina caribou was alarming. Last year only 11 calves/100 cows and because of snow in the calving area and poor condition of the cows worried that we will get any calf recruitment this year. Something less than 6000 animals in total. If things continue to look as now, may be closed entirely this year.

#### *Interior and Eastern Arctic Region*

- CA **Proposal 204:** Close resident and nonresident hunting for Dall sheep in Unit 19C, for five years. *The board amended the proposal to close the nonresident and youth hunts for five years.*
- CA **Proposal 205:** Change the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents from a registration permit to a drawing permit, with up to 20 permits available. *The board amended the proposal to set the max number of drawing permits at 100 and to retain the bag limit of 50" or 4 brow tines.*

NA     **Proposal 210:** Close the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents, and beginning in 2024, allow nonresidents to hunt moose by drawing permit only. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 205.*

- NA    **Proposal 211:** Shorten the resident moose hunting season in Unit 19C, close the moose hunting season for nonresidents, and beginning in 2024, allow nonresidents to hunt moose by drawing permit only. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 205.*
- C    **Proposal 206:** Reauthorize the Unit 21E Intensive Management Plan.

### **Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear Tag Fee Reauthorizations for Other Regions**

- C    **Proposal 173:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A.
- C    **Proposal 174:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C.
- C    **Proposal 175:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E.
- C    **Proposal 176:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B.
- C    **Proposal 177:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A.
- C    **Proposal 178:** Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.
- C    **Proposal 179:** Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D.
- C    **Proposal 180:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
- C    **Proposal 181:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.
- C    **Proposal 182:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.
- C    **Proposal 183:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E.
- C    **Proposal 184:** Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D.
- C    **Proposal 185:** Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E.
- C    **Proposal 186:** Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska.
- C    **Proposal 187:** Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.
- C    **Proposal 188:** Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

### **Proposals Outside the Board of Game's Authority and Other Proposals**

*The Board of Game may discuss the following proposals but does not have authority to take regulatory action.*

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Proposal 189:** Lower the costs for nonresident hunters and remove the hunting guide requirement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Proposal 190:** Include trapping license as part of the Alaska Resident Disabled Veteran License Program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Proposal 191:** A transporter shall transport hunters in Prince William Sound every year or Kodiak Island, but not both.

- \_\_\_ **Proposal 192:** Transported hunts in Unit 8 shall be from October 25 - November 30 and January 1 to May 15.
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 193:** No business entity or individual may operate more than one transporter vessel in Unit 8.
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 194:** Any individual that holds a federal exclusive guide use concession area is excluded from having any employed or contracted guide, second degree of kindred relative, or themselves apply for a drawing permit hunt in the area in which they hold the exclusive guide area.
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 195:** Any individual cannot hold more than one federal exclusive guide use concession Area for Units 8 or 9.
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 196:** Create a new migratory bird hunting zone consisting of the waters of Kachemak Bay and its drainages. P
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 197:** Divide Unit 15C into two subunits.
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 198:** Provide a number of tags to guides to take nonresidents hunting.
- \_\_\_ **Proposal 199:** Create a village registration elk hunt by designating eight permits each to be distributed in person in the communities of Ouzinkie and Port Lions.