

# Middle Nenana River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the  
Anderson Public School Library and by web/teleconference

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/middlenenanaACfeb13>  
Dial in: (669) 444-9171  
Meeting ID: 871 9713 4412  
Passcode: MCKINLEY

- I. **Call to Order:**
- II. **Roll Call:**  
**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6**
- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**
- IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/23/2024**
- VII. **Reports**
  - a. Chair's Report
  - b. ADFG staff reports
  - c. Others
- VIII. **Public Comment**
- IX. **Old Business**
  - a. Continue Elections for expired seats:
    - i. [1] undesignated seat
- X. **New Business**
  - a. Continue 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – *Comments due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024*
  - b. Review Joint Board Proposals – *comments due March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024*
- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**
- XII. **Set next meeting date:**
- XIII. **Other**
- XIV. **Adjourn**

## 2023-2024 Board Meetings Dates and Comment Deadlines:

February 23rd - March 7th, 2024 - Board of Fisheries **Upper Cook Inlet Finfish Meeting:**

\*Comments due February 8th, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=02-23-2024&meeting=anchorage>

March 15th-22nd, 2024 - Board of Game **Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting:**

\*Comments due March 1st, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-15-2024&meeting=fairbanks>

March 25th-28th, 2024 - **Joint Board Meeting:**

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<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jbmeetinginfo&date=03-25-2024&meeting=anchorage>

Board of Fisheries 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **April 10th, 2024**

*Prince William Sound and Upper Copper/Upper Susitna Finfish and Shellfish (except shrimp); Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish; and Statewide Shellfish, PWS Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues*

Board of Game 2024-2025 Proposal Deadline: **May 1st, 2024**

*Central/Southwest Region (GMUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, 17)  
Statewide Regulations*

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43			Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years
44			Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
45			Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years
46			Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups
47			Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20
48			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
49			Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting
50			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15
51			Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C
52			Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C
53			Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19
54			Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19
55			Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C

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56			Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E
57			Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19
58			Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program
59			Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier
60			Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C
61			Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C
62			Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C
63			Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17
64			Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents
65			Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan
66			Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D
67			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
68			Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online
69			Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage

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70			Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel
71			Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19
72			Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season
73			Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years
74			Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt
75			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
76			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
77			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
78			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
79			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
80			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
81			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
82			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
83			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
84			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
85			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams

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86			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams
87			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
88			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
89			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
90			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
91			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
92			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
93			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10
94			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30
95			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C
96			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .
97			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C
98			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E
99			Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10

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100			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round
101			Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown
102			Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E
103			Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five
104			Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D
105			Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A
106			Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E
107			Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E
108			Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose
109			Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .
110			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
111			Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12
112			Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd
113			Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20
114			Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts
115			Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field

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116			Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep
117			Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits
118			Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area
119			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested
120			Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12
121			Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12
122			Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15
123			Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks
124			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15
125			Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit
126			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
127			Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791
128			Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull
129			Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792
130			Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents
131			Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents

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132			Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only
133			Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt
134			Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime
135			Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents
136			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit
137			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20
138			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River
139			Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow
140			Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A
141			Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A
142			Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only
143			Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
144			Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season
145			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D

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146			Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A
147			Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne
148			Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A
149			Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1
150			Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25
151			Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25
152			Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B
153			Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30
154			Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B
155			Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder
156			Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available
157			Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas
158			Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C
159			Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area
160			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only

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161			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
162			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
163			Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1
164			Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
165			Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
166			Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D
167			Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10
168			Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents
169			Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B
170			Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15
171			Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C
172			Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A
173			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
174			Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A
175			Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A

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176			Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B
177			Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only
178			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
179			Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B
180			Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A
181			Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only
182			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15
183			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15
184			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10
185			Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20
186			Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping
187			Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C
188			Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B
189			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
191			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C

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192			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A
193			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .
194			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E
195			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
196			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
197			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
198			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
199			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
200			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
207			Repeal the age criteria for full-curl horn rams for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Region
208			Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days
210			Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel
211			Change the hunt area boundary for Unit 1A goat hunt RG002 and accompanying permit issuance requirements

## Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

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1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder
6			Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.
7			Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
11			Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.
12			Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.

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14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.
15			Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.
16			Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.
17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
18			Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.
19			Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_