

McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections

Friday, January 3rd, 2025 at **11:00 AM**

McGrath City Office and by web/teleconference

Join the meeting online: <https://bit.ly/mcgrathACjan3>

Dial in: (669) 444-9171 or (888) 475-4499 Toll-Free

Meeting ID: 898 6738 9907

Passcode: MCGRATH

- I. **Call to Order:**
- II. **Roll Call:** Brett Gibbens (chair), Jesse Grady (vice chair), Brad Sturm (secretary), Lewis Egrass, Jason Carter, Daryl Petruska, Dan Esai, Clinton Goods, Jimmy Nikolai, Marty Runkle, Ken Deardorff
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 6
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:**
- VI. **Approval of Agenda**
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** January 26, 2024
- VIII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. ADFG staff reports
 - i. Josh Pierce – McGrath Area Biologist, Division of Wildlife Conservation
 - c. Others
- IX. **Public Comment**
- X. **Old Business**
- XI. **New Business**
 - a. Elections for 11 vacant and expired seats to serve up to 3-year terms* as follows:
 - i. Undesignated seats: 2
 - ii. McGrath designated Seats: 3
 - iii. Nikolai designated Seats: 3
 - iv. Takotna designated Seats: 2
 - v. Telida designated seats: 1

Note: all newly elected and re-elected members must fill out a New Member Form

*terms should be staggered so no more than 1/3 of seats expire in a given year

- b. Appointment of up to 6 alternates to serve up to a 1-year term: 2 undesignated and 1 for each community with designated seats
- c. Discuss predator control measures in GMU 19C
- d. Board of Game [Central and Southwest Region Proposals](#)
Comment deadline has passed, but the Board meets in Wasilla Jan 10th and comments can be submitted as Record Copy
- e. Recommendations [Board of Game Statewide Proposals](#) - *comments due March 7th, 2025*
 - i. [Proposal 190](#) (formerly ACR 9) concerning Game Management Unit 19C Sheep
 - ii. [Proposal 192](#) (formerly ACR 5) concerning Game Management Unit 19C Sheep
 - iii. Other proposals the AC wishes to make recommendations on
- f. Select representative to testify at Board of Game Statewide Meeting in Anchorage – *March 21-28*
(can be done by phone if unavailable to attend in person)
- g. Discussion of Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 cycle (AYK, AK Pen, and Statewide)
Proposals due April 10th, 2025
- h. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

XII. **Set next meeting date:**

XIII. **Adjourn**

2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates and Comment Deadlines:

Board of Game Meeting: Central & Southwest Region

January 10-17, 2025 in Wasilla, AK

Comment Deadline: December 27, 2024

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-10-2025&meeting=wasilla>

Board of Fisheries Meeting: Southeast and Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish

January 28 – February 9, 2025 in Ketchikan, AK

Comment Deadline: January 14, 2025

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=01-28-2025&meeting=ketchikan>

Board of Fisheries Meeting: Statewide Shellfish, Prince William Sound Shrimp, and Supplemental Issues

March 11-16, 2025 in Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: February 25, 2025

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.meetinginfo&date=03-11-2025&meeting=anchorage>

Board of Game Meeting: Statewide Regulations

March 21-28, 2025 in Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: March 7, 2025

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=03-21-2025&meeting=anchorage>

Board of Fisheries 2025-2026 Proposal Deadline: April 10th, 2025

Alaska Peninsula/Bering Sea-Aleutian Island/Chignik Areas Finfish

Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Areas Finfish

Bristol Bay Area Finfish

Statewide Provisions for Finfish

Agenda Change Request Deadline: August 30th, 2025

Board of Game 2025-2026 Proposal Deadline: May 1st, 2025

Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, 15)

Southeast Region (GMUs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Agenda Change Request Deadline: November 1st, 2025

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 11-16, 2025 | Anchorage, AK

| Proposal Number | Proposal Description | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------|--|
| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes |
| <i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i> | | | |
| 85 | | | Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services |
| 86 | | | Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks |
| 87 | | | Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl |
| 88 | | | Add wood bison to the list of game species allowed to be taken for cultural purposes under a permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game |
| 89 | | | Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred |
| 90 | | | Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting |
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| 92 | | | Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course |
| 93 | | | Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent |
| 94 | | | Change the definition for “full-curl” ram |
| 95 | | | Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram |
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| 97 | | | Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep |
| 98 | | | Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep |
| 99 | | | Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions |

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| 100 | | | Limit nonresident sheep hunting opportunity statewide so that nonresidents do not harvest more than 35 percent of total sheep harvest from any game management subunit |
| 101 | | | Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use |
| 102 | | | Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts |
| 103 | | | Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting |
| 104 | | | Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C |
| 105 | | | Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters |
| 106 | | | Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents |
| 107 | | | Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C |
| 108 | | | Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C |
| 109 | | | Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only |
| 110 | | | Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full- curl horn or larger every two regulatory years |
| 111 | | | 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 |
| 112 | | | 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 |
| 113 | | | Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C |
| 114 | | | 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 |

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| 115 | | | Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C |
| 116 | | | Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C |
| 117 | | | Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan |
| 118 | | | Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19 |
| 119 | | | Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D |
| 120 | | | Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D |
| 121 | | | Divide Unit 15C into two subunits |
| 122 | | | Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide |
| 123 | | | Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters |
| 124 | | | Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting |
| 125 | | | Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7 |
| 126 | | | Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide |
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| 128 | | | Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide |
| 129 | | | Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big game |

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| 130 | | | Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose |
| 131 | | | Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares |
| 132 | | | Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine |
| 133 | | | Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine |
| 134 | | | Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows |
| 135 | | | Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents |
| 136 | | | Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt |
| 137 | | | Change the drawing hunt permit process |
| 138 | | | Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox |
| 139 | | | Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals |
| 140 | | | Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex |
| 141 | | | Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form |
| 142 | | | Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit |
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| 144 | | | Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies |
| 145 | | | Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit |

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| 146 | | | Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild |
| 147 | | | Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game |
| 148 | | | Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game |
| 149 | | | Add the Nushagak and Togiak ACs to the applicable subunits for authorizing antlerless moose hunts, and move the Stony/Holitna AC from the Western Region to the Interior Region |
| 150 | | | Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska |
| 151 | | | Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A |
| 152 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C) |
| 153 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C) |
| 154 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C) |
| 155 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B |
| 156 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C |
| 157 | | | Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18 |
| 158 | | | Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D |
| 159 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A |
| 160 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B |
| 161 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D |

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| 162 | | | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E |
| 163 | | | Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D |
| 164 | | | Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E |
| 165 | | | Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26 |
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____