

**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Game & Trapping Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 at 5:30 pm
ADFG Conference Room
1300 College Road, Fairbanks, AK**

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- I. **Call to Order:** 5:37pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Mark Richards (subcommittee chair), Austin Smith (secretary), Jeff Lucas, John Wisniewski, Levi Lewellyn, Gabriel Davis, Lance Nelson, John Haddix, Mike Tinker,
- III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell
- IV. **Introduce Guests Present:** Bennet Long, Dave Lorrington (BOG), Al Barette (BOG)
- V. **New Business:** Board of Game [Statewide Regulations](#)
The Fairbanks AC Game/Trap subcommittee spent 3 hours and 45 minutes going over all of the Statewide proposals.

Bennett Wong gave a talk about his proposal #145 to allow Eurasian Eagle Owls to the clean list and explained the importance of being compensated in order to continue to give educational presentations on raptors. The food for Eurasian Eagle Owls and falcons adds up in cost and falconers cannot be compensated for educational efforts, but allowing Eurasian Eagle Owls within Alaska is one way he and others can continue to give educational presentations on raptors and defray some of that cost in doing so. We don't anticipate anyone trying to make money off of this, only to help defray costs.

One question the subcommittee had was if the Alaska Falconers Association supported his proposal, but this proposal isn't about falcons per se, and the Falconers Association has not weighed in yet. After Mr. Wong's talk, the subcommittee was unanimous in support of his proposal.

The subcommittee recommendations will be presented to the full AC for approval at our February 12, 2025, meeting. The subcommittee brings our recommendations to the full AC for approval, and anyone on the AC can question or vote against any of our recommendations at the full AC meeting. There are 5 proposals that the subcommittee decided to bring before the full AC.

Our AC believes that having subcommittees go over the proposals to the Boards of Fisheries and Game saves time at full AC meetings and streamlines the process. We encourage any AC members with interest in game or fish issues and proposals to attend the subcommittee meetings.

VI. **Adjourn: 9:16pm**

2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates and Comment Deadlines:

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

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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
85	Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services		
OPPOSE			Concerned about water taxis not being able to take sea duck hunters unless they are a licensed transporter
86	Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks		
OPPOSE			Oppose as written. Should be a regional issue
87	Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl		
OPPOSE			Too encompassing. It is already illegal to shoot waterfowl from a moving powered boat
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		
FULL AC			Go to full AC until department comments come out
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		
OPPOSE			Not in the board's authority to require all nonresident moose hunters to hire a guide, oppose as written
90	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
SUPPORT			We are not sure why this isn't already a statewide requirement. Even in areas where nannies can be taken, it's important to distinguish gender and learn more about goats
91	Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting		
TNA			TNA based on proposal 90
92	Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course		
FULL AC			We see no downside in better educating sheep hunters, but subcommittee is not unanimous so send to full AC
93	Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent		
SUPPORT			CITES information is recorded either way and we see no reason why non-permanent sealing should not be allowed
94	Change the definition for "full-curl" ram		
OPPOSE			We are afraid this would remove the "broomed" definition and reduce opportunity
95	Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram		

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OPPOSE			We know that some rams never reach full curl. Removing the age requirement would reduce opportunity to take mature rams 8+ years old that are not full curl
96			Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram
TNA			See comments on proposal 95
97			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 98
98			Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep
SUPPORT			Any aircraft restrictions should encompass all sheep hunting seasons, included late fall seasons
99			Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep, and modify the use of aircraft restrictions
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 98
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
FULL AC			TNA until Dept A&Rs are out
101			Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use
SUPPORT			Department proposal that we fully support. Will help benefit declining sheep populations via intensive management efforts. The committee was not sure if this requires legislative action or if the board has authority to change
102			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108
103			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108
104			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108
105			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108
106			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108
107			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C

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OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 108
108			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
SUPPORT			Nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C and elsewhere should be limited via draw-only permits. The up-to # of permits in this proposal may be too low, can be set higher and then the Department can determine the # of permits to issue, or adopt a percentage of the harvestable surplus to determine the # of permits issued.
109			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
OPPOSE			We don't support unnecessary restrictions that take away opportunity from those who hunt with a rifle
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
OPPOSE			We don't believe this is necessary
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
OPPOSE			Stick with Full-curl management
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
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 111
113			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
OPPOSE			Even though we oppose this proposal, we want to thank the author for coming up with a compromise solution to some of the issues 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
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 109
115			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
TNA			The winter subsistence hunt is already open
116			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
TNA			See comments on proposal 115
117			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 190

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118			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 108
119			Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D
TNA			
120			Change the boundary between Unit 25C and D
SUPPORT			Support based on AWT comments
121			Divide Unit 15C into two subunits
TNA			
122			Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue to align statewide
123			Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters
OPPOSE			Compensation to proxy hunters would be easily abused and doesn't align with the intent of proxy hunting for someone. It isn't something one does for money, rather to help those who are unable to still hunt
124			Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting
SUPPORT			This would allowed increased opportunity for baiting in areas where vacant cabins exist, or other dwellings that are not being used any longer
125			Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7
SUPPORT			Helps define what is a recreational facility
126			Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 127
127			Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide
SUPPORT			This is a Fairbanks AC proposal to align the Fairbanks AC proposal the board passed at the last Region III meeting to be allowed statewide for furbearers.
128			Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers statewide
SUPPORT			Support to coincide with the trapping seasons
129			Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big

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			game
OPPOSE			Places undue burden on private persons who may not own a weapon equal to or above what is recommended.
130			Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 129
131			Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares
OPPOSE			We oppose trap and snare identification as it would be a cost and burden to trappers and could lead to malicious intent
132			Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine
OPPOSE			There is no reason to change existing regulation on use of snowmachines to approach and pursue
133			Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 132
134			Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents as follows
TNA			
135			Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents
TNA			
136			Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and allow applicants to apply once per hunt
OPPOSE			There are areas where muskox are abundant and we see no reason to limit permits to once in a lifetime. This would lead to an unnecessary loss of opportunity
137			Change the drawing hunt permit process
TNA			TNA
138			Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox
SUPPORT			Department proposal. We see no reason to require a locking tag for subsistence muskox hunt.
139			Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals
SUPPORT			Evidence of sex requirement is tedious, and for these horned animals we don't believe it is necessary for enforcement
140			Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 139. Regarding caribou hunts, since both male and female caribou have antlers, may want

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			to consider if this would be applicable to bull-only caribou hunts
141	Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form		
SUPPORT			Allows a secondary means to provide transfer of possession information
142	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
FULL AC			Subcommittee not unanimous, send to full AC
143	Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit		
FULL AC			Subcommittee not unanimous, send to full AC
144	Shorten the time period from six months to 60 days for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies		
SUPPORT			Relief of burden to taxidermists. Onerous regulation currently
145	Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit		
SUPPORT			We support this for education purposes. The allowance to be compensated would help defray costs associated with the feeding and caring of these birds
146	Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild		
OPPOSE			The last thing we need is sterilized cats on the landscape eating more songbirds
147	Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game		
OPPOSE			We don't want the Governor and by proxy, his or her ADFG Commissioner, to determine what is or isn't on the clean list or what animals can be transplanted in Alaska. That authority should remain with the Board of Game
148	Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game		
OPPOSE			A proven system is already in place and there is no need to change it
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		
TNA			

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150	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT			
151	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
TNA			Outside our area
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C)		
TNA			Outside our area
153	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C)		
TNA			Outside our area
154	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C)		
TNA			Outside our area
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			Outside our area
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			Outside our area
157	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
TNA			Outside our area
158	Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
TNA			Outside our area
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT			
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT			
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
SUPPORT			
163	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			Outside our area
164	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		

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TNA			Outside our area
165			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26
TNA			Outside our area
*166 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Add an exception to 5 AAC 92.080(1). From "by shooting from, on, or across a highway;" to "by shooting from, on, or across a highway except where a highway is seasonally closed to normal traffic because of discontinued maintenance or on low speed, very low traffic roads/trails with no planned maintenance."
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*167 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*168 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			If a resident has a Tribal ID card, they will be exempt from the regulation requiring a hunting license for small game.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*169 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Insert in the Hunting Regulations an illustration of how to determine an antlerless bull from a cow in the winter.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*170 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Allow transfer of draw tag from pregnant mother to child under 15.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*171 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Require all domestic animals on lands designated Refuge's, Critical Habitat Area's, Range's and Parks must be physically restrained by a tether of no more than six feet.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*172 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Remove the prohibition of nonresident aliens to hunt as second degree of kindred.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*173 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Only resident guides can guide nonresident hunters for guide required animals.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*174			Suspend aerial intensive management on brown bears.

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*Outside of BOG's Authority			
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*175 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Amend 5 AAC 92.019. Taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies as follows: 1) The taking of big game for certain religious ceremonies is independent of local antlerless moose reauthorizations and is only required to adhere to sustained yield principles. (e) The taking of big game for a customary and traditional Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony shall take place outside of the individual designated hunter or hunters' regular hunting seasons and bag limits. A person shall not be withheld from participating in normal hunting seasons and bag limits, because they participated in a successful hunt for a customary and traditional Alaska Native funerary and mortuary religious ceremony.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*176 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Establish new regulation regarding Traditional Alaska Native Memorial Potlatch Ceremony.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*177 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Implement state guide concession program on all state lands.
TNA			While this is not within the board's authority, we firmly agree that any Guide Concession Program should be implemented statewide, to avoid displacement of guides into areas without a concession program that would lead to the same problems of conflicts, crowding that come with unlimited guides
*178 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Assign proxy tags to community safety net organizations.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*179 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Expand the definition of proxy to allow any individual Alaskan who is eligible for a moose harvest tag that they do not plan to fill to transfer that tag as a proxy tag to a Community Safety Net Program.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*180 *Outside of BOG's Authority			Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of reimbursement for hunting expenses.

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TNA			Not within the board's authority
*181 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*182 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Allow individuals and specific community organizations to provide remuneration to proxy hunters in the form of cash, gas cards, and reimbursement for hunting expenses, and allow the organizations to employ specialists to serve as proxy hunters.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*183 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Increase the nonresident Dall sheep tag fee to \$1,700 and increase the Nonresident Alien Dall sheep tag fee to \$2,200.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*184 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Implement a 4-zone management approach for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*185 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Modify Teir II scoring to include land ownership in the Tier II hunting area.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
*186 <small>*Outside of BOG's Authority</small>			Change definition of Bufflehead, Barrow's Goldeneye, and Common Goldeneye from dabbling ducks to sea ducks.
TNA			Not within the board's authority
188 Accepted ACR			Award DI403 and DI404 permit recipients whose tags were cancelled on July 24, 2024 the same hunting permits for an upcoming season, and develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters.
SUPPORT			These permit holders should be made whole
189 Accepted ACR			Allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024, to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request, or remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for those hunters to apply.
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 188

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190 Accepted ACR	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C, and establish a guide concession pilot program.		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 108. There is no need to shut down resident sheep hunting in Unit 19C or to put resident sheep hunters on draw permits.
191 Accepted ACR	Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area.		
FULL AC			Want to see what the Tok upper Tanana AC has to say before we comment
192 Accepted ACR	Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C.		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 108

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards & Austin Smith

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 1/30/25