## **Alaska Department of Fish and Game**



# Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Announcement

The Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, April 21st, beginning at 6:00 PM
In Person at Bethel ADF&G office at 570 4th Ave in Bethel, AK and via Teleconference or Zoom.

CALL 1 253 215 8782 Meeting ID: 820 4569 6171 Passcode: 1 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82045696171?pwd=eJOgVVZ0bG7lqgm7nUOu5VrDiyQ9zk.1

## **Agenda Items Include:**

- Bethel Sonar Project Support Discussion
- Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Review
  - Other business as needed

Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend.

The Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee is a collection of community members from all user groups that come together, discuss Fish and Game issues and recommend changes to current regulations. They also represent their community before the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game at board meetings.

## This meeting is open to the public.

For more information contact:

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Due to space constraints, social distancing will not be possible if attending in person. For toll-free call in number, please contact the Western Regional Coordinator

# Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

#### Bethel ADF&G Conference Room & Via Web Conf

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Call in Number: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 820 4569 6171 Passcode: 1

Chair: Mike Glore

#### **Roll Call**

Name	Present	Teleconference	Absent
Sam Hancock			
Mike Riley			
Alissa Rogers			
Lucinda Alexie			
Jon La Valle			
Michael Glore			
Jeremy Brink			
Seth Madole			
Travis Burks			
Cole Nance			
Kara Domnick			
Alternates?			

Number Needed for Quorum: 7

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Invocation- Moment of Silence
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Reports
  - a) Chair Report
  - b) ADF&G Regional Coordinator- Savannah Hollingworth
  - c) ADF&G
    - i) Fisheries
    - ii) Others?
- **5) Public Comment** Keep to 3 mins
- 6) Old Business
  - a) Board of Game Actions on Proposals
- 7) New Business
  - a) Kuskokwim Sonar Program request for support
- 8) Adjourn

## Bethel Advisory Committee Roster

Name	Title	Term Expiration
Michael Glore	Chair(2026)	06/2025
Sam Hancock	Vice-Chair (2026)	06/2026
Dave Humphrey	Secretary(2026)	06/2027
Lucinda Alexie		06/2026
Jon La Valle		06/2027
Alissa N. Rogers		06/2027
Jeremy Brink		06/2026
Seth Madole		06/2025
Travis Burks		06/2025
Cole Nance		06/2025
Kara Domnick		06/2027
Vacant	Alternate	06/2025
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SEATS: 11 undesignated plus 2 TOTAL alternates for the committee

6 needed for quorum when all seats are filled

#### FROM: ADFG Bethel Sonar Crew



## **Department of Fish and Game**

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April 3, 2025

Savannah Hollingworth Board Support Section P.O. Box 1467 Bethel, AK 99559

To members of the Bethel Advisory Committee,

I am sending this letter to request your renewed support for the extension of mainstem Kuskokwim River sonar operations through August to estimate the abundance of coho salmon and migrating whitefish beginning 2026. Additionally, we are seeking funding to extend the project's gillnet apportionment fishery through September 14 to identify the end of the coho salmon run. This is in response to feedback from stakeholders who noted a longer season would be valuable to better quantify coho salmon and whitefish runs. Drift gillnet catch per unit effort data will be used to index the coho salmon run after sonar operations end August 26 while mitigating operational costs and logistical challenges. If cessation of the Bethel Test Fishery continues in 2026, the mainstem sonar will be one of very few remaining lower river assessment tools.

Thank you for your original letters supporting the mainstem sonar; your statements of support are a testament to the cooperative effort of managing fisheries resources on the Kuskokwim River. Funding agencies treat these letters as compelling measures of support for projects and are vital to funding success. Without your previous testimony, the mainstem sonar's August operations may have been absent from 2020 to 2023, a critical time during which the area experienced one of the lowest coho salmon runs on record. After testing in 2023, ADF&G is confident the extended drift gillnet season will index the majority of migratory passage for coho salmon and whitefish species while identifying an efficient and comprehensive end date for future sonar operations.

I humbly request another letter of support as we continue pursuing funds from the Office of Subsistence Management to extend sonar operations through August 26 and apportionment fishing through September 14. Your last letter of support and a new template are attached for reference. I encourage you to write the terms of support in your own words and with your own qualifications. If you agree to provide a testimonial, please ensure it arrives by May 9, 2025, to meet application deadlines. I would be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Thank you for your time and support,

Keegan O. Birchfield Fishery Biologist 2

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#### **BETHEL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Subsistence Management 1011 E. Tudor Road, MS-121 Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

February 21, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee (Bethel AC) met on February 20, 2019; 10 members were present and a quorum was established. All members reside in Bethel and actively participate in the Kuskokwim River fisheries. Alaska Department of Fish and Game notified the Bethel AC of their intent to pursue funding for the extension of the mainstem Kuskokwim River Sonar Project operations through August in order to estimate the abundance of coho salmon and migrating whitefish. The Bethel AC voted unanimously to support the project's extension and, furthermore, supports any attempt to improve inseason assessment of coho salmon and whitefish runs. In addition, the Bethel AC is especially appreciative of the department's efforts to continually incorporate the mainstem sonar project near Bethel as an important annual assessment tool for salmon species and whitefish, which are important resources to the people who reside along the Kuskokwim River.

Thank you for your positive consideration of this project's extension.

Sincerely,

Jaimie Kassman

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Chairman

Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Division of Commercial Fisheries **AYK Region Office** 

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April 18, 2025

Savannah Hollingworth **Board Support Section** PO Box 1467 Bethel, AK 99559

To members of the Bethel Advisory Committee,

I am sending this letter to request your renewed support for the continued operation of the George River weir beginning in 2026. The George River weir continues to be a valuable resource for monitoring the abundance of mid water fishes and is particularly critical in the next few years to come as a monitoring site for the chum salmon tagging effort. This effort is in response to the severe decline chum salmon seen in recent years.

Thank you for your past letters of support for the George River weir. These letters of support are vital to funding success. I humbly request another letter of support as we continue to pursue funding from the Office of Subsistence management to continue to operate the George River weir for the 2026-2029 field seasons I included your last letter of support, this letter contains support for both sonar and the George River weir which can be done again if you choose. This letter is just to remind you of how it was handled in the past I encourage you to write the terms of your support in your own words and with your own qualifications. If you agree to provide a testimonial, please ensure it arrives by May 9, 2025, to meet application deadlines. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**FROM: ONC Fisheries Crew** 

[This template is only a suggestion. Please feel free to express support in any way you see fit and with any qualifications you prefer. Your support is greatly appreciated!]

#### On organization letterhead (if available)

To: U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Subsistence Management, Fisheries Resource Monitoring Grant Program

Subject: Support for Orutsararmiut Native Council's (ONC) 2025 proposal to the Federal Subsistence Monitoring Program entitled "Partners for Fisheries Monitoring."

#### [Insert introduction of organization]

The [insert organization] is writing this letter in support of the proposed project submitted by Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) to continue the ONC Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program. This program will incorporate in-season salmon harvest monitoring in the Bethel area and the collection of Chinook salmon age, sex, and length (ASL) information from subsistence fishers in the Bethel area. The inseason subsistence catch monitoring project provides managers with real time information needed to quantify subsistence salmon harvest, catch per unit effort, and fishing progress by conducting interviews with experienced subsistence fishers in the Bethel area. Additionally, this project provides an avenue for local user input regarding the health and management of the Kuskokwim salmon fishery. Collection of ASL data is critical for sustainable management of Kuskokwim River salmon fisheries. Each year, ADF&G and various advisory groups review ASL data collected from Kuskokwim River salmon assessment projects and consider those results when making management decisions. The data collected from the subsistence fishery is used in combination with ASL data collected from other Kuskokwim area assessment projects to estimate the composition of the total annual return. Currently, this project provides the only quantitative assessment of Kuskokwim River subsistence harvest patterns such as timing and methods (i.e., gear type) and the resulting Chinook salmon harvest composition by age, sex, and size. We plan to continue collaborating with ONC on this project and in other capacities in subsequent years.

ONC's past efforts on this project have helped to provide data critical to management of salmon on the Kuskokwim River. Good management of salmon is important to ensuring adequate subsistence fishing opportunities are provided for communities in the Y-K Delta. Because of the positive impacts this project has had on Kuskokwim River salmon management, we strongly support continued funding of this important project through 2029.

On behalf of the [insert organization name],

[Signature]

[Name (role)]

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To: U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Subsistence Management, Fisheries Resource Monitoring Grant Program

Subject: Support for Orutsararmiut Native Council's (ONC) 2025 proposal to the Federal Subsistence Monitoring Program entitled "Kuskokwim River Salmon Inseason Subsistence Harvest Survey and Lower Kuskokwim River Subsistence Chinook Salmon Harvest ASL Composition."

[Insert introduction of organization]

The [insert organization] would like to express support for the project proposed by Orutsararmiut Native Council's (ONC) and the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) involves inseason monitoring of Kuskokwim River Chinook, chum and sockeye salmon harvest, weekly progress towards meeting salmon subsistence needs and recruitment of Bethel area fishers to conduct Chinook salmon age-sex-length sampling. This program also allows for local users input regarding the health and management of the Kuskokwim river salmon fishery with the intent of elevating the voice of local fishers in management processes. ONC and ADF&G have been conducting inseason harvest monitoring for nearly 20 years, and we are pleased to support ONC's and ADF&G's 2025 proposal to the Office of Subsistence Management Federal Subsistence Monitoring Program.

ONC and ADF&G's past efforts on this project have helped to provide data critical to management of salmon on the Kuskokwim River. Good management of salmon is important to ensuring adequate subsistence fishing opportunities are provided for communities in the Y-K Delta. Because of the positive impacts this project has had on Kuskokwim River salmon management, we strongly support continued funding of this important project through 2029.

[Insert closing statements, additional requests of the Department, or further information for the USFWS].

On behalf of the [insert organization name],
[Signature]
[Name (role)]

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting March 21 - 28, 2025 | Anchorage, AK Egan Center, Anchorage, Alaska

#### Preliminary Actions on Proposals

C = Carry; CA = Carry as amended; F = Fail; D = Defer; T = Table; NA = No Action (The Board of Game can reconsider the actions anytime during the meeting.)

#### **Migratory Bird Hunting (3 Proposals)**

- **F Proposal 85:** Change the definition for migratory bird hunting guide services to include transporter services.
- **F Proposal 86:** Require mandatory harvest reporting of sea ducks.
- **F Proposal 87:** Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl.

#### **Hunter Education Requirements (3 Proposals)**

- **CA Proposal 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. The board amended the proposal to require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters.
- <u>C</u> Proposal 90: Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting.
- NA Proposal 91: Require all goat hunters to pass an online mountain goat quiz prior to hunting. The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 90.

#### **Sheep Hunting (10 Proposals)**

- <u>CA</u> Proposal 92: Require sheep hunters to complete an online education course. *The board* amended the proposal to apply to the fall, general harvest hunts having bag full curl ram bag limits
- F Proposal 93: Change the sealing requirement for Dall sheep horns from permanent to nonpermanent.
- **F Proposal 94:** Change the definition for "full-curl" ram.
- **F Proposal 95:** Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram.
- NA Proposal 96: Repeal the age criteria for the definition of full-curl horn ram. *The board took no action due to action on Proposal 95*.
- <u>C</u> Proposal 97: Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep.
- F Proposal 98: Lengthen the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep.
- **F Proposal 99:** Shorten the time period hunters are restricted from using aircraft for hunting sheep and modify the use of aircraft restrictions.

- **F Proposal 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.
- C Proposal 101: Add sheep to the list of species identified as important for providing high levels of human consumptive use. *The board requested the department to provide more information at the March 2026 meeting.*

#### **Unit 19C Sheep Hunting (19 Proposals)**

- **CA Proposal 190:** Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C and establish a guide concession pilot program. *The board amended the proposal to set the number of drawing permits at 20 (16 for residents, 3 for nonresidents, and 1 for nonresidents hunting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kindred relative).*
- **F Proposal 192:** Modify the resident and nonresident hunt structure for sheep in Unit 19C.
- NA Proposal 102: Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190.*
- NA Proposal 103: Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190.*
- NA Proposal 104: Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190.*
- **NA Proposal 105:** Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190.*
- **NA Proposal 106:** Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190.*
- <u>NA</u> Proposal 107: Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190*.
- NA Proposal 108: Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 190.*
- **F Proposal 109:** Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only.
- **F Proposal 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.
- **F Proposal 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.
- NA Proposal 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. *The board took no action due to action taken on Proposal 111*.
- <u>NA</u> **Proposal 113:** Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C. *The board took no action due to previous action.*
- **F Proposal 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.
- **NA Proposal 115:** Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C. *The board took no action due to previous action.*

- **NA Proposal 116:** Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C. *The board took no action due to previous action.*
- NA Proposal 117: Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan. *The board took no action due to previous action.*
- **F Proposal 118:** Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19.

#### **Game Management Unit and Controlled Use Area Boundaries (4 Proposals)**

- **F Proposal 119:** Change the boundary between Units 21E and 21D.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 120:** Change the boundary between Unit 25C and 25D.
- **F Proposal 121:** Divide Unit 15C into two subunits.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 191:** Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area.

#### **Proxy Hunting** (2 Proposals)

- <u>C</u> Proposal 122: Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide.
- **F Proposal 123:** Allow remuneration to be provided to proxy hunters

#### **Cultural Permits** (1 Proposal)

<u>C</u> **Proposal 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.

### **Permits for Bear Baiting (2 Proposals)**

- **F Proposal 124:** Define the term "permanent dwelling" to "permanent domicile" for the purpose of bear baiting.
- **F Proposal 125:** Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7.

#### **Unlawful Methods & Means (9 Proposals)**

- <u>C</u> Proposal 126: Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide
- NA Proposal 127: Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers statewide. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 126.*
- NA Proposal 128: Allow the use of night vision and thermal optics for taking furbearers Statewide. *The board took no action due to the action on proposal 126.*
- **F Proposal 187**: Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators.

- **F Proposal 129:** Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking big Game.
- **F Proposal 130:** Establish a minimum standard of centerfire rifle cartridges for taking moose.
- **F Proposal 131:** Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares.
- **F Proposal 132:** Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolves and wolverine.
- NA Proposal 133: Prohibit trappers from using snowmachines to approach and pursue the take of wolverine.

#### **Hunting & Other Permits** (7 Proposals)

- **F Proposal 134:** Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents.
- **F Proposal 135:** Allocate 10% of the big game drawing permits to nonresidents.
- **F Proposal 136:** Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime and allow applicants to apply once per hunt.
- F Proposal 137: Change the drawing hunt permit process.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 138:** Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for musk ox.
- **CA Proposal 188**: 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. *The board amended the proposal to reallocate the permits over regulatory years 2026 and 2027.*
- **NA Proposal 189:** 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. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 188.*

## Salvage, Sealing & Sale of Game (6 Proposals)

- **F Proposal 139:** Change the evidence of sex requirements for horned big game animals.
- **F Proposal 140:** Eliminate the evidence of sex requirement for big game having bag limit restricted to one sex.
- <u>C</u> Proposal 141: Allow the transfer of possession of game meat and game parts to be captured in a digital video format or on paper form.
- **F Proposal 142:** Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit.
- **NA Proposal 143:** Allow for the sale of legally harvested big game trophies without a permit. *The board took no action due to the action on Proposal 142.*
- <u>C</u> Proposal 144: Shorten the time period from six months to 60 says for taxidermist to obtain a permit to sell unclaimed furs, skins, and trophies.

#### Permits for Possessing Live Game (Clean List) (3 Proposals)

- NA Proposal 145: Add Eurasian Eagle Owl to the list of animals allowed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit. The board took no action based on the request by the submitter to withdraw it.
- **F Proposal 146:** Exempt sterilized cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild.
- <u>C</u> Proposal 147: Delegate authority from the Board of Game to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game.

#### **Intensive Management** (1 Proposal)

**F Proposal 148:** Impose certain conditions on the commissioner's ability to implement an intensive management plan following its adoption by the Board of Game.

#### Advisory Committee Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Hunts (1 Proposal)

**CA Proposal 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. *The board amended the proposal to add Nushagak AC to Unit 17A (see RC 191).* 

## Reauthorizations for Antlerless Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions (16 Proposals)

- <u>C</u> Proposal 150: Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska.
- <u>C</u> Proposal 151: Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 152:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6(C).
- <u>C</u> Proposal 153: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twenty mile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14(C).
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 154:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14(C).
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 155:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 156:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 157:** Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 158:** Reauthorize a fall antlerless hunt during September and a winter anymoose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D.
- <u>C</u> **Proposal 159:** Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
- <u>C</u> Proposal 160: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.

C	Proposal 161: Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.
NA	Proposal 162: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E. The
	board took no action due to lack
C	<b>Proposal 163:</b> Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D.
C	<b>Proposal 164:</b> Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E.
C	<b>Proposal 165:</b> Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 26.
Propo	sals Outside the Board of Game's Authority
	oard of Game may discuss the following proposals but does not have authority to take story action.
	<b>Proposal 166:</b> Add an exception for shooting from, on or across a highway where a highway is seasonally closed to normal traffic.
	<b>Proposal 169:</b> Exempt a resident in possession of tribal cards from the regulation requiring a hunting license.
	<b>Proposal 170:</b> Allow the transfer of a hunting permit from mother to child, when unable to hunt due to a pregnancy.
	<b>Proposal 172:</b> Remove the prohibition of nonresident aliens to hunt as second degree of kindred.
	Proposal 173: Require Alaska big game hunting guides to be Alaska residents.
	Proposal 174: Modify the process for the intensive management of bears.
	<b>Proposal 175:</b> Modify the regulations for taking big game for certain religious ceremonies.
	<b>Proposal 176:</b> Modify the regulations for taking big game for Alaska Native Memorial Potlatch ceremonies.
	Proposal 177: Implement a state guide concession area.
	<b>Proposal 178:</b> Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
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	<b>Proposal 180:</b> Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
	<b>Proposal 181:</b> Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
	<b>Proposal 182:</b> Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
	<b>Proposal 183:</b> Modify the provisions for taking game by proxy.
	Proposal 185: Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
	<b>Proposal 186:</b> Modify the definition for certain sea ducks to include bufflehead, and Barrow's and common goldeneyes.



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#### ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES 2025/2026 Cycle Tentative Meeting Schedule

Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, Bering Sea and Chignik Pacific Cod; Bristol Bay Finfish; Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Finfish; Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, and Chignik Finfish; Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	Topics	Location	<b>Comment Deadline</b>
Oct. 28–29, 2025 [2 days]	Work Session ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	Anchorage Egan Civic and Convention Center	October 13, 2025
Oct. 30-31, 2025 [2 days]	Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Bering Sea, and Chignik Pacific Cod	Anchorage Egan Civic and Convention Center	October 15, 2025
<b>Nov. 18–22, 2025</b> [5 days]	Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish	<b>Fairbanks</b> Pikes Waterfront Lodge	November 3, 2025
<b>Jan. 13–17, 2026</b> [5 days]	Bristol Bay Finfish	Anchorage Egan Civic and Convention Center	December 29, 2025
<b>Feb. 18–24, 2026</b> [7 days]	Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish	Anchorage Egan Civic and Convention Center	February 3, 2026
<b>March 17–20, 2026</b> [4 days]	Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues	Anchorage Egan Civic and Convention Center	March 2, 2026

Total Meeting Days: 25

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Thursday, April 10, 2025

Agenda Change Request Deadline: August 29, 2025 [60 days prior to fall work session]



#### **Alaska Board of Game**

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## ALASKA BOARD OF GAME 2025/2026 Cycle Tentative Meeting Dates

Meeting Dates	Торіс	Location	Comment Deadline
January 22, 2026 (1 day)	Work Session	<b>Wrangell</b> Nolan Center	January 16, 2026
<b>January 23-27, 2026</b> (5 days)	Southeast Region Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5	<b>Wrangell</b> Nolan Center	January 9, 2026
March 20-25, 2026 (6 days) Southcentral Region Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C, and 15		<b>Kodiak</b> TBD	March 6, 2026

The Board of Game will meet via web conference to consider Agenda Change Requests following the November 1 deadline.

Total Meeting Days: 13

Proposal Deadline: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Agenda Change Request Deadline: Saturday, November 1, 2025