

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PROPOSAL FORM

Top of form check boxes:

- Insert applicable game management unit your regulation would change.
- Check the appropriate box(es) for the activities the regulation change would affect (hunting, trapping, subsistence, resident, nonresident, other).
- Select the appropriate meeting for which the proposed regulation change applies.

Fillable numbered boxes:

1. If known, enter the series of letters and numbers which identify the regulation to be changed. For example, 5 AAC 92.055. If it will be a new section or provision, then enter 5 AAC 72.XXX.
2. Write a short explanation about the issue your proposal addresses, or why you are proposing the regulation change. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject proposals that contain multiple or confusing issues.

State why the regulation change should be adopted or provide an explanation about what will happen if the regulation is not changed.

To assist you in development of your issue statement (#2 on the form), you may want to consider the following:

- What would happen if nothing is changed?
 - What are other solutions you considered? Why did you reject them?
3. Print or type your proposal as you would like to see it appear in the regulation book. The boards prefer that revised regulatory language is provided. **New or amended text should appear first and be in bold text and underlined.** [REGULATORY TEXT BEING DELETED SHOULD BE FULLY CAPITALIZED AND ENCLOSED IN BRACKETS]. It is not necessary to bold and underline text if entire change contains new language.

EXAMPLES: **5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.**

Shorten the brown bear hunting season in Unit 16B by as follows: September 25 through **April 15** [MAY 1]

5 AAC 85.025(3). Unit 9(B) Caribou.

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: **2** [3] caribou; however, no more than 1 bull may be taken.

Alternatively, you may state your changes in clear sentences. For example, “Lengthen the season for brown bear hunting to July 15 in the Togiak and Bay districts,” or “Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 9(B) to two caribou.”

4. Please explain if you collaborated with others in the development of your proposal. The board encourages individuals or organizations to communicate and coordinate with others in the development of proposals. Local Advisory Committees (AC) are an excellent resource and the collective knowledge and experience within ACs may help improve proposals. The link to ACs across the state <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acregion>. You can also work with area staff from the Department of Fish and Game to better understand the current regulations, and what the effect(s) of your proposed change may be.

Bottom of form (submission block):

- Write the name of the group that voted to submit the proposal or your name if you are submitting the proposal. This name will be published in the proposal book. The Boards of Fisheries and Game will not consider anonymous proposals.
- Fill in your address and zip code, and telephone number. These will NOT be published; it simply enables us to reach you if clarification is necessary.

Proposals are encouraged to be submitted/uploaded online at <https://boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov>.

They can also be submitted via mail or fax:

Alaska Board of Game
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, AK 99811-5526
Fax: 907-465-6094

NOTE: The proposal deadline for the 2026/2027 meeting cycle is Thursday, May 1, 2026. Proposals must be received by the deadline; there are no exceptions. The form must be physically received by fax or mail; postmark is not adequate.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please consult staff at any Department of Fish and Game office.

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM | 2025-2026 MEETING CYCLE**

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BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS

Game Management Unit (GMU) 20B Remainder

Hunting Subsistence Trapping Other :

Does the proposed change affect residents or nonresidents?

Residents Nonresidents

Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?

Western Arctic / Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23, and 26A) Interior and Eastern Arctic Region (GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C).

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.

1. Alaska Administrative Code No. 5 AAC: Regulation Book Page No.:

2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

In 2022 the regulations were changed to allow the use of a firearm and bow and arrow to take beavers under a trapping license statewide. This method of beaver harvest was allowed from 2022 until 2026, when the board was made aware of a conflicting regulation. The board clarified the conflicting regulation by returning the regulations to pre-2022 language. There are no current conservation concerns for beaver. I would like the board to restore the use of a firearm and bow and arrow as a legal method and means to take beaver under a trapping license in Unit 20B Remainder. This would not affect that portion of the Chena River downstream from its confluence with the Little Chena River and Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)

Allow the use of a firearm and bow and arrow to take beaver during an open trapping season in Unit 20B Remainder.

4. Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? Please explain.

Submitted By:

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