

# Alaska Department of Fish and Game



## East Prince of Wales Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**  
**Thorne Bay City Hall Council Chambers**  
**Free & open to the public**

Agenda items include:

- Presentation and Q&A about Advisory Committees with Fish & Game staff
- Election of Advisory Committee members and officers
- Discussion of Board of Game topics, Board of Fisheries topics

Fish & Game Advisory Committees are a collection of community members from across user groups that come together, discuss Fish & Game issues and recommend changes to current regulations. They also represent their community before the Board of Fisheries & Board of Game at board meetings.

Topics will include: About the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game, How regulations are made/changed, and Current and upcoming issues in Southeast Alaska. Elections will be held to re-start the East Prince of Wales Advisory Committee.

**All are invited to attend.**

More information: contact Jessalynn Rintala, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (907) 465-6097, [Jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov](mailto:Jessalynn.rintala@alaska.gov)

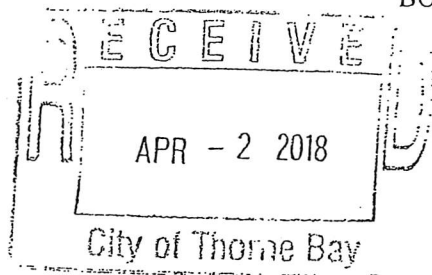


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March 30, 2018

Dear City of Thorne Bay:

I'm writing to you regarding the East Prince of Wales Fish and Game Advisory Committee. Advisory committees (ACs) provide local guidance and input to Alaska's regulation-making Board of Fisheries and Board of Game. ACs are administered by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, and regulated by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game. The Joint Board will meet in March 2019 and may consider restructuring ACs, and we'd like your input.

My records show the last East Prince of Wales AC meeting was held in January 2009. We'd like to know if there is desire to retain and activate the East Prince of Wales AC, interest in combining representation of your community with other nearby communities, no interest in activation at this time, or any other suggestions you have.

If you would like to activate your AC, please contact me (below) and I will be happy to assist. The state Board of Game is soliciting proposed regulation changes for the Southeast region to be considered in January 2019, making the timing for reactivating the AC very relevant. Schedules for fisheries and game Board meetings are enclosed with the pertinent deadlines for proposals and public comment submission. I'm also enclosing information about the Joint Board's meeting in March 2019 and the proposals they're soliciting to be considered at that time.

Please let me know your thoughts on the East Prince of Wales AC, and if I can be of assistance in any other way. I can be reached at 907-465-6097 and [Jessalynn.Rintala@alaska.gov](mailto:Jessalynn.Rintala@alaska.gov).

Kind regards,

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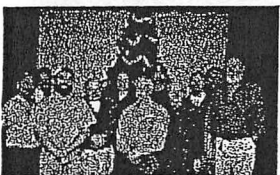
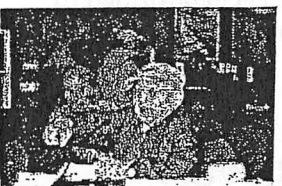
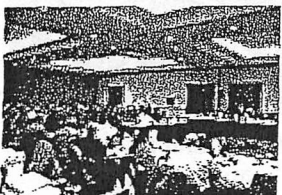
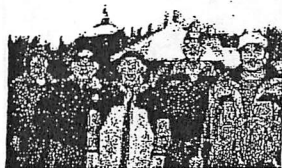
Jessalynn Rintala  
Southeast Regional Coordinator

Enclosures

Cc: City of Coffman Cove, City of Whale Pass, Organized Village of Kasaan, former AC members Harley Black, Jana Carpenter, Jim Baichtal, Raymond Slayton, William Thomason, William Welton



# Understanding the Advisory Committee Process



## Want to know more?

To find out more about advisory committees, contact your regional coordinator.

Arctic Region  
442-1717

Interior Region  
459-7263

Southwest Region  
842-5142

Southcentral Region  
267-2354

Southeast Region  
465-4110

Western Region  
543-2433

It comes as a surprise to many Alaskans to learn that the state's hunting, trapping, and fishing regulations are NOT made by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

This job falls to the Board of Game and the Board of Fisheries. Each board is a group of seven people appointed by the governor and approved by the legislature.

Advisory committees play a key role in the regulatory process. While the Boards of Game and Fisheries make the final decisions on proposed regulations, they rely on advisory committees to offer their local perspective on fish and wildlife issues that are of interest to the committee by submitting proposals and providing comments on proposals.

## What are Advisory Committees?

Advisory committees are local groups authorized by Alaska Statute 16.05.260. This statute gives the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game direction to establish advisory committees for the purpose of providing a local forum for the collection and expression of opinions and recommendations on matters related to the management of fish and wildlife resources. Currently there are 84 advisory committees that represent communities across the state. Each advisory committee is comprised of up to 15 locally elected members with expertise in local fish and game issues.

## Advisory Committee Meetings & Roles

Advisory committee meetings are open to the public and provide a local forum for the public, advisory committee members, ADF&G and other agency staff to discuss fish and wildlife issues. Meetings focus on developing and evaluating regulatory proposals and consulting with individuals, organizations, and agencies on fish, wildlife, and habitat issues. Advisory committee membership, uniform rules and responsibilities are defined in regulation in 5 AAC Chapter 96, and their functions are supported by ADF&G Boards Support Section through local regional coordinators.

## How to Get Involved

For more information about advisory committee meetings and membership, please visit [www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us](http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us) or contact an ADF&G regional coordinator (see list at left).

## The Value of Working Together

Advisory committees serve as a forum to bring individuals, agencies, and interested organizations together to review important fish and game resource matters. These forums not only provide an opportunity for collaboration and communication, keystones to forging regulatory change with the boards, but serve to strengthen relationships among each of these parties in their work to improve Alaska's fish and game resource.

# How Regulations are Made

## The Public



People bring concerns to their local advisory committee, submit their own proposals directly to the boards, and provide written comments and oral testimony to the boards.

## Local Advisory Committees



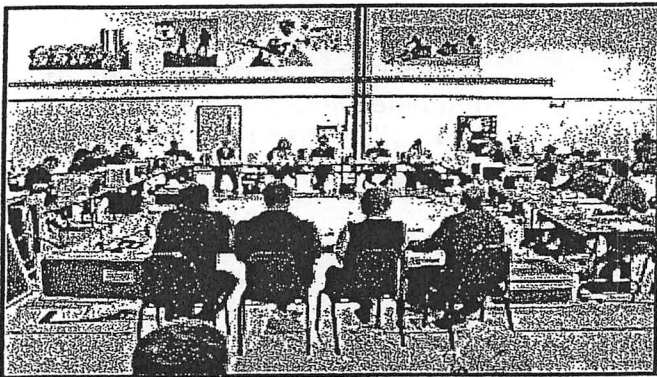
Advisory committees discuss local wildlife observations and issues, seek information from ADF&G, submit proposals to the boards, review submitted proposals, and provide written comments and oral testimony to the boards.

## ADF&G

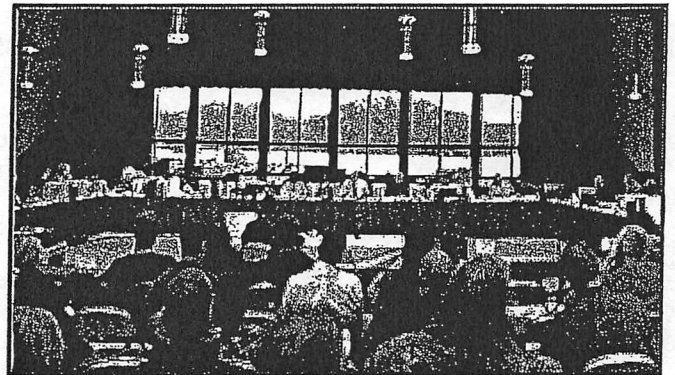


ADF&G submits proposals to the boards and provides biological information to the boards and advisory committees.

## Board of Game



## Board of Fisheries



The Boards consider advisory committee and public comments, and information from ADF&G regarding proposals. Decisions on proposals are reached by a majority vote of the Board and written as regulations.

The regulations are given legal review and made official by the Lt. Governor.

## Want to know more?

[www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us](http://www.boards.adfg.state.ak.us)



After regulations are approved, the **Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing Regulations** books are produced by ADF&G. Regulations are enforced by the Alaska Wildlife Troopers.





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**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**2018/2019 Cycle**  
**Tentative Meeting Dates**

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comment Deadline</b>
January 10, 2019 (1 day)	Work Session	Petersburg	TBA
January 11-15, 2019 (5 days)	Southeast Region Game Management Units 1-5	Petersburg	December 28, 2018
March 15-19, 2019 (5 days)	Southcentral Region Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15	Anchorage	March 1, 2019

Total Meeting Days: 11

**Agenda Change Request Deadline: Thursday, November 1, 2018**

*(The Board of Game will meet via teleconference to consider Agenda Change Requests following the November 1 deadline.)*

**Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, May 1, 2018**



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## ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES 2018/2019 Cycle Tentative Meeting Schedule

**Bristol Bay Finfish; Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Finfish; Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Island, and Chignik Finfish; Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues**

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Comment Deadline</u>
October 17-18, 2018 [2 days]	Work Session ACRs, cycle organization, Stocks of Concern	Anchorage The Lakefront	Oct. 3, 2018
November 28- December 4, 2018 [7 days]	Bristol Bay Finfish	Dillingham TBD	Nov. 14, 2018
January 15-19, 2019 [5 days]	Arctic / Yukon / Kuskokwim Finfish	Anchorage Sheraton Hotel	Jan. 2, 2019
February 21-27, 2019 [7 days]	Alaska Peninsula / Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish	Anchorage Sheraton Hotel	Feb. 7, 2019
March 8-11, 2019 [4 days]	Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues	Anchorage Sheraton Hotel	Feb. 20, 2019

Total Meeting Days: 25

Agenda Change Request Deadline: August 17, 2018 [60 days prior to fall worksession]

Amended August 28, 2017

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### THE ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME CALLS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROCESS FOR ADOPTING REGULATIONS, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLOSURES

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

The Joint Board of Fisheries and Game is accepting proposed changes to its regulations pertaining to local fish and game advisory committees and the process for adopting fish and game regulations to be considered at its next regulatory meeting, scheduled for March 2019. The following sections of Title 5 Chapters 96 and 97 of the Alaska Administrative Code will be considered:

#### 5 AAC Chapter 96 – Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees

- Article 1: Local Fish and Game Advisory Committee Regulations
  - Section 010. Establishment of a local fish and game advisory committee system
  - Section 020. Creation of local fish and game advisory committees
  - Section 021. Establishment of advisory committees
  - Section 040. Qualifications for members
  - Section 050. Functions of local fish and game advisory committees
  - Section 060. Uniform rules of operation
- Article 3: Administration of Local Fish and Game Advisory Committees
  - Section 410. Distribution of local fish and game advisory committees
  - Section 420. Review of requests for local fish and game advisory committees
  - Section 440. Board assistance
  - Section 450. Committee status and change of status
  - Section 460. Attendance at meetings
- Article 5: Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations
  - Section 600. Meetings
  - Section 610. Procedures of developing fish and game regulations
  - Section 615. Subsistence proposal policy
  - Section 625. Joint board petition policy
  - Section 630. Special meetings
  - Section 640. Regular meetings
  - Section 660. Compliance
- Article 6: General Provisions
  - Section 910. Definitions

## Chapter 97 – Advisory Committee Closures

- Article 1: Areas of Jurisdiction
  - Section 005. Areas of jurisdiction for advisory committees
- Article 2: Emergency Closures
  - Section 010. Advisory committee emergency closures

**Proposals may be submitted by mail, fax, or online:**

**Online:** [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard)  
**Email:** [dfg.boq.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.boq.comments@alaska.gov) (Adobe PDF documents only)  
**Mail:** ADF&G, Boards Support Section  
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**Fax:** (907) 465-6094

**Proposals must be received by Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. (A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt.)**

Interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date. The Joint Board of Fisheries and Game proposal form, including the online proposal form, is available online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard). Proposal forms are also available at any Boards Support office. Proposals must be submitted on the current approved form and contain a contact telephone number and mailing address. Email addresses are also appreciated. Please print or type the individual's or organization's name as appropriate.

Providing clarity on the proposal form helps the board, advisory committees, and the public more fully understand the proposed regulatory changes. Proposals that are incomplete or unclear may be omitted from the proposal book. You are encouraged to contact the Boards Support Section staff if you have questions or need assistance with completing the proposal form.

All proposals are reviewed prior to publication. Language that is emotionally charged detracts from the substance of the proposal and may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal. Such language may be edited or deleted prior to publication. **Proposals that do not meet the call will not be accepted.**

Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested. Proposal books are sent to advisory committees and the public for review and comment. Proposals will be posted online at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.jointboard). Those submitting proposals are encouraged to review the proposal book at their earliest convenience to ensure proposals are included and accurate. Noted errors and omissions should be reported to Boards Support immediately.

Responsive proposals received by the proposal deadline will be considered by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game at a meeting to be scheduled in March 2019. The public is encouraged to visit the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game website frequently for news and information regarding this meeting.

For more information, please contact the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Game Executive Directors at (907) 465-4110.





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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### ALASKA BOARD OF GAME 2018/2019 Meeting Cycle

The Alaska Board of Game calls for proposed changes to hunting and trapping regulations for the Southcentral and Southeast Regions.

### PROPOSAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018

The Alaska Board of Game (board) is accepting proposed changes for hunting and trapping regulations for the Southeast Region (Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) and the Southcentral Region (Game Management Units 6, 7, 8, 14C and 15), including the following topics:

Hunting seasons and bag limits, including subsistence and general hunts for all species; trapping seasons and bag limits; big game prey populations and objectives for intensive management; predation control areas implementation plans; restricted areas, including controlled use areas, management areas, closed areas, and closures in state game refuges.

Proposed changes to regulations under 5 AAC Chapter 92, Statewide Provisions, specific to game management units within these regions will also be accepted. This includes regulations under the categories of: general provisions, permit conditions and provisions, methods and means, possession and transportation, and the use of game. Please specify game management units or areas/regions for which the proposal applies.

**The following topics will be considered for all Game Management Units:**

Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions

Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts *(State statute requires all antlerless moose hunts be reauthorized annually.)*

**Proposals may be submitted by mail, fax, or online:**

**Online:** [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal)

**Email:** [dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.bog.comments@alaska.gov) *(Adobe PDF documents only)*

**Mail:** ADF&G, Boards Support Section  
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**Proposals must be received by Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Boards Support Section office in Juneau. (A postmark is NOT sufficient for timely receipt).**

You are encouraged to submit proposals at the earliest possible date on Board of Game proposal forms available from the Boards Support Section regional offices and on the website at: [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal). All proposals must contain an individual's name and an organizational name if appropriate, contact telephone number, and address. Regional proposals must specify the applicable region or game management unit.

Providing clarity on the proposal form helps the board, advisory committees, and the public more fully understand the proposed regulatory changes. Proposals that are incomplete or unclear may be omitted from the proposal book. You are encouraged to contact the Boards Support Section staff if you have questions or need assistance with completing the proposal form. All proposals are reviewed and formatted prior to publication. Proposals published in the proposal book will be referenced with the appropriate Alaska Administrative Code citation and include a brief description of the action requested. Proposals with emotionally charged language will be rejected or redacted as they detract from the substance of the proposals, may draw opposition not germane to the element(s) of the proposal, and may elicit nonresponsive charges from the public/board members. Proposals not meeting this call or submitted late will not be published.

Following publication, proposal books will be available to the advisory committees, agencies, and the public for review and comment. Proposals will be available online at [www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov).

Proposals received per the above "Call for Proposals" deadline will be considered by the Board of Game at their Southeast Region Meeting, scheduled for January 2019, and the Southcentral Region Meeting, scheduled for March 2019. For more information, please contact the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-6098, or email [kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov](mailto:kristy.tibbles@alaska.gov).