Understanding the Board of Game

Do you know how State of Alaska hunting and trapping regulations are made?

It often comes as a surprise to many Alaskans to learn that the state's hunting and trapping regulations are NOT made by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). This job falls to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG), a group of seven people appointed by the governor and approved by the legislature.

While the Board makes the final decisions, the process provides several ways in which all Alaska residents can participate. Here's how it works.

The Board considers the needs of wildlife and Alaskans

The Board of Game receives written proposals, comments, and oral testimony from members of the public, local Fish and Game Advisory Committees (ACs), and ADF&G staff. The Board then attempts to pass regulations that respond to people's concerns, while also considering the need for long-term conservation and sustainable use of wildlife. Board of Game meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for public comment.

The role of Advisory Committees

There are more than 80 Advisory Committees covering all areas of the state, each with up to 15 locally-elected members. Each committee listens to and discusses local concerns about hunting and trapping regulations and then submits proposed regulation changes to the Board of Game. The Advisory Committees also provide comments and recommendations to the Board on proposals that would impact the resources in their area. These same Advisory Committees interact with the Board of Fisheries in a similar manner.

The role of ADF&G

Department biologists and anthropologists share the results of surveys, research and provide analyses and comments on proposals to the Advisory Committees and the Board. ADF&G staff work closely with advisory committees to develop proposals for Board consideration, and also submit independent ADF&G proposals to the Board.

The role of the individual

Any individual or group may submit a proposal to the Board of Game for a change to the hunting or trapping regulations. The Board Support Coordinator for your region can assist you in writing a proposed change, and provide you with a proposal form. You can also submit a proposal online at: **www.boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov**. You may also submit written comments to the Board on proposed changes, and sign up to present public testimony at a Board meeting. Contact your Board Support Regional Coordinator (see phone numbers at left) or staff at your local wildlife area office for details and meeting schedules, and visit **www.adfg.alaska.gov** for more information.

The value of working together

While the Board considers all proposals submitted by individuals, Advisory Committees, and ADF&G, a proposal that has first been reviewed and agreed upon by the above entities demonstrates to the Board that there is considerable support for the proposal.

Want to know more?

To find out more about Advisory Committees or how to submit a proposal, contact Board Support in your area:

Arctic Region:
442-1717

Interior Region:
459-7263

Western Region:
543-2931

Southwest Region:
842-5142

Southcentral Region:
267-2354

Southeast Region:
465-4046 and 465-6097

or contact your local wildlife area office.

ADF&G

ADF&G staff submit proposals, provide information, analyses and recommendations on proposals to advisory committees, the public, and the Board of Game.

Info

Advisory Committees

Advisory committees are comprised of local citizens that meet to discuss fish and wildlife concerns. ACs submit and comment on proposals and provide testimony to the Board.

Proposals

Comments

The Public

The public may bring concerns to their local Advisory Committee or submit their own proposals, written comment, or testimony to the Board of Game.

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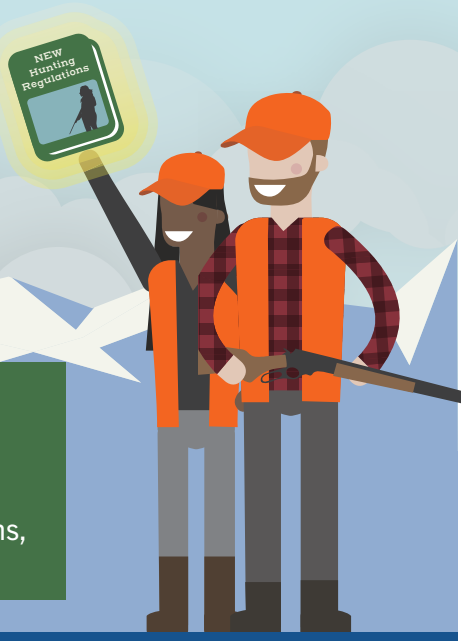
7 members appointed by the governor

2 regulatory meetings per year that are open to the public

On a **3** year cycle, proposals are considered for each ADF&G region

Alaska Board of Game

Majority Vote of the Board



New Hunting & Trapping Regulations

After a legal review, ADF&G publishes the regulations, and Alaska Wildlife Troopers enforce them.

Learn more at: boardofgame.adfg.alaska.gov