

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**  
**Work Session – January 9, 2025**  
**Best Western Lake Lucille Inn**  
**Wasilla, Alaska**

**Meeting Summary**

The Board of Game (board) convened the annual Work Session Thursday, January 9, 2025, in Wasilla, Alaska at the Best Western Lake Lucille Inn. Six board members were present: Stosh Hoffman, Al Barrette, Jake Fletcher, Dave Lorrington, Jim Baichtal, and Jake Garner. Member Ruth Cusack was absent.

Meeting material and the audio are available on the meeting website at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-09-2025&meeting=wasilla>

Following opening remarks and introductions, the board held officer elections. The board elected Jake Fletcher as chair and Stosh Hoffman as vice-chair.

**Agency Reports**

The following agency reports were provided:

- Commissioner Doug Vincent Lang, ADF&G (*Audio log: 01:41:50 PM*)
- Ryan Scott, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation (*Audio log: 01:43:28 PM*)
- Dr. Amy Wiita, ADF&G Subsistence Section (*Audio log: 01:56:54 PM*)
- Kristy Tibbles, ADF&G Boards Support Section (*Audio log: 02:04:32 PM*)
- Cheryl Brooking, Department of Law, Legislative and Litigation Update (*Audio log: 02:08:19 PM*)
- Captain Brent Johnson, Alaska Wildlife Troopers (*Audio log: 02:31:21 PM*)
- Office of Subsistence Management (*Audio Log: 02:28:32 PM*) *George Pappas, Director*  
*Crystal Leonetti, and Policy Coordinator Robin Lavine*

**Board of Game Committee Reports and Assignments**

- *Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB):* Dave Lorrington provided an update on the BGCSB Dave will continue to serve on the BGCSB per the membership requirements in Alaska Statute 08.54.591. (*Audio log: 03:38:03 PM*)
- *Wood Bison Reintroduction Working Group:* Al Barrette provided an update on the Wood Bison Reintroduction Working Group. He will continue to represent the board on the Working Group, and member Hoffman will serve as a backup. (*Audio log: 03:50:58 PM*)
- *Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group:* Stosh Hoffman provided an update on the Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group. (*Audio log 03:54:19 and 03:58:59 PM*) Members Fletcher, Hoffman and Lorrington will serve on the working group if future meetings are needed.

- *Western Arctic Caribou Working Group*: Dave Lorrington updated the board that he provided a presentation at the Western Arctic Caribou Working Group meeting in December 2024, on board and the advisory committee process. (*Audio log 03:58:59 PM*)
- *Committee Assignments*: The Board assigned members Al Barrette, Jake Fletcher, and Dave Lorrington to serve on the Joint Board Committee. (*Audio log: 04:00:09 PM.*)

### **2025/2026 Meeting Dates and Locations**

The board set the meeting dates and locations for the 2025/2026 meeting cycle as follows:

- Annual Work Session, January 22, 2026, Wrangell
- Southeast Region Meeting: January 23 – 27, 2026, Wrangell
- Southcentral Region Meeting: March 20 – 25, 2026, Kodiak

(*Audio log: 04:00:09 PM.*)

### **Adjournment:**

The board adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:28 p.m.