

Alaska Board of Game
Southeast Regulations Meeting
January 23–27, 2026
James and Elsie Nolan Center, Wrangell

Summary of Actions

The Board of Game (board) convened the Southeast Regulations meeting on Friday, January 21, 2026, in Wrangell at the Nolan Center. Seven board members were present: Chairman Jake Fletcher, Vice-Chairman Stosh Hoffman, Allen Barrette, Dave Lorring, Jake Garner, Jim Baichtal, and Carri Ann Mueller.

The meeting opened with introductions and Board member ethics disclosure statements, followed by agency reports. The list of agency reports is provided on page 5. Public testimony began Friday, January 23, at 2:30 p.m. and concluded Saturday, January 24, at 3:30 p.m. The Board heard from 36 testifiers, which included Advisory Committee or Regional Advisory Council representatives. The final public testimony list for this meeting can be found in [RC21](#).

Board deliberations began Saturday, January 24 at 3:50 p.m. following the conclusion of public testimony.

All meeting materials including ADF&G reports, and comments on proposals from agencies, advisory committees, and the public are available on the meeting website at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-23-2026&meeting=wrangell>.

To listen to board deliberations on proposals, each proposal section provides audio tracking information, which can be accessed at:

<https://adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/swf/2024-2025/swr-2025/index.html>.

Action ¹	Prop #	Proposal	Audio Tracking Info ²
<i>Regionwide & Multiple Units (18 proposals)</i>			
F 1-6	1	Prohibit the take of big game animals between civil twilight of sunset until civil twilight of sunrise the following day in Units 1-5.	1/24/2026 03:53:46 PM
N/A	2	Prohibit the take of deer between civil twilight of sunset until civil twilight of sunrise the following day in Units 1-5. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 1.</i>	1/24/2026 04:06:23 PM
F 0-7	3	Allow the same day airborne take of goats in Units 1-5.	1/24/2026 04:06:40
C 7-0	4	Amend the definition of a "taken" mountain goat in Units 1-5 to align with the definition of a "taken" brown bear in Units 1-5.	1/24/2026 04:23:37 PM
F 0-7	5	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 1 Remainder, to one bear every regulatory year instead of one bear every four regulatory years.	1/24/2026 04:42:46 PM
C 6-1	6	Align the wolf hunting seasons in Unit 1 by extending the seasons for Units 1B, 1C and 1D to May 31.	1/24/2026 05:16:37 PM
N/A	7	Align the wolf hunting seasons in Unit 1 by extending the seasons in Units 1A, 1B & 1C to May 31. <i>The board took no action on this</i>	1/24/2026 05:29:51 PM

¹ Action notations: C=Carried, C/A=Carried as Amended, F=Failed, F/A=Failed as Amended, N/A=No Action.

² Links to the audio recordings can be found at the bottom of the [meeting page](#). Follow the link to the audio for each meeting day, then scroll down and select the time indicated for when the discussion on that proposal or agenda item began.

		<i>proposal due to the action taken on proposal 7.</i>	
C/A 7-0	8	Establish an open season for hunting cougar in the Southeast Region. Proposal amended several times to classify as both fur bearer and big game; hunting season dates of August 1-June 15; trapping season dates in Units 1,3,4, and 5 of November 15-March 31; 10-day sealing requirement; hunting bag limit of one, no trapping bag limit; evidence of sex must remain attached to hide.	1/25/2026 10:31:39 AM
N/A	9	Establish hunting and trapping regulations for taking mountain lion in the Southeast Region. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 8.</i>	1/25/2026 11:43:40 AM
F 1-6	10	Remove the sealing requirement for beaver in Units 1-5.	1/25/2026 12:08:52 PM
F/A 2-5	11	Allow the use of cameras or other sensory devices that can send messages through wireless communication for trapping furbearers in Units 1-5. Amended to add that they must be used at an active trap site	1/25/2026 12:27:15 PM
N/A	12	Prohibit the use of night vision devices for taking furbearers in Units 1-5. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 13.</i>	1/25/2026 02:22:40 PM
C 5-2	13	Prohibit the use of night vision for taking furbearers in Units 1-5, during state and federal deer seasons.	1/25/2026 01:47:13 PM
C/A 6-1	14	Change the bag limit for taking fisher from one to three per season in Southeast Region Units. Amended to remove the bag limit.	1/25/2026 02:22:57 PM
N/A	15	Remove the bag limit for trapping fisher in Units 1-5. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 14.</i>	1/25/2026 02:38:21 PM
F 0-7	16	Shift the season dates for hunting migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 1-5 to October 8-January 22.	1/25/2026 02:38:39 PM
F 0-7	17	Change the bag limit for grouse in the Southeast Region.	1/25/2026 02:57:22 PM
F 0-7	18	Shift the hunting season for grouse in Units 1-5 to August 10 through May 31.	1/25/2026 04:17:38 PM
<i>Sitka Area – Unit 4 (7 proposals)</i>			
F 1-6	19	Extend the resident hunting season for brown bear in Unit 4 to May 31.	1/25/2026 05:40:20 PM
F 0-7	20	Extend the season for the RB088 brown bear registration hunt from May 20 to May 31, to align the season for all of Lisianski Inlet in Unit 4.	1/25/2026 06:11:03 PM
F/A 3-4	21	Extend the season for the RB088 brown bear hunt in Unit 4, to align the season for all of Northeast Chichagof Island. <i>Amended to apply only to resident hunters.</i>	1/26/2026 08:34:39 AM
F 2-5	22	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 4.	1/26/2026 09:09:09 AM
F 2-5	23	Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 4.	1/26/2026 09:19:15 AM
C/A 7-0	24	Modify the Northeast Chichogof Controlled Use Area in Unit 4, to exclude drainages near Tenakee Inlet. Amended to remove references to the Controlled Use Area.	1/26/2026 09:48:50 AM
C 7-0	25	Clarify the northern and southern boundaries of the Sitka Road System Closed Area in Unit 4.	1/26/2026 09:56:16 AM
<i>Juneau, Haines, Skagway & Yakutat – Units 1C, 1D, & 5 (11 proposals)</i>			
F/A 2-5	26	Restrict hunters who take nanny goat in Unit 1C from hunting goat in Unit 1C for the following four regulatory years, and require nonresidents to forfeit nanny goats taken. <i>Proposal amended to remove any changes to resident regulations and would apply to all of Unit 1C.</i>	1/26/2026 11:01:11 AM
F	27	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to four bucks.	1/26/2026

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N/A	28	Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to two bucks. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 27.	1/26/2026 11:56:54 AM
F 0-7	29	Require an antler restriction for bucks harvested in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to at least one forked antler on one side.	1/26/2026 11:57:12 AM
F/A 3-4	30	Establish a moose hunt for disabled hunters on state lands in Unit 5A, the Yakutat Region. <i>Amended with season date of September 29-October 7 and with delayed implementation.</i>	1/26/2026 12:05:21 PM
N/A	31	Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear resident hunt area in Unit 1C to include the Chilkat Range, and change the bag limit to one bear every year. The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 32.	1/26/2026 01:49:09 PM and 02:08:45 PM
C/A 7-0	32	Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear hunt area in Unit 1C to include the Chilkat Range, and change the bag limit to one brown bear annually. Proposal amended to remove the elements that applied to nonresidents.	1/26/2026 01:54:45 PM
C 6-1	33	Change the bag limit for hunting brown bear in Unit 5, to one bear every regulatory year instead of one bear every four regulatory years.	1/26/2026 02:09:11 PM
F 0-7	34	Allow archery only hunting for big game in the Juneau Road System Closed Area in Unit 1C.	1/26/2026 02:24:22 PM
N/A	35	Open the area within 1/4 mile of Thane Road in Unit 1C, to taking big game by archery only. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 34.</i>	1/26/2026 02:40:02 PM
F 0-7	36	Shift the ptarmigan season in Unit 1C to start August 15 instead of August.	1/26/2026 02:40:18 PM
<i>Ketchikan Area & Prince of Wales Island – Units 1A & 2 (20 proposals)</i>			
F 0-7	37	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four to three bucks.	1/26/2026 03:49:17 PM and 04:01:50 pm
F 0-7	38	Reduce the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to three.	1/26/2026 03:50:32 PM
N/A	39	Reduce bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to two. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 38.</i>	1/26/2026 04:05:52 PM
F 1-6	40	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to one.	1/26/2026 04:06:10 PM
N/A	41	Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 from four bucks to one. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 40.</i>	1/26/2026 04:15:21 PM
F 1-6	42	Change the nonresident start date for the deer hunting season in Unit 2 to August 15.	1/26/2026 04:15:46 PM
C 7-0	43	Increase the deer bag limit and extend the season length for residents and nonresidents on the Cleveland Peninsula.	1/26/2026 04:27:54 PM
F 0-7	44	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG005, to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	1/26/2026 04:58:54 PM
F 0-7	45	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG006, to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	1/26/2026 05:17:29 PM
F 0-7	46	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 1A goat drawing hunt DG008, to “up to” 20% of the available permits.	1/26/2026 05:30:00 PM
F 0-7	47	Eliminate the Unit 2 meat salvage requirements for resident black bear hunting in May.	1/26/2026 05:38:02 PM
C	48	Increase the Unit 2 wolf population objective.	1/26/2026

6-1			05:51:48 PM
F 0-7	49	Change the season start date for wolf trapping in Unit 2 to December 15 or January 1.	1/27/2026 08:31:29 AM
N/A	50	Move the start date of the wolf trapping season in Unit 2 to December 15. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 49.</i>	1/27/2026 08:59:50 AM
N/A	51	Extend the wolf trapping season to 45 days on Prince of Wales Island, Unit 2. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 49.</i>	1/27/2026 08:59:50 AM
F 2-5	52	Add Unit 2 as an area for intensive management of wolves.	1/27/2026 09:00:07 AM
F 1-6	53	Require an online trapping education course for trapping wolves in Unit 2.	1/27/2026 09:29:48 AM
F/A 3-4	54	Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares in Unit 2. <i>Amended to require only Alaska Public Safety Information Network number on tags.</i>	1/27/2026 09:51:13 AM
N/A	55	Prohibit the use of night vision and infrared devices for taking furbearers in Unit 2. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 13.</i>	1/27/2026 10:16:39 AM
N/A	56	Prohibit the use of night vision and infrared devices for taking furbearers in Unit 2, during state and federal deer seasons. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 13.</i>	1/27/2026 10:16:39 AM
Petersburg & Wrangell Areas – Units 1B & 3 (13 proposals)			
F 0-7	57	Change the season, bag limit, and permit requirement for hunting elk on the Zarembo Island in Unit 3.	1/27/2026 11:10:14 AM
N/A	58	Open a registration hunt for elk on Zarembo Island in Unit 3. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 57.</i>	1/27/2026 11:23:54 AM
F 0-7	59	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3, elk drawing hunt DE318, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.	1/27/2026 11:24:13 AM
N/A	60	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE321, to “up to” 10% of the available permits. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 59.</i>	1/27/2026 11:35:13 AM
N/A	61	Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the elk drawing hunt DE323, to “up to” 10% of the available permits. <i>The board took no action on this proposal due to the action taken on proposal 59.</i>	1/27/2026 11:35:13 AM
C/A 7-0	62	Limit nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 3 elk drawing hunt DE324, to “up to” 10% of the available permits. Proposal amended to make DE324 a resident-only permit.	1/27/2026 11:36:01 AM
F 0-7	63	Adjust the season dates for the DE318 elk hunt in Unit 3, and open a new drawing hunt in September.	1/27/2026 11:54:01 AM
F 0-7	64	Eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers for Units 1B, 1C and 3.	1/27/2026 01:10:21 PM
F 0-7	65	Remove the antler restriction for the moose hunt in Units 1B and 3 and replace with a shorter, any bull hunt in October.	1/27/2026 01:42:39 PM
C 4-3	66	Change the bag limit for hunting brown bear in Unit 3 to one bear every regulatory year.	1/27/2026 01:56:47 PM
C 4-3	67	Repeal the Petersburg Road System Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only.	1/27/2026 02:15:49 PM
F/A 0-7	68	Repeal the Blind Slough Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting by archery only. <i>Amended to extend the Petersburg Road System to end at the northern end of the Blind Slough Closed Area</i>	1/27/2026 02:38:21 PM

F 0-7	69	Extend the grouse hunting season in Unit 3, to close June 15 instead of May 15.	1/27/2026 02:56:57 PM
<i>Proposals for other Regions</i>			
C/A 6-1	272	Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state. Amended to adopt option 1 from ADF&G presentation: affirm firearm restrictions in Units 7, 11, 13, 15, 16, 20B remainder, and 20D, and remove conflicting and redundant regulations.	1/27/2026 03:34:45 PM

Other Actions:

The board made a positive Customary & Traditional use finding for grouse and ptarmigan in Units 1-5, excluding non-subsistence areas. *Discussion begins at 03:14:10 PM on [1/25/2026](#).*

Miscellaneous Business:

The board approved a [draft Call for Proposals related to AO360](#). *Discussion begins at 04:38:36 PM on [1/27/2026](#).*

The board voted 6-1 to write a letter in support of [HB93](#). *Discussion begins at 05:04:09 PM on [1/27/2026](#).*

Adjournment

The board adjourned on January 27, 2026, at 5:31 pm.

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List of Oral Reports**

Friday, January 23, 2026

Southeast Region Overview for the Division of Wildlife Conservation – Anthony Crupi, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 1.1](#)
- Presentation starts at 09:19:14 AM on [01/23/2026](#)

Sitka Black-Tailed Deer Research – Tessa Hasbrouck, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 1.2](#)
- Presentation starts at 10:36:17 AM on [01/23/2026](#)

ADF&G Wolf Research in Southeast Alaska – Gretchen Roffler, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 1.3](#)
- Presentation starts at 11:08:53 AM on [01/23/2026](#)

Subsistence Overview – Lauren Sill and Emily Doll, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 1.4](#)
- Presentation starts at 01:18:51 on [01/23/2026](#)

Sunday January 25, 2026

Customary and Traditional Use Worksheet Presentation, Grouse and Ptarmigan, Units 1-5 – Emily Doll, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 2.1](#)
- Presentation starts at 03:14:10 PM on [01/25/2026](#)

Sitka Management Area Overview (Unit 4) – Steve Bethune, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 3.1](#)
- Presentation starts at 04:48:46 PM on [01/25/2026](#)

Monday, January 26, 2026

Juneau, Haines, Skagway & Yakutat Management Areas Overview – Carl Koch and Hannah Manninen, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 4.1](#)
- Presentation starts at 10:36:59 AM on [01/26/2026](#)

Ketchikan Area and Prince of Wales Island Management Overview– Units 1A & 2– Ross Dorendorf and Mark Williamson, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 5.1](#)
- Presentation starts at 03:13:55 PM on [01/26/2026](#)

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Petersburg & Wrangell Management Areas Overview – Units 1B & 3 – Frank Robbins, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 6.1](#)
- Presentation starts at 10:46:59 AM on [01/27/2026](#)

Proposal 272 (Remove Conflicting and Redundant Methods and Means for Taking Beavers During Trapping Seasons) – Natalie Weber, ADF&G

- Slides in [RC 4, Tab 7](#)
- Presentation starts at 03:35:03 PM on [01/27/2026](#)