

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Work Session – January 22, 2026
James and Elsie Nolan Center
Wrangell, Alaska

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game (board) convened the annual Work Session Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Wrangell, Alaska at the James and Elsie Nolan Center. Seven board members were present: Stosh Hoffman, Al Barrette, Jake Fletcher, Dave Lorrington, Jim Baichtal, Jake Garner, and Carrie Ann Mueller.

Meeting material and the audio are available on the meeting website at:
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-22-2026&meeting=wrangell>

Member Baichtal's flight into Wrangell was delayed so the board waited to hold election of officers until Member Baichtal arrived.

Agency Reports

The following agency reports were provided:

- Ryan Scott, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation (*Audio log: 9:25:14 AM*)
- George Pappas, ADF&G Subsistence Section (*Audio log: 9:58:49 AM*)
- Kendra Holman, Office of Subsistence Management (*Audio Log: 9:59:13 AM*)
- Art Nelson, ADF&G Boards Support Section (*Audio log: 10:02:27 AM*)
- Captain Brent Johnson, Alaska Wildlife Troopers (*Audio log: 10:06:31 AM*)
- Kimberly Del Frate, Department of Law, Legislative and Litigation Update (*Audio log: 10:18:52 AM*)

Following agency reports, Member Baichtal arrived and the board held officer elections. The board re-elected Jake Fletcher as chair and Stosh Hoffman as vice-chair.

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: 10:54:09 AM*)
- *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: 10:58:04 AM*)
- *Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group*: Jake Fletcher provided an update on the Unit 19C Dall Sheep Working Group. (*Audio log 11:13:23 AM*) Members Fletcher, Hoffman and Lorrington will continue to serve on the working group if future meetings are needed.

- *Joint Board (BOG/BOF) Committee:* Jake Fletcher and Executive Director Nelson provided an update on expected Joint Board activity in the next year, particularly as it relates to the nomination of ADF&G Commissioner candidates for the next Governor's administration. (Audio log 11:16:14 AM) Members Barrette, Mueller, and Lorrington will serve as the BOG members on the Joint Committee for the next year.

2026/2027 Meeting Dates and Locations

The board set the meeting dates and locations for the 2026/2027 meeting cycle as follows:

- Annual Work Session (half-day), January 22, 2027, Kotzebue (backup date: Jan 29)
- Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting: January 22 – 26, 2027, Kotzebue (backup dates: Jan 29 – Feb 2).
- Interior & Eastern Arctic Region Meeting: March 19-26, 2027, Fairbanks (if desired dates are not available, Boards Support given latitude to determine alternative dates, if needed).

(Audio log: 1:38:28 AM)

2026/2027 Call for Proposals

Adjournment

The board adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:22 p.m.