

The Fairbanks Advisory Committee had submitted basically the same proposal to the BOG. That this bill is about.

2013 the Joint BOG and BOF created a policy on BGR, after public outcry, mainly stemming from some BOF actions that public was felt they were disincented with how they were achieved.

The straw that broke the camel's back for the FAC, happened last year.

Proposal 207 was generated by the BOG

It was put on the record that the need for this proposal was needed because a few public members reached out to the Chair of the BOG that using aircraft were being used to look for sheep during hunting season. Also there could be interrupted that the Brinkmen Study should have some of the same concern.

These were the two main reasons for the BGP.

If the Chair would have followed the criteria set out in their own joint board findings that Chairman Spraker signed.

He could have told those individuals to submit an ACR (Agenda Change Request) or put a statewide proposal in the upcoming meeting year which was accepting changes that use of an aircraft for hunting would be on the agenda.

This BGP was not an emergency, or urgent, the normal process was adequate for that cycle, and would have given public more than enough time to comment.

BGP 207 clearly never met any of the four criteria in the findings.

Furthermore since the passage of not being able to use an aircraft for spotting sheep from 10 Aug. to 20 Sept. last year. There are already some loopholes in this regulation that were not vetted enough.

There are at least 7 resident sheep hunts that start before 10 Aug. or end after 20 Sept. That you can use an aircraft to spot sheep. Also the BOG just passed a sheep youth hunt that will occur before 10 Aug. and those hunters who choose to, would not be in violation of using an aircraft for spotting sheep.

And finally no A/C, group, or any public member ever submitted a proposal to ban the use of aircraft for spotting sheep.

Alaska's need this law, and in no way will this harm the BOG or the BOF from using BGP. They just have to meet the criteria set forth, since they do not want to follow their own very interpretive policy.

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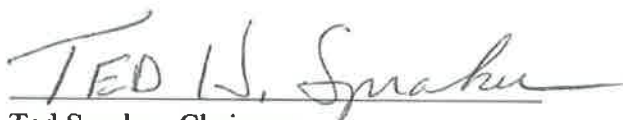
ALASKA JOINT BOARDS OF FISHERIES AND GAME

CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BOARD-GENERATED PROPOSAL

It has been suggested that criteria need to be established to guide the Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game, Board of Fisheries, and Board of Game (boards) members when deliberating on whether or not to develop a board-generated proposal. The boards will consider the following criteria when deliberating the proposed development and scheduling of a board-generated proposal:

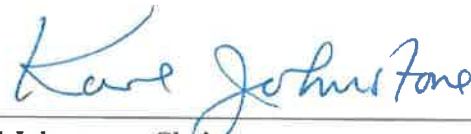
1. Is it in the public's best interest (e.g., access to resource, consistent intent, public process)?
2. Is there urgency in considering the issue (e.g., potential for fish and wildlife objectives not being met or sustainability in question)?
3. Are current processes insufficient to bring the subject to the board's attention (e.g., reconsideration policy, normal cycle proposal submittal, ACRs, petitions)?
4. Will there be reasonable and adequate opportunity for public comment (e.g., how far do affected users have to travel to participate, amount of time for affected users to respond)?

Findings adopted this 16th day of October 2013.



Ted Spraker, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

Vote: 6-0



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Vote: 7-0

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