

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
BOARD OF GAME
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PROPOSAL NO. 1

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.003. HUNTER EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS.
Muzzleloader class requirement for drawing permit applicants.

DISCUSSION: The board and the department agreed that certification is necessary to ensure safety with muzzleloader and archery equipment, but they do not believe that such certification must occur prior to application for drawing hunts. The department also expressed concerns that the deadline for applications is May 31. The field classes take place during April-August and the period from mid-April to the end of May is not enough time to certify everyone who might apply for a permit hunt.

PROPOSAL NO. 2

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.003. HUNTER EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS.
Hunter education requirements for hunters age 17 and under in Units 13 and 20.

AMENDMENT: Beginning August 1, 2002 any person born after January 1, 1986 that is not required to have a hunting license must be under direct and immediate supervision of a hunter who has completed an accredited hunter education course, in order to hunt in Units 7, 13,14, 15 and 20. Beginning August 1, 2002 any youth born after January 1, 1986 that is required to have a hunting license must have completed a certified hunter education course prior to hunting.

DISCUSSION: The department is working on improving its hunter education course. The board recommended advisory committees be involved before the plan is finalized.

PROPOSAL NO. 3

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.003. HUNTER EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS.
Hunter education requirement for all hunters statewide.

DISCUSSION: No action taken because of action on Proposal 2.

PROPOSAL NO. 4

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.003(a) HUNTER EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS.
Hunter education requirement for hunters age 17 and under in Units 13 and 20.

DISCUSSION: No action taken because of action on Proposal 2.

PROPOSAL NO. 5

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.003(b). HUNTER EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS.
Require all guides for all nonresidents to include trophy recognition and meat care orientation.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that requiring a guide or non-family member accompany all nonresident hunters is unnecessarily restrictive.

PROPOSAL NO. 6

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.035. PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE OF LIVE GAME.

Allow live trapping of wolverine in Unit 21B for export to breeders and zoos.

DISCUSSION: The board and the department agreed that private use of wildlife is not appropriate and could put native wildlife at risk.

PROPOSAL NO. 7

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.035. PERMITS FOR TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL USE OF LIVE GAME.

Eliminate commercial use permits for live game.

DISCUSSION: The board agreed that adoption of this proposal would increase the likelihood of introducing non-native species to the state and would eliminate the regulatory restrictions on importing live game.

PROPOSAL NO. 8

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5AAC 92.049(a) and (b). PERMITS, PERMIT PROCEDURES, AND PERMIT CONDITIONS. Tier II permit regulation hunt references clarified.

DISCUSSION: This is a department housekeeping proposal that will clarify the various types of permit hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 9

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050. REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES.

Permit application period changed to earlier time frame to allow earlier notification.

DISCUSSION: The department expressed concerns that changing the current May application deadline to an earlier time frame would require the board meet at an earlier date. The board agreed that this shift in dates would disrupt the process and make it difficult for staff to complete their surveys and provide the board with accurate data.

PROPOSAL NO. 10

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050. REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES.

Permit application period change to earlier time frame.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 9.

PROPOSAL NO. 11

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050. REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Draw permits for guided nonresidents hunts first, with earlier notification.

DISCUSSION: The department noted that the drawing process is a random selection process that gives all applicants an equal chance of being selected. The board decided that processing sub-groups of applicants would add to the processing time for the drawing and would result in delaying the release of results to applicants.

PROPOSAL NO. 12

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050. REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Limit drawing permits to one per individual.

DISCUSSION: The department stated that this process is random and they do not assign preference. The department and the board agreed that restricting the number of draw permits to one per individual does not statistically improve one's chance of success. The department noted that many hunters do not follow the application instructions. The department has initiated an education process to prevent application errors in the future.

PROPOSAL NO. 13

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050. REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require IBEP certification before permit application.

AMENDMENT: Exclude the archery only elk hunt on Prince of Wales Island.

DISCUSSION: The board determined that hunters wishing to apply for a drawing hunt that is restricted to bowhunters only must have successfully completed a department approved bowhunter education course. The board determined that the elk hunt in Unit 3 is a combined archery and rifle hunt so this will regulation will not apply in that Unit.

PROPOSAL NO. 14

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050(3). REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Eliminate requirement to purchase license prior to permit application.

DISCUSSION: The board agreed that this regulation helps increase revenue for wildlife conservation and management, and helps prevent frivolous applications from diminishing opportunities for serious hunters to obtain permits.

PROPOSAL NO. 15

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.050(9). REQUIRED PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require IBEP certification before permit application.

AMENDMENT: In Units 22 and 23, general brown bear drawing permit hunts, the department shall issue any surplus drawing permits on a first-come served basis to any applicant who holds a valid nonresident hunting license and a nonresident brown bear tag. Surplus permits for Unit 22 will be available at the Nome Division of Wildlife Conservation office, and surplus permits for Unit 23 will be available at the Kotzebue Division of Wildlife Conservation office, beginning five days after each drawing. Surplus permits are not subject to the limitations in 5 AAC 92.050.

DISCUSSION: This proposal is similar to Proposal 13. The department requested that the board use this proposal as a housekeeping measure so that if surplus permits become available the rules do not apply.

PROPOSAL NO. 16

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.051. DISCRETIONARY TRAPPING PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require a trap check every two hours for traps within one mile of road.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 19.

PROPOSAL NO. 17

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.051. DISCRETIONARY TRAPPING PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require trappers to report all animals wounded or killed.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law expressed concerns that this proposal raises Fifth Amendment issues. Fish and Wildlife Protection reported this proposal would burdensome to their division.

PROPOSAL NO. 18

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.051. DISCRETIONARY TRAPPING PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require trappers to attach identification number to traps.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 19.

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.051. DISCRETIONARY TRAPPING PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require timely trap check, trap identification and registration, and animal ethics course.

DISCUSSION: The department will work with trapping groups to prepare regulatory language for best management practices. The board will look at trapping permit conditions and procedures at its March 2000 meeting.

PROPOSAL NO. 20

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5AAC 92.051. DISCRETIONARY TRAPPING PERMIT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES and 5 AAC 92.080(4). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Require trap identification number, restriction of motorized vehicle use for furbearers.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action taken on Proposal 19.

PROPOSAL NO. 21

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.052. DISCRETIONARY PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Require IBEP certification before permit application

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 15.

PROPOSAL NO. 22

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.052. DISCRETIONARY PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Establish a drop box and point system for drawing permits.

DISCUSSION: The department noted that in the 1993-94 hunting season they had a drop box at ADF&G. Hunters waited until the last day to turn in their applications which delayed the drawing results. The board agreed that submitting applications by mail was a more equitable process. The board also discussed the point system was counterproductive and that new hunters have a small chance at being drawn.

PROPOSAL NO. 23

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.052(5). DISCRETIONARY PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Eliminate trophy value of big game animals taken with Tier II permit.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed ways to destroy the trophy value of an animal without penalizing local subsistence hunters who use antlers for subsistence purposes. The board decided that this proposal would best be looked at on an individual basis and by individual hunts.

PROPOSAL NO. 24

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.052. DISCRETIONARY PERMIT HUNT CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES. Remove reference to IBEP requirement

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 13.

PROPOSAL NO. 25

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.068. PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR HUNTING BLACK BEAR WITH DOGS. Eliminate black bear hunting with dogs.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that there is no concern of over harvest in areas where people hunt black bear with dogs.

PROPOSAL NO. 26

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070. TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Clarify winter Tier II moose population in department publications.

DISCUSSION: The department agreed to make this clarification in its publications.

PROPOSAL NO. 27

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070. TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM.

Limit Tier II permits to one per household per species.

DISCUSSION: The board heard previous testimony that the amount of meat reasonably necessary for subsistence use is three caribou per household.

PROPOSAL NO. 28

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070. TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Change Tier II scoring for cost of food and gas.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed the current scoring system that is based on a combination of hunt records and applicant self report used to determine eligibility. The board agreed that the proposed "proportional" system would result in a less verifiable scoring system.

PROPOSAL NO. 29

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070. TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Change Tier II scoring based on year-round residence in area.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law reported that it is unconstitutional for the board to distinguish among Alaskans for subsistence purposes based on the place of residence.

PROPOSAL NO. 30

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070. TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Incorporate need base (annual income) into Tier II scoring.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed adopting an income household question. The department expressed concerns about how to verify reported incomes of multiple household members and whether the department has legal authority to access tax records.

PROPOSAL NO. 31

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070. TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Definition of a Tier II game population.

DISCUSSION: The department reported that no regulatory action is needed to accomplish the intent of this proposal. Hunting regulations currently treat fall moose in Unit 16B and the winter moose population as different subgroups because of distinct dispersion patterns.

PROPOSAL NO. 32

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070(b). TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Change Tier II scoring to include a new question concerning type of heating fuel.

DISCUSSION: The department discussed that the "use of solid fuel" may not be legally permissible as a Tier II question. The board reported that this type of regulation is not applicable statewide since much of northern and western Alaska relies on heating oil rather than "solid fuels."

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.070(b)(2) and (3). TIER II SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT POINT SYSTEM. Eliminate Tier II scoring for cost of food and gas.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 28.

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.080. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Prohibit hunting from airboat within 30 minutes of use.

DISCUSSION: The board heard testimony that there is no evidence to suggest that the use of airboats has led to an over harvest of game populations. Fish and Wildlife Protection reported that the proposal as written is not enforceable.

PROPOSAL NO. 35

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.080. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Clarify archery equipment restrictions.

AMENDMENT: The following methods and means of taking game are prohibited:

(2) with the use of any poison or substance that temporarily incapacitates wildlife, except with the written consent of the Board:

(7) ...artificial salt lick, explosive, [BARBED ARROW] bomb,...

(11) with a bow and arrow in any restricted weapons hunt that authorizes taking by bow and arrow

(A) unless the hunter has successfully completed a department-approved bowhunter education course before hunting;

(B) with the use of the following equipment or devices:

(i) any type of electronic device or light attached to the bow, arrow or arrowhead, with the exception of a non-illuminating camera;

(ii) scopes or other devices attached to the bow or arrow for optical enhancement;

(12) with the use of a crossbow in any restricted weapons hunt that authorizes taking by bow and arrow

(13) with any bow designed to shoot more than one arrow at a time;

DISCUSSION: The bowhunters worked with the department to come up with the substitute language. The department and the board believe that this language simplifies and clarifies the intent of the regulation.

PROPOSAL NO. 36

ACTION: Carried with amendment

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.080(7). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Clarify restrictions for scopes, expanding gas arrows, and cell phones.

AMENDMENT: With the aid of a pit, fire, artificial light, laser sight, electronically enhanced night vision scope, radio communication, cellular or satellite telephone, artificial salt lick, explosive, expanding gas arrow, barbed arrow, bomb, smoke, chemical, or a conventional steel trap with an inside jaw spread over nine inches; however, the "conibear" style trap with a jaw spread of less than 11 inches and hand-held rangefinders may be used.

DISCUSSION: The department believes that unrestricted use of electronic technology could be used to take game unfairly. The board discussed that public support of hunting suffers when there is the perception that hunters prefer to rely on technology rather than skill. The board agreed that the hunting community would benefit from eliminating unfair hunting tactics.

PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Eliminate bear baiting.

DISCUSSION: The department reported and the board agreed there is no biological reason to stop bear baiting and that black bear populations are healthy in game management units where baiting is allowed.

PROPOSAL NO. 38

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS.

Clarify restrictions concerning electronic range finders.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on proposal 36.

PROPOSAL NO. 39

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS.

Allow same-day-airborne caribou hunting for disabled.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 116.

PROPOSAL NO. 40

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS.

Allow bear baiting registration by mail, and guide to set out bait.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed if a guide was allowed to submit an application to register a bait station on behalf of a client that it would make it difficult for the department to educate the people who are legally responsible for the station. Wildlife Protection reported that it would be the permit holder who is held responsible for the station.

PROPOSAL NO. 41

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS; and 5 AAC 92.095. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR BEARERS; EXCEPTIONS. Allow any scopes, electric lights and mechanical calling devices for predators.

AMENDMENT: Amendment to allow holders of trapping licenses to harvest furbearers with the aid of artificial light.

...[AND], range finders and artificial light for the purpose of taking furbearers by licensed trappers Nov. 1 to Mar. 31 in Units 7 and 9-26 may be used.

DISCUSSION: Fish and Wildlife Protection was opposed to this proposal as written because spotlights are not be allowed in the field under the guise of hunting predators when there are open seasons for other big game animals. The board addressed the issue by amending the proposal to allow hunters with trapping licenses to harvest furbearers with the aid of artificial light.

PROPOSAL NO. 42

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS.

Create a brown bear baiting season in Unit I3.

DISCUSSION: The board heard unfavorable testimony from the public on this proposal. The department reported that brown bear are more aggressive and have much larger territories than black bear. The board discussed the behavioral differences between black and brown bear that makes baiting unacceptable for brown bears.

PROPOSAL NO. 43

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME. Restrict nonresident hunting in areas accessible by road or ATV.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law reported that this proposal is beyond the board's authority and would violate equal protection provisions in the constitution.

PROPOSAL NO. 44

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS.

Allow same-day-airborne black bear hunting over bait.

DISCUSSION: The heard testimony from advisory committees who were opposed to this proposal. Fish and Wildlife Protection reported that this proposal is not enforceable as written. The department and the board agreed that creating additional exceptions to this regulation could lead to a wider use of aircraft that is considered unethical.

PROPOSAL NO. 45

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(1)(B). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Allow black bear hunting with smaller caliber muzzleloaders.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that this proposal would lower the caliber used on black bear and this would make wounding loss higher.

PROPOSAL NO. 46

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(1)(B). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Redefine muzzleloader firearm projectile restrictions.

DISCUSSION: Fish and Wildlife reported this proposal is unenforceable. The board noted that the present regulation is less restrictive and is working well.

PROPOSAL NO. 47

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(2) and (3)(A), (B), (C), (D), and (E). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Clarify archery equipment restrictions.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 35.

PROPOSAL NO. 48

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Clarify black powder equipment and projectile regulations.

DISCUSSION: Proposal was submitted with intent to clarify muzzle loading and use of black powder. Fish and Wildlife Protection commented that it is very easy for officers to see what caliber is being used by measurement now but if this proposal passed it would be difficult to see what kind of power is being used. The board reported they do not favor any changes in the type of powder being used now.

PROPOSAL NO. 49

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(1)(C). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Eliminate scopes on muzzleloaders in all hunts.

DISCUSSION: The department stated that there is no resource reason to prohibit the use of a low powered scope on a muzzle-loading firearm. The board agreed that there is no significant advantage to using a low powered scope.

PROPOSAL NO. 50

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Redefine legal bow hunting equipment.

AMENDMENT: Bow is not less than 40 pounds peak draw weight when hunting black-tailed deer, wolf, wolverine, black bear, Dall sheep, and caribou. 50 pounds peak draw weight when hunting mountain goat, moose, elk brown bear/grizzly bear, musk ox and bison. Arrow is tipped with a broad-head and is a minimum of 20 inches in overall length and is a minimum of 300 grains in total weight. Broad-head is a fixed, replaceable or mechanical/retractable blade type broad-head for the taking of black-tailed deer, wolf, wolverine, black bear, Dall sheep and caribou. A fixed or replaceable blade type broad-head for the taking of mountain goat, moose, elk, brown/grizzly bear, musk ox and bison; and not barbed...

DISCUSSION: The department worked with bow hunters to redefine archery equipment as a modern standard.

PROPOSAL NO. 51

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(4). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Establish brown bear baiting in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 42.

PROPOSAL NO. 52

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(4). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Allow same-day-airborne hunting of black bears at permitted bait stations.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action taken on Proposal 44.

PROPOSAL NO. 53

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(4)(B)(ii). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Eliminate black bear baiting within one-quarter mile of the Alaska Railroad tracks.

DISCUSSION: The board stated that there are restrictions along the rivers and highways and adding restrictions along railroad tracks would avoid user conflict.

PROPOSAL NO. 54

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(4)(B)(iv). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Require written permission to hunt over or alter a bait station.

AMENDMENT: No person may intentionally obstruct or hinder a bait station registrants' feasibility to take game by using the station without the registrants' permission.

DISCUSSION: The board passed the amendment in an attempt to stop unauthorized use of a bait stations.

PROPOSAL NO. 55

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(4)(B)(viii). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME. Allow bear baiting registration by mail.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 40.

PROPOSAL NO. 56

ACTION: Tabled

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(5). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Allow use of dogs for packing game meat.

DISCUSSION: This practice is allowed under existing regulations. The prohibition in this regulation references the use of dogs for "taking" game, not transporting game.

PROPOSAL NO. 57

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(6). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Allow bear trapping in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law reported that if the board passed this proposal they would have to adopt trapping seasons and bag limits for bears. The board expressed safety concerns about trapping bears. The board decided that bear trapping could be lethal to the public if a cub was caught and the sow remained to defend the cub.

PROPOSAL NO. 58

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(8). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Prohibit same day hunting from airboat outside of navigable waters.

DISCUSSION: Fish and Wildlife Protection reported that the proposal is not enforceable as written. The board decided to take up this proposal on a case-by-case basis rather than as a statewide issue.

PROPOSAL NO. 59

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.085(10)(A). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. Allow archers to use holographic sites.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 35.

PROPOSAL NO. 60

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.090. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR ANIMALS. Prohibit snaring of wolves.

DISCUSSION: The department reported that they will work with trappers to develop standards for trapping based on best management practices.

PROPOSAL NO. 61

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.090(3). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR ANIMALS and 5 AAC 92.095(8). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR BEARERS; EXCEPTIONS. Allow same-day-airborne hunting of coyote, fox or lynx if using predator calls.

DISCUSSION: Fish and Wildlife protected reported that the language in this proposal is unenforceable. The Department of Law commented that the same-day-airborne statute applies to these animals.

PROPOSAL NO. 62

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.090(3). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR ANIMALS. Allow same-day-airborne hunting of wolves 300 feet from aircraft is using predator call.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 61.

PROPOSAL NO. 63

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.090(3). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR ANIMALS. Allow same-day-airborne hunting of wolves 300 feet from aircraft if using predator call.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 61.

PROPOSAL NO. 64

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.095. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR BEARERS; EXCEPTIONS. Require immediate dispatch of trapped animals.

DISCUSSION: The board heard testimony that this practice is a standard already used by trappers.

PROPOSAL NO. 65

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.095. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR BEARERS; EXCEPTIONS. Limit number of snares per set and regulate minimum distance between set.

DISCUSSION: The board will work with trappers' organizations to develop practical guidelines and standards for trapping based on best management practices.

PROPOSAL NO. 66

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.095(8). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR BEARERS; EXCEPTIONS. Allow same-day-airborne hunting of wolves 300 feet from aircraft.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 61.

PROPOSAL NO. 67

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.095(8). UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING FUR BEARERS; EXCEPTIONS: Allow same-day-airborne hunting of wolves 300 feet from aircraft using predator call.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 61.

PROPOSAL NO. 68

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110. CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES. Cease wolf sterilization and relocation programs.

DISCUSSION: The board and the department agreed this proposal would terminate the non-lethal wolf predator control implementation plan (the sterilization program) to restore the Fortymile Caribou herd, and would ban future sterilization techniques.

PROPOSAL NO. 69

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110. CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES, 5 AAC 92.125. WOLF PREDATION CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. Prohibit predator control program in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed the moose and caribou populations in Unit 13 are low due to bear and wolf predation. The board determined that if this proposal passed it would prohibit them from authorizing a wolf control plan in Unit 13.

PROPOSAL NO. 70

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110. CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES. Restrict private predator control programs on federal lands.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law commented that the board does not adopt regulations based on federal conservation boundaries but sets its own boundaries by using geographic landmarks. The Department of Law also indicated it is questionable whether the board has the authority to regulate private agreements.

PROPOSAL NO. 71

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110. CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES. Restrict private predator control program rewards.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 70.

PROPOSAL NO. 72

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110. CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES. Approved predator control programs performed with lethal tranquilization.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed there is no lethal way to tranquilize wolves.

PROPOSAL NO. 73

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110. CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES. Establish permit for same-day-airborne wolf hunting.

DISCUSSION: The board does not have authority to adopt this proposal. The Department of Law commented that the board would have to go through the process set forth in AS 16.05.783.

PROPOSAL NO. 74

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.110(g). CONTROL OF PREDATION BY WOLVES. Wolves taken under predator control must be surrendered to state.

DISCUSSION: The board does not have authority to confiscate the entire carcass or entire valuable portion of game taken by private individuals. The Department of Law commented that is unconstitutional to direct payment of monies.

PROPOSAL NO. 75

ACTION: Deferred to March 2000 BOG meeting

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.125. WOLF PREDATION CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. Implement wolf control in Unit 13, including public participation.

DISCUSSION: The department will write a draft implementation plan to reduce the number of wolves in Unit 13 for the board to discuss at its March 2000 meeting in Fairbanks.

PROPOSAL NO. 76 **ACTION: Failed**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.125. WOLF PREDATION BY CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. Establish state-designated land and shoot permits for wolves in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The department will draft an implementation plan for wolves in Unit 13 to discuss at its March 2000 meeting in Fairbanks.

PROPOSAL NO. 77 **ACTION: Failed**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.125. WOLF PREDATION CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLANS. Implement wolf sterilization program in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The department reported that the use of sterilization is not a viable option in Unit 13. The department reported that there are few places to transplant wolves because of the transplant efforts of the Fortymile herd. The department reported that the cost of another wolf sterilization program is prohibitive at this time.

PROPOSAL NO. 78 **ACTION: Failed**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.125. WOLF PREDATION CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN and 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION FOR BEAR PREDATION CONTROL. Allow same-day-airborne wolf and bear hunting in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law reported that the board does not have the authority to authorize aerial shooting by the public unless findings are made and plans are adopted.

PROPOSAL NO. 79 **ACTION: No Action**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.125. WOLF PREDATION CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 72.

PROPOSAL NO. 80 **ACTION: Failed**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.132. BAG LIMIT FOR BROWN BEARS. Eliminate resident brown bear tag fee statewide and establish one per year bag limit.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed the tag fee and the one bear every 4 regulatory year bag limit should remain the statewide standard. The board indicated that if this proposal was adopted it should be changed by game management unit.

PROPOSAL NO. 81 **ACTION: Defer to March 2000 BOG meeting**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.132. BAG LIMIT FOR BROWN BEAR. Increase brown bear bag limit in Unit 13 to three per year.

DISCUSSION: The board will review a predator/prey program for Unit 13 at its March 2000 meeting.

PROPOSAL NO. 82 **ACTION: No Action**

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.132(6). BAG LIMIT FOR BROWN BEARS. Allow hunters to take three brown bears a year in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 81.

PROPOSAL NO. 83

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.135(a). TRANSFER OF POSSESSION. Eliminate requirement for a written transfer of possession statement.

DISCUSSION: The board heard testimony from Fish and Wildlife Protection that this regulation is a valuable tool they use to investigate serious violations. If the written statement is removed it will make the law unenforceable.

PROPOSAL NO. 84

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.135. TRANSFER OF POSSESSION. Change transfer of possession requirements.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 83.

PROPOSAL NO. 85

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.135. TRANSFER OF POSSESSION. Eliminate transfer of possession requirements.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 83.

PROPOSAL NO. 86

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.150. EVIDENCE OF SEX AND IDENTITY. Eliminate evidence of sex requirements for ungulates.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that this regulation encourages the taking of the correct sex animal in order to protect the cow population. The board also discussed that while this regulation may be a minor inconvenience to hunters it is a necessary tool for enforcement.

PROPOSAL NO. 87

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.150(a)(b) and (c). EVIDENCE OF SEX AND IDENTITY. Amend transport and salvage requirements for horns and antlers.

AMENDMENT: (a) Horns of a mountain sheep must be salvaged and may not be transported from the kill site until all edible meat salvaged in accordance with 5 AAC 92.220(d) has been transported to the departure point from the field; however, horns may be transported simultaneously with final load of edible meat salvaged.

(c) If a big game bag limit includes an antler size or configuration restriction, antlers or horns may not be transported from the kill site until all edible meat salvaged in accordance with 5 AAC 92.220(d) has been transported to the departure point from the field; however, antlers or horns may be transported simultaneously with final load of edible meat salvaged.

DISCUSSION: The board amended this regulation so that a hunter will not have to carry the antlers or horns out of the kill site on every trip. Fish and Wildlife protection reported that this regulation will eliminate the potential abuse of sex-restricted bag limits.

PROPOSAL NO. 88

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.150(a), (b) and (c). EVIDENCE OF SEX AND IDENTITY. Amend transport and salvage requirements for horns and antlers.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 87.

PROPOSAL NO. 89

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.150(c). EVIDENCE OF SEX AND IDENTITY. Amend transport and salvage requirements to horns and antlers.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 87.

PROPOSAL NO. 90

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.160. MARKED OR TAGGED GAME. Eliminate requirement to return collar from marked game.

DISCUSSION: Department reported that they gather vital scientific data from collared animals. The board agreed that removing this requirement would result in decrease of quality of information gathered.

PROPOSAL NO. 91

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.200(b)(2). PURCHASE AND SALE OF GAME. Legalize sale of bear parts from bears taken in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that passing this proposal could result in an increase in bear harvest and it would be difficult to identify bear parts as coming from animals in Unit 13

PROPOSAL NO. 92

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.260. TAKING CUB BEARS AND FEMALE BEARS WITH CUBS PROHIBITED. Legalize harvest of female bear accompanied by cubs greater than one year old.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 91.

PROPOSAL NO. 93

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.410(b) and (c). TAKING GAME IN DEFENSE OF LIFE OR PROPERTY. Amend reporting requirements for bears taken in defense of life and property.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed the primary reason for this proposal is to change the regulation to remove problem bears without risking over harvest. The board heard from the Department of Law that to change the regulation the board would need to explain why differential treatment is being accorded. Fish and Wildlife Protection opposed this proposal citing that for enforcement purposes there must be a statewide reason for taking game DLP.

PROPOSAL NO. 94

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990. DEFINITIONS: Definitions of archery equipment.

AMENDMENT: (6)"bow" means a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow that is a device for launching an arrow which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs, and that is hand-held and hand-drawn by a single and direct pulling action of the bowstring by the shooter with the shooter's fingers or a hand-held or wrist attached release aid; the energy used to propel the arrow may not be derived from hydraulic, pneumatic, explosive, or mechanical devices, but may be derived from the mechanical advantage provided by wheels or cams if the available energy is stored in the bent limbs of the bow; no portion of the bow's rise (handle) or an attachment to the bow's riser may contact, support, or guide the arrow from a point rearward of the bowstring when strung and at rest; bow does not include a crossbow or any device that has a gun-type stock or incorporates any mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.

(7) "broad-head" means an arrowhead with two or more sharp cutting edges having a minimum cutting diameter of not less than seven-eighths inch;

(63) "barbed" means in the case of an arrowhead, having any fixed portion of the rear edge of the arrowhead forming an angle less than 90 degrees with the shaft when measured from the nock end of the arrow;

(64) "peak draw weight" means the peak poundage at which a bow is drawn through or held at full draw by the shooter at the shooter's draw length;

(65) "mechanical blade-type broad-head " and "retractable blade-type broad-head" means a broad-head with cutting edges that are retracted during flight and open upon impact to a minimum cutting diameter or not less than seven-eighths inch and does not locked open after impact to create fixed barbs.

DISCUSSION: The board concluded that the substitute language they adopted makes the definitions for bow and arrow clearer.

PROPOSAL NO. 95

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990. DEFINITIONS. Define "antler."

DISCUSSION: This is a department proposal that provides a definition for "antler". Antler means the annually cast and regenerated bony growth originating from the pedicle portion of the skull in members of the deer family.

PROPOSAL NO. 96

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990. DEFINITIONS. Provide a definition for the term "antlerless."

DISCUSSION: The board defined the term "antlerless" as the absence of the annually cast and regenerated bony growth (antlers) originating from the pedicle portion of the skull in members of the deer family

PROPOSAL NO. 97

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990. DEFINITIONS. Define in regulation: humane, inhumane and dispatch.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that the section in regulations on definitions is reserved for words that take on a special meaning. The board agreed that defining these terms in regulation would create problems because they are clearly defined in a standard dictionary.

PROPOSAL NO. 98

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990. DEFINITIONS. Change the definition of brown bear cub.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 91.

PROPOSAL NO. 99

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 092.990(4). DEFINITIONS. Allow use of scent lures for trapping.

AMENDMENT. With the use of bait for ungulates and brown bears or a scent lure for any bear; except that black bears may be taken with the use of bait or scent lures only as follows...

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that the new language is more inclusive.

PROPOSAL NO. 100

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(4). DEFINITIONS. Allow use of scent lures for trapping.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 99.

PROPOSAL NO. 101

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(8). DEFINITIONS. Define brow tine.

DISCUSSION: "Brow tine" means a tine emerging from the first branch or brow palm on the main beam of a moose antler and projecting forward. The brow palm is separated from the main palm by a wide bay. A tine originating in or after this bay is not a brow tine.

PROPOSAL NO. 102

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(12). DEFINITIONS. Definition of a brown bear cub.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 91.

PROPOSAL NO. 103

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(12). DEFINITIONS. Change definition of a brown bear cub.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 91.

PROPOSAL NO. 104

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(20). DEFINITIONS. Reclassify beaver as a fur animal.

DISCUSSION: The board defined beaver as a fur animal so hunters can take beaver by firearm but a hunting season must be established first. At its Fall 1999 meeting the board established a hunting season for beaver in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

PROPOSAL NO. 105

ACTION: Carried

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(38). DEFINITIONS. Clarify definitions of skin, hide and pelt.

DISCUSSION: The definition of "skin," "hide," and "pelt" are all the same thing and mean any untanned external covering of any game animal's body, but do not include a handicraft or other finished product; "skin," "hide" or "pelt" of a bear mean the entire external covering with claws attached.

PROPOSAL NO. 106

ACTION: Carried as amended

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(49). DEFINITIONS. Clarify definition of salvage.

AMENDMENT: "Salvage" means to transport the edible meat, skull or hide, as required by statute or regulation, of a game animal to the location where the edible meat will be consumed by humans or processed for human consumption so as to prevent the edible meat from waste, and the skull or hide will be put to human use.

DISCUSSION: The board agreed that adopting the amendment to this proposal improves the enforceability of the regulation. Fish and Wildlife protection commented this regulation will help tighten wanton waste laws.

PROPOSAL NO. 107

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.990(58). DEFINITIONS. Clarify definition of wanton waste.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law reported that this proposal would require statutory change.

PROPOSAL NO. 108

ACTION: Deferred to March 2000 meeting.

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 99.025. CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USES OF GAME POPULATIONS. Identify customary and traditional uses and amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for furbearers.

DISCUSSION: The board heard testimony from trappers who were opposed to this proposal. The board will create a committee with intent to look at trapping as a subsistence issue statewide and then look at the issue in each unit.

PROPOSAL NO. 109

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.020. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR BROWN BROWN BEAR. (a) (12), 5 AAC 92.090. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKING BIG GAME; EXCEPTIONS. (a) (8), AND 5 AAC 92.165. SEALING OF BEAR SKINS AND SKULLS. (a)(1).

DISCUSSION: This proposal was originally submitted as Proposal 173 at the Spring 1999 BOG meeting. It was discussed again at the statewide meeting and the proposal failed.

PROPOSAL NO. 110

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.056. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF. Extend wolf hunting season in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: The board heard testimony from advisory committees and trappers that pelt quality of wolves in April, May, and June is poor. There was also discussion that extending the season would disrupt denning.

PROPOSAL NO. 111

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION. Require licensing for guides and transporters.

DISCUSSION: Fish and Wildlife Protection commented that it would be very difficult to prove a hunter knew he was hunting with an unlicensed hunter. The board opposed this proposal citing that it would make a hunter a criminal even if he unknowingly hunted with an unlicensed guide.

PROPOSAL NO. 112

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION. Change sheep bag limit statewide to one every other year.

DISCUSSION: The department reported that during the 1980s and 1990s the Dall sheep population in some areas of Alaska had declined but in 1994 the lamb production and recruitment was high. The board discussed that the benefits of this proposal would be minimal. The board agreed that the present harvest level is conservative.

PROPOSAL NO. 113

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. POLICY FOR CLOSING AREAS TO HUNTING AND TRAPPING. No hunting or trapping closures unless there is a biological emergency.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that the guidance and authority for closures is found in statute. The department indicated and the board agreed that to establish policy in the administrative code would conflict with statute and limit the department's authority to allow closures for biological emergency only.

PROPOSAL NO. 114

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. POLICY FOR CREATION OF CONTROLLED USE AREAS. No controlled use areas without a biological emergency.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law indicated that AS 16.05.255 provides authority for the board to establish controlled use areas. ADF&G reported that anyone can hunt in controlled use areas as long as they comply with the restrictions.

PROPOSAL NO. 115

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. POLICY FOR RESTRICTING ACCESS TO AREAS. No closure or access restrictions or method limitations unless a biological necessity.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 114.

PROPOSAL NO. 116

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION. Open controlled use areas to ATV use by Alaskans who are 100% unemployable (disabled).

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that under current regulations (5 AAC 92.104) a hunter with a disability may apply to ADF&G for an exemption from the methods and means rules.

PROPOSAL NO. 117

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. POLICY FOR CONSUMPTIVE USE PREFERENCE. Establish a consumptive use priority on all refuges.

DISCUSSION: The board discussed that Alaska Statutes specify a wide range of uses on refuges. The department reported that they prepare management plans that balance all these uses.

PROPOSAL NO. 118

ACTION: Defer to March 2000 meeting

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION. Establish a new regulation for predator control in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: This proposal was deferred to the March 2000 BOG meeting.

PROPOSAL NO. 119

ACTION: Defer to March 2000 meeting

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION. In Unit 13 brown bear registration permit with special tag and conditions.

DISCUSSION: This proposal was deferred to the March 2000 BOG meeting.

PROPOSAL NO. 120

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION. Allow same-day-airborne hunting of bears in Unit 13.

DISCUSSION: No action taken due to action on Proposal 109.

PROPOSAL NO. 121

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.XXX. NEW REGULATION and 5 AAC 92.015. BROWN BEAR TAG FEE EXEMPTIONS.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law reported that the board has no authority to eliminate nonresident tag requirements, this would require legislative action.

PROPOSAL NO. 122

ACTION: Passed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.003(c). HUNTER EDUCATION AND ORIENTATION REQUIREMENTS.

AMENDMENT: Replace [BLACK POWDER] with muzzleloader.

DISCUSSION: The department reported that hunters inexperienced in black powder only hunts lack knowledge of safety and ballistic limitations.

McGRATH NATIVE VILLAGE COUNCIL PETITION

ACTION: Carried

The petitioners requested the Board of Game take emergency action regarding the moose population in Unit 19D. The petitioners stated that moose are at very low levels. Residents of McGrath reported that wolves have been killing pet dogs.

DISCUSSION: The Native Council of McGrath asked the Board of Game to revisit the issue and re-authorize the predator control program for Unit 19D east. The board found that an emergency exists in Unit 19D east and they re-authorized the wolf control predation plan that expires in July, 2001. The board intends to make the emergency regulation permanent.