

PROPOSAL 124 – 5 AAC 92.011. Taking of game by proxy. Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements as follows:

Eliminate all Unit 13-specific proxy regulations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Eliminate all Unit 13-specific proxy regulations. The current regulation that limits proxy hunting to once per season per species in Unit 13 limits an Alaskan cultural tradition of harvesting big game for family and friends that need assistance. Often a young hunter is willing and able to harvest big game for more than one individual that qualifies for a proxy. Utilization of the original proxy regulations in this manner was essential to providing elders and other individuals with wild game in Unit 13. Without this opportunity, many have turned to the community hunt structure where open designated hunting is allowed amongst a group.

Additionally, eliminate the Unit 13 requirement that only Tier II caribou hunters can proxy for other Tier II caribou hunters. Currently there is no Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 13. Even should it come back, this regulation should not be in place. Most often young hunters willing and able to hunt for Tier II permittees are not Tier II permit holders themselves.

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