

PROPOSAL 22 – 5 AAC 92.037. Permits for falconry. Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents as follows:

- #1. The proponents request an annual take of up to five eyas goshawks (*Accipiter Gentilis*) by nonresident falconers.
- #2. This proposed regulation is a new addition to the present Alaskan nonresident take of raptors, and is specific to goshawks.
- #3. The proponents request the nonresident take of goshawks using an application and a lottery system administered by the ADF&G. We also suggest applicants be required to purchase a nonresident hunting license to enter the lottery.
- #4. The proponents suggest that areas for nonresident take would be determined by ADF&G with the input of Alaskan falconers. Nonresidents must comply with all local state and federal laws concerning raptor take and must have prior approval to enter privately owned or native lands.
- #5. The proponents suggest that successful applicants be required to check-out with ADF&G before being issued an export permit to leave the state with an eyas goshawk.
- #6. The proponents suggest that a successful applicant will have a one or two year waiting period before being qualified to reapply for this lottery.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I represent a group of Alaskan falconers in favor of nonresident take of up to five eyas goshawks per year for nonresident American citizens. The use of eyas raptors in falconry is a normal practice in Alaska and in the lower 48 states. Very few raptors are taken by Alaskan falconers and this traditional practice by nonresidents will have virtually no effect on Alaska’s resident falconers or to the resource. Goshawks are a common species and available to beginning falconers in the state. It is estimated that about 70% of first year raptors die within their first year. In addition, the survivability of the remaining nestlings can be enhanced by reduced competition for food.

The approval of nonresident eyas take of goshawks will provide limited additional funds to the State of Alaska and may financially benefit the private sector through the acquisition of services to access areas for goshawk take. This, for some in the sport, is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure similar to other users coming to our great state.

The proponents would like to thank the Alaska Board of Game for their consideration of this proposal. We are proud of the privilege of residing in Alaska and having access to its vast natural resources, and are willing and happy to share with others our passion for the sport.

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