

PROPOSAL 3 – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(68). Definitions. Modify the definition of regulatory year as follows:

Replace regulatory year with calendar year regulations or define regulatory year such that it matches the definition for a calendar year. There would need to be an unusual regulatory year to transition from July 1 to January 1.

Example:

Regulatory Year 2018 (7/1/2018–6/30/2019) would become (7/1/2018–12/31/2018)

Regulatory Year 2019 and future years would run January 1 to December 31

For the purposes of hunts which might cross regulatory year boundaries, pick a simple definition such as "the regulatory year of the hunt will be the year of the normally scheduled open date of the first season" so that emergency season adjustments do not change the regulatory year of a hunt.

The shortened regulatory year for transitioning should prevent any hunts from having to occur twice in a regulatory year. Some hunts will "skip" a regulatory year but would still be held at their usual time. In the example above there would be no 2018 DB132, however it would still occur and be listed as a 2019 hunt.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Help address confusion between regulatory and calendar years for hunters and ADF&G staff. This would also synchronize the permitting and license years. This is particularly confusing for hunts with season dates that fall entirely outside the calendar year of the regulatory year.

Example: 2017 DB132 is scheduled for 4/1/2018–5/15/2018

This will also eliminate the need to display two years everywhere a regulatory year is printed to address this specific confusion.

Disclaimer: I am a wildlife conservation employee and am submitting this personally. This does not reflect the opinion of ADF&G or the Division of Wildlife Conservation. After the transition period, I believe this would reduce the complexity of the systems and reports for wildlife conservation staff.

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