

Proposed Changes Outside the Board of Game’s Authority

The Board of Game (board) does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in the following proposals. They are included in the book for review, comments, and discussion at the applicable board meeting.

The Board of Game does not have authority to regulate guide activities.

Proposal 167

We need to make it easier for a guide to hunt this area so we can harvest a portion of the bear population to keep the moose heard from getting dangerously low.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Grizzly bear and wolves have overrun the Noatak preserve in Unit 23. Because of this the moose population has suffered immensely. The “red tape” makes it so difficult to hunt in that region as a resident or nonresident that these predators are just not getting hunted enough to create a balance in the ecosystem with the moose. There is a surplus of grizzly tags every year on the Noatak river near the village. The natives have no incentive to hunt the bears and wolves, so they wreak havoc on the moose calves and adult moose as well. I have a resident friend of Alaska that looked into hunting that district but was quickly discouraged by the federal “red tape” restricting the amount of guides that can hunt that area. Simply put, we need more guides in that area harvesting these predators.

PROPOSED BY: Tyson Olson

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The Board of Game does not have authority over ADF&G for issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals.

PROPOSAL 168

The Middle Nenana River AC respectfully requests the state Department of Fish and Game not grant the National Park Service the permit to collar wolves in and around Denali National Park.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Studies are supposed to have beginnings and ends. The Denali area wolf “study” has been going on for 80+ years and appears to be more of a wolf-monitoring program as opposed to any scientific inquiry. The number of wolves collared is disproportionate with any study of consequence and does not add to the wolves appearance.

No one is likely to be impacted negatively by not collaring a wolf, and the wolves will definitely have a wilder look for park visitors. Tourist will see wild wolves that are not wearing a large ugly GPS collar.

Hunters and trappers will benefit since they will not lose a beautiful pelt to a nasty collar burn. It will also eliminate controversy over harvesting legal wolves in the Stampede area. If the wolves are not collared, opponents to wolf hunting and trapping cannot say a “park wolf” was killed.

PROPOSED BY: Middle Nenana River Fish & Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-081)
