

PROPOSAL 248

5 AAC 92.010. Harvest tickets and reports.

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder as follows:

On page 13 of the Alaska Hunting Regulations book, we could simply add nonresidents to the following regulations. See below:

Big game bag limit for hunters under age 10, all hunts: **Resident and nonresident** hunters under age 10 may not have their own big game bag limit, so they may not obtain harvest tickets or permits. They may only take big game on behalf of a licensed hunter at least 18 years of age, and they must be under the direct, immediate supervision of that hunter. The supervising adult hunter is responsible for ensuring all legal requirements are met, and must comply with big game locking-tag requirements, if applicable, and validate required harvest tickets or permits.

Big game general season hunts for hunters age 10 and older: Hunters age 10 and older have their own big game bag limit and must obtain their own harvest tickets. Adult supervision is not a requirement for hunters with their own harvest tickets. Big game youth hunts only: Basic Hunter Education is required for all youth hunters participating in “youth hunts.” See page 35 for “youth hunt” definition and additional information.

Big game permit hunts for hunters age 10 and older: Hunters age 10 and older are allowed their own big game bag limit and may obtain their own permits. Adult supervision is not a requirement for hunters with their own permits (except youth hunts). Resident **and nonresident** hunters age 10–17 who have successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course are allowed to hunt on behalf of an adult permit holder, under the direct, immediate supervision of that adult. The adult permit holder must be a licensed hunter, 18 or older, and is responsible for ensuring all legal requirements are met. This does not apply to harvest tickets. In all cases, if a youth is hunting big game on behalf of an adult, the bag limit and responsibility to report belongs to the adult.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Alaska regulations limit the amount of opportunities for non-resident youth hunters. We as outdoors-men (outdoors people), need to promote youth involvement in every aspect. Alaska regulations allow for resident youth age 10-17 to "hunt on behalf of an adult permit holder." There needs to be an opportunity for nonresident youth to experience an Alaskan hunt in the same manner. This would allow many youth who may not have an opportunity to come to Alaska, the ability to experience what this amazing state has to offer.

Changing this regulation does not affect draw results, nor does it dilute the applications. It simply allows for youth to LEGALLY harvest an animal under someone else's tag. This would afford the same opportunities to ALL youth hunters.

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