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#### OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR **ALASKA**

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director

Department of Fish and Game

FROM:

April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE:

May 21, 2025

RE:

Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Game

Board of Game regulations re: Hunting, Trapping & Statewide Updates from March

2025 meeting (5 AAC 85, 92)

Attorney General File:

2025200157

Regulation Filed:

5/21/2025

Effective Date:

7/1/2025

Print:

254, July 2025

cc with enclosures:

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# **Department of Law**



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May 15, 2025

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska P.O. Box 110015 Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 5 AAC 85, 92: Board of Game - Hunting, Trapping & Statewide Updates

from March 2025 meeting Our file: 2025200157

#### Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Game against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Game after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern hunting, trapping, and statewide updates from the Board of Game's March 2025 meeting.

The certification of adoption order sets a July 1, 2025 special effective date for the regulations. Accordingly, we respectfully request that your office file the regulations on or before May 30, 2025 and use the special effective date in the filed regulations.

The December 8, 2024 public notice and the May 15, 2025 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

No technical corrections were necessary to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060.

Sincerely,

# TREG TAYLOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rebecca C Polizzotto

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Kristy Tibbles CC w/enclosure:

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Steven C. Weaver, Assistant Attorney General

Department of Law

# ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The attached 46 pages of regulations, dealing with the use and taking of game, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Game adopted at its March 21-28, 2025 meeting, under the authority of AS 16.05.255 and 16.05.258 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

5/15/2025

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Board of Game paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect July 1, 2025, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

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# FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.

OF THE STATE OF ALASEA

NANCY DAHLSTROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Register 25th, July 2025

FISH AND GAME

#### Title 5. Fish and Game.

#### Part 3. Game.

#### Chapter 85. Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits.

#### Article 2. Seasons and Bag Limits.

5 AAC 85.045(a)(5) is amended to read:

[(5)(A) BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 7 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

> RESIDENT **OPEN SEASON** (SUBSISTENCE AND GENERAL HUNTS)]

**INONRESIDENT** OPEN SEASON

[UNITS AND BAG LIMITS]

**JUNIT 7, THE PLACER RIVER** 

DRAINAGES, AND THAT POR-

TION OF THE PLACER CREEK

(BEAR VALLEY) DRAINAGE OUT-

SIDE THE PORTAGE

GLACIER CLOSED AREA, AND

THAT PORTION OF UNIT 14(C)

WITHIN THE TWENTYMILE

RIVER DRAINAGE]

[RESIDENT HUNTER:]

[1 MOOSE BY DRAWING PERMIT [AUG. 20 - OCT. 10]

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FISH AND GAME

ONLY; UP TO 60 PERMITS

[(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

FOR BULLS WILL BE ISSUED

IN COMBINATION WITH NON-

RESIDENT HUNTS, AND UP TO 70

PERMITS FOR ANTLERLESS

MOOSE WILL BE ISSUED]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL BY DRAWING PERMIT

[AUG. 20 - OCT. 10]

ONLY; UP TO 60 PERMITS

FOR BULLS WILL BE

ISSUED IN COMBINATION WITH

RESIDENT HUNTS]

[UNIT 7, THAT PORTION WEST

OF THE RESURRECTION CREEK

TRAIL AND NORTH OF THE STERLING

HIGHWAY]

[1 BULL PER REGULATORY

YEAR, ONLY AS FOLLOWS:]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE OR

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25] [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25]

50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

WITH 3 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE; OR]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK [OCT. 10 - NOV. 10] [OCT. 10 - NOV. 10]

ANTLERS OR 50-INCH ANTLERS [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

OR ANTLERS WITH 3 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE BY DRAWING

PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 25 PERMITS

MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION

WITH UNIT 15(A), THAT PORTION

EAST OF THE MYSTERY CREEK

ROAD AND THE PIPELINE ROAD,

AND NORTH OF THE STERLING HIGH-

WAY]

[(B) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2020, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 7 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.045(a)(5) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.045(a)(9) is amended to read:

(9) [(9)(A) BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 11 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

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[RESIDENT **OPEN SEASON** (SUBSISTENCE AND GENERAL HUNTS)]

**INONRESIDENT** OPEN SEASON

[UNITS AND BAG LIMITS]

[UNIT 11, THAT PORTION EAST OF

THE EAST BANK OF THE COPPER

RIVER UPSTREAM FROM AND

INCLUDING THE SLANA RIVER

DRAINAGE]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT BY [AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20]

**NO OPEN** 

**COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT** 

[DEC. 1 - DEC. 31]

SEASON.]

ONLY; HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN

[(SUBSISTENCE HUNT

100 BULLS THAT DO NOT MEET ANT- ONLY)]

LER RESTRICTIONS FOR OTHER RESI-

DENT HUNTS IN THE SAME AREA

MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ENTIRE

COMMUNITY HARVEST AREA DUR-

ING THE AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20

SEASON; OR]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK ANTLERS [AUG. 20 - SEPT. 17]

OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS

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WITH 3 OR MORE BROW TINES ON

ONE SIDE, BY REGISTRATION PERMIT

ONLY]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

[AUG. 20 - SEPT. 17]

ANTLERS WITH 3 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE, BY

REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY]

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 11]

[1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT BY

[AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20]

NO OPEN

**COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT** 

[DEC. 1 - DEC. 31]

SEASON.]

ONLY; HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN

[(SUBSISTENCE HUNT

100 BULLS THAT DO NOT MEET

ONLY)]

ANTLER RESTRICTIONS FOR OTHER

RESIDENT HUNTS IN THE SAME

AREA MAY BE TAKEN IN THE EN-

TIRE COMMUNITY HARVEST AREA

DURING THE AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20

SEASON; OR]

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[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK ANTLERS [AUG. 20 - SEPT. 20] [AUG. 20 - SEPT. 20]

OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS

WITH 3 OR MORE BROW TINES ON

ONE SIDE]

[(B) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2018, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG

LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 11 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.045(a)(9) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.045(a)(10) is amended to read:

(10) [(10)(A) BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 12 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

> [RESIDENT **OPEN SEASON** (SUBSISTENCE AND GENERAL HUNTS)]

**INONRESIDENT OPEN SEASON** 

[UNITS AND BAG LIMITS]

**JUNIT 12, THAT PORTION INCLUDING** 

ALL DRAINAGES INTO THE WEST

BANK OF THE LITTLE TOK RIVER,

FROM ITS HEADWATERS IN BEAR

VALLEY AT THE INTERSECTION OF

THE UNIT BOUNDARIES OF UNITS

12 AND 13 TO ITS JUNCTION WITH

THE TOK RIVER, AND ALL

DRAINAGES INTO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE

TOK RIVER FROM ITS JUNCTION

WITH THE LITTLE TOK RIVER TO THE

TOK GLACIER]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT BY [AUG. 24 - AUG. 28]

COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT [SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

ONLY; HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN [DEC. 1 - DEC. 31]

100 BULLS THAT DO NOT [(SUBSISTENCE HUNT

MEET ANTLER RESTRICTIONS FOR ONLY)]

OTHER RESIDENT HUNTS IN THE

SAME AREA MAY BE TAKEN IN THE

ENTIRE COMMUNITY HARVEST AREA

DURING THE AUG. 24 - AUG. 28

AND SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17 SEASONS;

OR]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK ANTLERS [AUG. 24 - AUG. 28]

OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS [SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

WITH 4 OR MORE BROW TINES ON

ONE SIDE

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

[SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE]

**[UNIT 12, REMAINDER OF THAT** 

PORTION IN THE TOK RIVER DRAINAGE

UPSTREAM OF A LINE FROM PEAK

5885 AT 63° 09.24' N. LAT., 143°

24.25' W. LONG., TO MILEPOST 105

OF THE TOK CUTOFF HIGHWAY AT

63° 07.44'8 N. LAT., 143° 18.14'

W. LONG., THEN SOUTH ALONG THE

TOK CUTOFF HIGHWAY TO THE

LITTLE TOK RIVER BRIDGE AT

MILEPOST 98.2; AND WITHIN THE LITTLE

TOK RIVER DRAINAGE UPSTREAM

OF THE LITTLE TOK RIVER BRIDGE

AT MILEPOST 98.2]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK ANTLERS [AUG. 24 - AUG. 28]

OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

[SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE

BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

[SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE]

[UNIT 12, THAT PORTION LYING [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30] [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30]

EAST OF THE NABESNA RIVER

AND SOUTH OF THE WINTER

TRAIL RUNNING SOUTHEAST FROM

PICKEREL LAKE TO THE

**CANADIAN BORDER]** 

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE

BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE]

**[UNIT 12, THAT PORTION WITHIN** 

THE NABESNA RIVER DRAINAGE

WEST OF THE EAST BANK OF THE

NABESNA RIVER UPSTREAM FROM

Register 254, July 2025 FISH AND GAME THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE TETLIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE] [RESIDENT HUNTERS:] [1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK [AUG. 20 - SEPT. 17] ANTLERS OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS WITH 3 OR MORE BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE, BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY] [NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:] [1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR [AUG. 20 - SEPT. 17] ANTLERS WITH 3 OR MORE BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE, BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY] [REMAINDER OF UNIT 12] [RESIDENT HUNTERS:] [AUG. 24 - AUG. 28] [1 BULL]

[SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

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[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

[SEPT. 8 - SEPT. 17]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE]

[(B) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2018, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG

LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 12 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.045(a)(10) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.045(a)(11) is amended to read:

Resident **Open Season** (Subsistence and

General Hunts)

Nonresident **Open Season** 

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(11)

[(A) BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 13 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

[UNIT 13]

[1 MOOSE PER REGULATORY YEAR,

ONLY AS FOLLOWS:]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT [AUG. 20 - SEPT. 20]

BY COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT [DEC. 1 - DEC. 31]

ONLY; HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN [(SUBSISTENCE)]

100 BULLS THAT DO NOT MEET ANTLER HUNT ONLY)]

RESTRICTIONS FOR OTHER RESIDENT

HUNTS IN THE SAME AREA MAY BE

TAKEN BY TIER II PERMIT IN THE

ENTIRE COMMUNITY HARVEST AREA

DURING THE AUG. 20 - SEPT. 20

SEASON, UP TO 350 TIER II PERMITS

MAY BE ISSUED; OR]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK ANTLERS [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR [(SUBSISTENCE HUNT ONLY)]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE; OR]

[1 BULL, BY REGISTRATION [DEC. 1 - DEC. 31]

PERMIT ONLY; OR] [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY DRAWING [OCT. 1 - OCT. 31]

PERMIT ONLY IN UNIT 13(A); [MAR. 1 - MAR. 31]

UP TO 200 PERMITS MAY [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

BE ISSUED; A PERSON MAY NOT

TAKE A CALF OR A COW ACCOMPANIED

BY A CALF; OR]

[1 ANTERLESS MOOSE BY DRAWING [OCT. 1 - OCT. 31]

PERMIT ONLY IN UNIT 13(C); [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

UP TO 200 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;

A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A CALF OR

A COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF; OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY DRAWING [OCT. 1 - OCT. 31]

PERMIT ONLY IN UNIT 13(E); [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

UP TO 200 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;

A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A CALF OR A

COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF; OR]

[1 BULL MOOSE BY DRAWING [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 5 [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW

TINES ON ONE SIDE BY DRAWING

PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 150

PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED]

[(B) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR

MOOSE IN UNIT 13 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

(((Publisher: the remainder of 5 AAC 85.045(a)(11) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.045(a)(18) is amended to read:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

(18)

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Unit 20(E), the remainder of

the Ladue River Controlled

Use Area

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 bull by registration

Aug. 24 - Aug. 28

permit only; or

Sept. 8 - Sept. 17

1 antlered bull by drawing permit

Nov. 1 - Dec. 10

only; up to 100 permits

(General hunt only)

may be issued [; OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY [AUG. 5 - SEPT. 5]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; BY YOUTH [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

HUNT ONLY; UP TO 100 PERMITS [OCT. 15 - NOV. 30]

MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

WITH THE NONRESIDENT DRAWING

HUNT; A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A

COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF; OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY [OCT. 15 - NOV. 30]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; UP [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

TO 400 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;

A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A COW

ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers Sept. 8 - Sept. 17

or antlers with 4 or more

brow tines on one side by

registration permit only [; OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY [AUG. 5 - SEPT. 5]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; BY YOUTH [OCT. 15 - NOV. 30]

**HUNT ONLY; UP TO 100 PERMITS** 

MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION
WITH THE NONRESIDENT DRAWING
HUNT; A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A

COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF]

Unit 20(E), that portion outside of
the Ladue River Controlled Use Area
draining into the Ladue River
upstream of the South Fork of the
Ladue River, the Dennison Fork of
the Fortymile River, and the
Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile
River drainage

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration Aug. 24 - Aug. 28

permit only [; OR] Sept. 8 - Sept. 17

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY [AUG. 5 - SEPT. 5]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; BY YOUTH [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

HUNT ONLY; UP TO 100 PERMITS [OCT. 15 - NOV. 30]

MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

WITH THE NONRESIDENT DRAWING

HUNT; A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A

COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF; OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY

[OCT. 15 - NOV. 30]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; UP

[(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

TO 400 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;

A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A COW

ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers

Sept. 8 - Sept. 17

or antlers with 4 or more

brow tines on one side by

registration permit only [; OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY

[AUG. 5 - SEPT. 5]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; BY YOUTH

[OCT. 15 - NOV. 30]

**HUNT ONLY; UP TO 100 PERMITS** 

MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION

WITH THE NONRESIDENT DRAWING

HUNT; A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A

COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF]

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(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 12/30/89, Register 112; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 6/26/92, Register 123; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 7/17/92, Register 123; am/readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 11/10/93, Register 128; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 8/25/94, Register 131; em am 9/23/94 - 1/20/95, Register 131; em am 11/9/94 - 3/8/95, Register 132; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 8/4/95, Register 135; em am 2/14/96 - 6/13/96, Register 137; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 8/1/96, Register 139; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146; em am 8/31/98 - 12/28/98, Register 147; em am 2/17/99 - 6/16/99, Register 149; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 1/1/2001, Register 156; em am 9/28/2000 - 1/25/2001, Register 156; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 10/26/2001, Register 160; em am 9/27/2001 - 10/6/2001, Register 160; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; em am 8/23/2002 - 12/20/2002, Register 163; am 12/5/2002, Register 164; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; add'l am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 11/1/2004, Register 172; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; add'l am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; add'l am 7/1/2007, Register 182; em am 2/22/2008 - 3/2/2008, Register 185; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; em am 7/3/2008 - 10/30/2008, Register 187; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; em am 8/22/2010 - 11/29/2010, Register 195; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 1st add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 12/25/2011, Register 200; am 2/11/2012, Register 201; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 1st add'l am 7/1/2013,

Register 206; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 1st add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 3rd add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; add'l am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; 1st add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222, 2nd add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; add'l am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/24/2021, Register 238; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 7/7/2024, Register 251; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 7/1/2025, Register 254; add'l am

7 / 1 / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.258

AS 16.05.780

AS 16.05.255

AS 16.05.330

AS 16.05.789

5 AAC 85.055(a)(4) is amended to read:

Resident Open Season (Subsistence and

Nonresident Open Season

**Units and Bag Limits** 

General Hunts)

(4) the hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep in Units 7, 9, 13 (excluding the Tok

Management Area and Delta Controlled Use Area), 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16, 19(A), 19(B), 19(C), 19(D), and 19(E) are as follows:

(A) before July 1, 2026

Unit 7, that portion south of the Sterling Highway, west of

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the Seward Highway, and north and east of Kenai Lake; up to 50 permits may be issued

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

(General hunt only)

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger; every 4 regulatory years, by drawing permit only

Units 7 and 15(A), those portions

east of Fuller Lake trail,

south of Dike Creek, and a

straight line from the source of

Dike Creek, east through the

divide south of Trout Lake, to

Juneau Creek, west of Juneau

Creek, and north of the Ster-

ling Highway; up to 10 permits

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may be issued

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

(General hunt only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by drawing permit only

Unit 13(D), that portion west

of a line along the west side of

Tazlina Glacier, the west side

of Tazlina Lake, and the west

bank of Mendeltna Creek; up

to 50 permits may be issued

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 ram by drawing permit only

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 ram, every 4 regulatory

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

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years, by drawing permit only

Unit 13(D), that portion east of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, the west side of Tazlina Lake, and the west bank of Mendeltna Creek, to the Richardson Highway; up to 130 permits may be issued

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by drawing permit only

Unit 14(A), south and east of

the Matanuska River; up to

100 permits may be issued

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or larger,

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

by drawing permit only

#### **NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or larger,

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

every 4 regulatory years, by

drawing permit only

Remainder of Unit 7, Unit 9,

remainder of Unit 13, remainder

of Unit 14(A), Unit 14(B),

remainder of Unit 15, and

Units 16, 19(A), 19(B), and

19(D)

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

larger, by youth hunt only; or

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger;

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#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by youth hunt only; or

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, every 4 regulatory years

Unit 19(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

No open season.

larger, by youth hunt only; [OR]

[BEGINNING IN REGULATORY

YEAR STARTING JULY 1, 2028,

AUG. 1 - AUG. 5]

1 ram with full-curl horn or

No open season.

larger; or

[AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20]

1 sheep with 3/4-curl horn or

Oct. 1 - April [.] 30

less; the take of rams with

(Subsistence hunt only)

both horns broken, lambs, or

ewes with lambs, is prohibited;

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by registration permit only

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by youth hunt only; or

No open season.

[BEGINNING IN

REGULATORY

YEAR STARTING

JULY 1, 2028,

AUG. 1 - AUG. 5]

1 ram with full-curl horn or

larger, every 4 regulatory years

No open season.

[BEGINNING IN

REGULATORY

YEAR STARTING

JULY 1, 2028,

AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20]

(B) on or after July 1, 2026 [:]

Unit 7, that portion south of

the Sterling Highway, west of

the Seward Highway, and

north and east of Kenai Lake;

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up to 50 permits may be issued

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

(General hunt only)

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger; every 4 regulatory

years, by drawing permit only

Units 7 and 15(A), those portions

east of Fuller Lake trail,

south of Dike Creek, and a

straight line from the source of

Dike Creek, east through the

divide south of Trout Lake, to

Juneau Creek, west of Juneau

Creek, and north of the Sterling

Highway; up to 10 permits

may be issued

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

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1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

(General hunt only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 30

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by drawing permit only

Unit 13(D), that portion west

of a line along the west side of

Tazlina Glacier, the west side

of Tazlina Lake, and the west

bank of Mendeltna Creek; up

to 50 permits may be issued

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, every 4 regulatory years,

by drawing permit only

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Unit 13(D), that portion east of a line along the west side of Tazlina Glacier, the west side of Tazlina Lake, and the west bank of Mendeltna Creek, to the Richardson Highway; up to 130 permits may be issued

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, by drawing permit only

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, every 4 regulatory years, by drawing permit only

Unit 14(A), south and east of the Matanuska River; up to 100 permits may be issued

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

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1 ram with full-curl horn or larger,

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

by drawing permit only

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 ram with full-curl horn or larger,

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

every 4 regulatory years, by

drawing permit only

Remainder of Unit 7, Unit 9,

remainder of Unit 13, remain-

der of Unit 14(A), Unit 14(B),

remainder of Unit 15, and

Units 16, 19(A), 19(B), and

19(D)

### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

larger, by youth hunt only; or

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger [;]

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by youth hunt only; or

1 ram with full-curl horn or

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

larger, every 4 regulatory years

Unit 19(C)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:** 

1 ram with full-curl horn or

larger, by youth hunt only; [OR]

No open season.

Beginning in regulatory

year starting July 1, 2028,

Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

For regulatory years 2026

and 2027, 1 ram with full-curl

horn or larger by drawing

permit only, up to 20 permits

may be issued in combination

with the nonresident hunts, in

the ratio of 16 to residents, 3

to guided nonresidents, and 1

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

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to non-guided nonresidents;

beginning in regulatory year

2028, 1 ram with full-curl

horn or larger; or

1 sheep with 3/4-curl horn or

Oct. 1 - April [.] 30

less; the take of rams with

(Subsistence hunt only)

both horns broken, lambs, or

ewes with lambs, is prohibited;

by registration permit only

#### NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

For regulatory years 2026 and

2027, 1 ram with full-curl horn or

larger, every 4 regulatory

years, by youth hunt only; or

No open season.

Beginning in

regulatory year

starting July 1, 2028,

Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

For regulatory years 2026 and

2027, 1 ram with full-curl horn or

larger, every 4 regulatory years [;]

by drawing permit only, up to

20 permits may be issued in

No open season.

Beginning in

regulatory year

starting July 1, 2028,

Aug. 10 - Sept. 20

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combination with the resident

hunts in the ratio of 16 to residents,

3 to guided nonresidents, and 1 to

non-guided nonresidents;

beginning in regulatory year 2028,

1 ram with full-curl horn or larger,

every 4 regulatory years

(((Publisher: the remainder of 5 AAC 85.055(a)(4) is unchanged.)))

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90,

Register 116; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am

4/25/96, Register 138; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 10/23/96, Register 140; am 7/26/97,

Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am

7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 11/28/2003,

Register 168; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 12/1/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register

186; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am

7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/23/2022,

Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 7/1/2025,

Register 254; add'l am 7 /1 / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.060

AS 16.05.255

AS 16.05.258

Chapter 92. Statewide Provisions.

Article 1. General.

### 5 AAC 92.003(c) is amended to read:

- (c) A nonresident hunter [IN UNIT 17(B)] must have attended a department-approved hunter orientation course, [(] to include trophy recognition and meat care, [)] before hunting for moose [OR MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REGISTERED GUIDE OR RESIDENT FAMILY MEMBER WITHIN THE SECOND DEGREE OF KINDRED].
- 5 AAC 92.003(d) is repealed:

5 AAC 92.003(n) is repealed:

## 5 AAC 92.003(p) is amended to read:

(p) A person must have successfully completed a department-approved hunter orientation course, to include sex identification, before hunting mountain goat [IN UNITS 1 - 5].

#### 5 AAC 92.003 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(q) Beginning July 1, 2026, a person must have successfully completed a department-approved hunter orientation course before hunting sheep in a general season harvest ticket hunt from August 10 - September 20 where the bag limit is one ram with full-curl horn or larger. (Eff. 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014,

Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/1/2023, Register 246; am

7 / \ / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.255

AS 16.55.020

## Article 2. Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Harvest Reports, Tags, and Fees.

# 5 AAC 92.011(k)(6) is amended to read:

(6) plains bison [IN UNITS 12, 19, AND 20].

(Eff. 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/9/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 8/19/96, Register 139; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 7 / \ / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255

AS 16.05.405

#### 5 AAC 92.016 is amended to read:

5 AAC 92.016. Musk oxen tag fees. The resident tag fee for hunting musk oxen by registration permit on Nelson Island and on Nunivak Island is \$25. A resident tag is not required for taking musk oxen in subsistence hunts. [THE BOARD OF GAME WAIVES THE RESIDENT TAG FEE FOR SUBSISTENCE MUSK OXEN HUNTING.] (Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 8/8/87, Register 103; am 8/28/91, Register 119; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126;

am 7/9/95, Register 135; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am

7 /1 /2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.255

AS 16.05.258

AS 16.05.340

## Article 3. Permits.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 92.029(h) is amended to read:

(h) Upon application, the board <u>or the department</u> will add a species to the list in (b) of this section if there is clear and convincing evidence that the species

. . .

The introductory language of 5 AAC 92.029(i) is amended to read:

(i) The board <u>or the department</u> will remove a species from the list in (b) of this section
[,] if there is a preponderance of evidence that the species

. . .

(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 2/27/87, Register 105; am 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 7/1/94, Register 130; am 8/20/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 6/17/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 1/1/2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.255

AS 16.05.270

AS 16.05.920

5 AAC 92.031(a) is amended to read:

(a) A licensed taxidermist may sell an unclaimed [,] finished skin or trophy under a permit issued by the department after the finished skin or trophy has been held unclaimed for <u>60</u> <u>days</u> [SIX MONTH], and after the taxidermist sends notice of intent to sell, by registered mail at least 15 days before the sale, to the last known address of the person who ordered the taxidermy work.

(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 5/10/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/1/2018, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.920

5 AAC 92.034 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(10) wood bison. (Eff. 7/9/95, Register 135; em am 5/29/2001 - 9/25/2001,

Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2020, Register 234;

am + / 1 / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270

(((Publisher: please move the "and" connector to the end of 5 AAC 92.034(9) and change the period at the end of that paragraph to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 92.050(a)(6) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(E) a permittee whose Unit 20(D) bison permit was revoked for regulatory year 2024 may request that the department transfer the permit to regulatory year 2026 or 2027 as set out in the Board of Game finding 2025-234-BOG, dated March 27, 2025, and adopted by reference.

(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 7/3/86, Register 99; am 4/24/88, Register 106; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 7/1/92, Register 122; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 7/8/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 1/1/97, Register 140; am 3/25/98, Register 145; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 11/1/2004, Register 172; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 1/14/2007, Register 181; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 2/4/2011, Register 197; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 9/19/2019, Register 231; am 8/20/2020, Register 235; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/1/2023, Register 246; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am

7/1/2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.343 AS 16.05.407

AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.404 AS 16.05.420

AS 16.05.330

(((Publisher: please change the periods at the end of 5 AAC 92.050(a)(6)(C) and (D) to semicolons.)))

The editor's note following 5 AAC 92.050 is changed by adding a new paragraph to read:

A copy of the Board of Game Finding 2025-234-BOG may be obtained by writing to the Department of Fish and Game, Board Support Section, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK 99811-5526 or online at

http://adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/process/gameboards/pdfs/findings/2024-235-BOG.pdf.

# 5 AAC 92.069(b)(6) is amended to read:

(6) in Unit 19(C), that portion west of the South Fork of the Kuskokwim River, east of the Windy Fork of the Kuskokwim River, and north of a line between 62° 24.00′ N. lat., 154° 7.00′ W. long. and 62° 30.00′ N. lat., 153° 32.00′ W. long.; the department shall issue 70 percent of the available nonresident drawing permits to hunters who do not use a registered guide, and 30 percent of the available nonresident drawing permits to hunters who use a registered guide. (Eff. 11/1/2004, Register 172; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 12/2/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 7/1/2025, Register 254; add'l am + / / / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.407 AS 16.05.408

#### Article 4. Methods and Means.

## 5 AAC 92.080(7)(E) is amended to read:

(E) electronically enhanced night vision, except that electronically enhanced night vision may be used for taking furbearers [IN UNITS 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), AND 26(C)];

# 5 AAC 92.080(7)(F) is amended to read:

(F) <u>a</u> [ANY] forward looking infrared device, except that forward looking infrared devices may be used for taking furbearers [IN UNITS 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25,

26(B), AND 26(C)];

(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 6/19/86, Register 98; am 8/8/87, Register 103; am 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 7/1/92, Register 122; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 4/25/96, Register 138; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; 1st add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 1/1/2005, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; em am 1/26/2006 - 5/25/2006, Register 177; am 4/12/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 5/20/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; add'l am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 7/1/2025, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 7/1/2025, Register 242; add'l

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.920

The introductory language of 5 AAC 92.085(8) is amended to read:

(8) a person who has been airborne may not take or assist in taking a big game animal and a person may not be assisted in taking a big game animal by a person who has been airborne until after 3:00 a.m. following the day in which the flying occurred: [, AND] from

August 1 [AUGUST 10] through September 20 aircraft may not be used by or for a [ANY]

person to locate Dall sheep for hunting or <u>to</u> direct hunters to Dall sheep during the open sheep hunting season; [, HOWEVER,] aircraft other than helicopters may be used by and for sheep hunters to place and remove hunters and camps, maintain existing camps, and salvage harvested sheep, <u>as set out in the</u> [. THE] Board of Game finding 2016-213-BOG, dated March 17, 2016, [IS] adopted by reference; <u>this</u> [. THIS] prohibition does not prohibit any flight maneuvers that are necessary to make an informed and safe landing in the field; <u>restrictions</u> [. RESTRICTIONS] in this paragraph do not apply to

. . .

(((Publisher: The phrase "Board of Game finding 2016-213-BOG" is incorrectly expressed boldface in the hard copy AAC, in both 5 AAC 92.085(8) and editor's note that follows 5 AAC 92.085. Please use normal font instead.)))
(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 8/8/87, Register 103; am 8/14/88, Register 107; am 8/20/89, Register 111; am 3/14/90, Register 113; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/10/91, Register 119; add'l am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 7/1/92, Register 122; add'l am 7/1/92, Register 122; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 1/13/95, Register 133; am 4/25/96, Register 138; am 7/1/96, Register 138; am 8/1/96, Register 139; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 3/17/2001, Register 157; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2003, Register 164; am 5/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 12/1/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; add'l am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am

7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2018,

Register 226; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am

1 / 1 / 2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.255

AS 16.05.270

AS 16.05.920

AS 16.05.258

AS 16.05.790

# Article 5. Intensive Management and Predator Control.

5 AAC 92.106(1)(A) is amended by adding a new sub-subparagraph to read:

(iv) sheep: harvest size to be determined;

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 1/1/2015, Register

254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.020

AS 16.05.050

AS 16.05.255

5 AAC 92.108 is amended to read:

Population Harvest
Population Finding Objective Objective

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#### Sheep

(((Publisher: "Sheep" is a new species being added to 5 AAC 92.108 and needs to come after the last listing for moose. "Sheep" needs to be in bold.)))

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/99, Register 150; add'l am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000,

Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001,

Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2004, Register

170; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/24/2021, Register 238; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 7/1/2025, Register 254; add'l am 1/1/2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.270

## Article 6. Possession and Transportation.

The introductory language of 5 AAC 92.135(a) is amended to read:

(a) Unless the person who took the game is accompanying the person possessing the game, <u>and</u> until all salvage is completed as required under this chapter, a person who gives or receives game or a part of game shall immediately furnish [,] upon demand by a peace officer a <u>video recording</u>, or a statement signed by both parties, describing the following:

. . .

(Eff. 8/8/87, Register 103; am 8/10/91, Register 119; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/98,

Register 146; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2005, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.180 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.920

AS 16.05.255

#### Article 11. Game Management Units.

5 AAC 92.450(1)(D) is amended to read:

(D) Unit 1(D) consists of that portion of Unit 1 north of the latitude of Eldred Rock, [INCLUDING PLEASANT ISLAND, AND] excluding Sullivan Island and the drainages of Berners Bay;

## 5 AAC 92.450(19)(D) is amended to read:

(D) Unit 19(D) [19(0)] consists of that portion of Unit 19 in the Kuskokwim River drainage upstream from and including the Swift River drainage, excluding Unit 19(C);

## 5 AAC 92.450(25)(C) is amended to read:

(C) Unit 25(C) consists of that portion of Unit 25 in drainages into the south bank of the Yukon River upstream from Circle to the Subunit 20(E) boundary, the Birch Creek drainage upstream from the Steese Highway bridge (milepost 147) and south of the Steese Highway from the Birch Creek bridge (milepost 147) to where the Steese Highway intersects the Yukon River at Circle, the Preacher Creek drainage upstream from and including the Rock Creek drainage, and the Beaver Creek drainage upstream from and including the Moose Creek drainage;

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8/10/2024, Register 251; am 1/1/2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255

#### Article 12. Restricted Areas.

5 AAC 92.540(3)(I)(ii) is amended to read:

(ii) the area is closed to the use of a [ANY] motorized land vehicle for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of game, from August 24 through September 20; [HOWEVER,] this provision does not prohibit motorized access [,] or transportation of game [,] on the Nine Mile and Liberty Creek Trails [TRAILS], the Alaska-Canada border, or the Boundary Cutoff of the Taylor Highway, or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption; in this sub-subparagraph, the Nine Mile Trail only refers to the single primary ATV trail beginning along the Taylor Highway at 63° 24.233' N. lat., 142° 28.422' W. long., entering the western portion of the defined controlled use area at 62° 23.879' N. lat., 142° 9.073' W. long., and terminating at 62° 32.420' N. lat., 141° 27.995' W. long., including connected bypasses no more than 20 feet;

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 4/25/96, Register 138; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 7/1/96, Register 138; am 7/1/97, Register 142; am 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 3/17/2001, Register 157; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; 1st add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/25/2002, Register 163; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am

7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; em am 9/9/2011 - 1/6/2012, Register 200; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 1st add'l 7/1/2014, Register 210; 2nd add'l 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 7/7/2024, Register 251; am 7/1/2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** AS 16.05.255

# Chapter 98. Areas of Jurisdiction for Antlerless Moose Seasons. Article 1. Areas of Jurisdiction.

5 AAC 98.005(3)(B) is amended to read:

- (B) Unit 17: Nushagak, Togiak
  - (i) committees with represented communities in subunit 17(A):

## Nushagak and Togiak;

(ii) committees with represented communities in subunit 17(B):

## Nushagak [NONE];

(iii) committees with represented communities in subunit 17(C):

# Nushagak and Togiak;

Register 254, JVI 4 2025 FISH AND GAME The introductory language of 5 AAC 98.005(4)(B) is amended to read: (B) Unit 19: Central Kuskokwim [, STONY/HOLITNA] 5 AAC 98.005(4)(B)(v) is amended to read: (v) committees with represented communities in subunit 19(E): none [STONY/HOLITNA]; The introductory language of 5 AAC 98.005(6)(B) is amended to read: (B) Unit 19: McGrath, Stony/Holitna 5 AAC 98.005(6)(B)(v) is amended by adding a new sub-subparagraph to read: (v) committees with represented communities in subunit 19(E): Stony/Holitna; (In effect before 1983; am 4/21/83, Register 86; am 8/1/2014, Register 211; am 9/19/2019,

Register 231; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7 / 1/2025, Register 254)

**Authority:** 

AS 16.05.260

AS 16.05.780