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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Kari Winkel, Executive Director
Department of Fish and Game

FROM: April Simpson, Alaska Administrative Code Coordinator 
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

DATE: August 24, 2026

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Game

Board of Game regulations re: Archery; Predatory Control (5 AAC 92.085 - 5 AAC 92.550)

Attorney General File:	2026200173
Regulation Filed:	8/24/2026
Effective Date:	9/23/2026
Print:	259, October 2026

cc with enclosures: Beth Parsons, Paralegal 2
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August 21, 2026

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
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Re: Approval and Submission of Regulations for Filing
5 AAC 92.085 - 5 AAC 92.550: Board of Game - Archery; Predator
Control

Our file: 2026200173

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

Pursuant to AS 44.62.060, the Department of Law has reviewed the enclosed regulations adopted by Department of Fish and Game, concerning non-intensive management predator control plan for muskoxen in Unit 26B and equipment in hunts for big game with archery.

Our review examined each regulation for legality, existence of statutory authority, clarity, compliance with the *Drafting Manual for Administrative Regulations*, and conformance with the procedural requirements of AS 44.62.010 - 44.62.290.

Based upon this review, the Department of Law approves each regulation as to form and legality. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to accept the regulations for filing.

In the course of review, the regulations attorney made technical and conforming changes under AS 44.62.125. These changes are incorporated into the enclosed copy and do not alter the substantive effect or meaning of the regulations.

We hereby submit the regulations to you for filing under AS 44.62.040 on behalf of Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

CORI MILLS
ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: **Rebecca C. Polizzotto**
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CC w/enclosure: Honorable Doug Vincent Lang
Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

Kari Winkel
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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The attached regulations, dealing with the use and taking of game in, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Game adopted at its July 22-23, 2026 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.

On the record, in considering public comments, the 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 on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 7-29-26



Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

April Simpson, for
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FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on

August 24, 2026 at 1:35 P.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.

for April Simpson

for Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: September 23, 2026.

Register: 259, October 2026.

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.**



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

5 AAC 92.085(10)(B) is amended to read:

(B) **prism** scopes or other devices attached to the bow or arrow for optical enhancement, **except that other non-electronic scopes, including verifiers and clarifiers, are allowed;**

(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 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 12/22/2002, Register 164; am 5/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; add'l am 7/1/2003, 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 7/1/2025, Register 254; am 9 / 23 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270 AS 16.05.920

AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.790

5 AAC 92.126(b)(2)(B) is amended to read:

(B) the brown bear population objective for Unit 26(B) is to maintain the current estimated population of 240 - 420 [200 - 320] bears, while annually removing up to 10 [20] brown bears identified as threatening or killing musk oxen; limiting the number of bears that can be removed will assure that brown bears persist as part of the natural ecosystem and will assure continued brown bear hunting and viewing opportunities;

5 AAC 92.126(b)(3)(F) is amended to read:

(F) reducing predation is in the best interests of subsistence users because [NO HARVEST IS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE;] an increase in the population that results in sustainable harvest will benefit all residents;

5 AAC 92.126(b)(4)(A) is amended to read:

(A) hunting of brown bears by the public in Unit 26(B) during the term of the program may occur as provided in the hunting regulations set out elsewhere in this title; however, hunting will be restricted as necessary to maintain the current estimated population of 240 - 420 [200 - 320] bears;

5 AAC 92.126(b)(5)(A) is amended to read:

(A) through June 30, 2034 [2018], the commissioner may authorize removal of bears in the Unit 26(B) Musk Oxen Recovery Area;

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5 AAC 92.126(b)(5)(C) is amended to read:

(C) the program will be reviewed and modified or suspended if, **after**
seven years of bear removal, there is no evidence of improved survival or a detectable
increase in the Unit 26(B) musk oxen population, **or the musk oxen population reaches**
300 or more [AFTER THREE YEARS OF BEAR REMOVAL]. (Eff. 4/8/2012, Register
202; am 9 / 23 / 2026, Register 259)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270 AS 16.05.783