

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Policy

PROPOSAL 87 - 5 AAC 92.004(a)(4). Policy for off-road vehicle use for hunting and transporting game. Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 92.004(a)(4) Policy for off-road vehicle use for hunting and transporting game by adding: "The Board of Game may not restrict off-road vehicles used to harvest or transport identified big game prey populations due to a perceived decline in the quality of the outdoor experience."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Board members' personal perceptions of what a "quality outdoor experience" is while gathering a wild food harvest should not be an obstacle to meeting harvest objectives set by the Board of Game. Alaska Statute 16.05.255(f) states:

"The Board of Game may not significantly reduce the taking of an identified big game prey population by adopting regulations relating to restrictions on harvest or access to the population, or to management of the population by customary adjustments in seasons, bag limits, open and closed areas, methods and means, or by other customary means authorized under (a) of this section, unless the board has adopted regulations, or has scheduled for adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board regulations, that provide for intensive management to increase the take of the population for human harvest consistent with (e) of this section. This subsection does not apply if the board

(1) determines that intensive management would be

(A) ineffective, based on scientific information;

(B) inappropriate due to land ownership patterns; or

(C) against the best interest of subsistence uses; or

(2) declares that a biological emergency exists and takes immediate action to protect or maintain the big game prey population in conjunction with the scheduling for adoption of those regulations that are necessary to implement (e) of this section."

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Outdoor Council

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