

TO: The Alaska Board of Game

Subject: Support for Proposal 92

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I'm writing in favor of Proposal 92 that would provide non-resident falconer's the opportunity to obtain a gyrfalcon. Alaska is the only state that has nesting population of gyrfalcons and thus the only opportunity to obtain a bird from the wild. I'm a retired career wildlife biologist with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and understand the problems with managing biology and social pressure. Having traveled through your great state my impression is that securing a bird is easier said than done and probably very expensive. Here in Colorado we have issued 4 peregrine permits per year for many years and most years no one takes these permits. Overreaction to a problem that never existed.

My advise is go with the science, set up a non resident harvest system and see what happens. Like any other managed game species quotas may have to be adjusted. We do it with all the other game species.

Thank you

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