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An Agenda Change Request (ACR) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 92.003, Hunter education and orientation.

With respect to the board's ACR acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- (A) The department is unaware of any conservation concerns that require immediate board action to address a biological concern or a loss of hunting opportunity.
- (B) The department is unaware of an error in regulation.
- (C) The department is unaware of any unforeseen effects of regulations that should be addressed in a change to a regulation.

The proponent is asking the board to institute a requirement for moose hunters in Units 7 and 15 to have successfully completed a department approved hunter orientation course on identifying legal moose prior to entering the field. Similar to the bear hunter clinic requirement for bear baiting, this moose identification orientation would only be required to be completed once, not each year. The proponent also asks for the orientation course to be available online.

The proponent is concerned about the number of moose being harvested that do not meet antler restrictions. While illegally taken moose do not survive to eventually become legal animals that would benefit hunters, the bull:cow ratio in Unit 15C where most of the moose are taken is above objectives so there are no biological concerns.

If the board does not accept this ACR, the proponent can submit a proposal by May 1, 2018 to be considered at the next Southcentral meeting, as the regulation in question is on the regularly scheduled call for proposals for that meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Dale".

Bruce Dale, Director  
Division of Wildlife Conservation