

The following proposal was submitted prior to the proposal deadline but was inadvertently omitted from the proposal book. It is scheduled for consideration by the Board of Game at the Statewide Regulations Meeting in November 2017.

PROPOSAL 164 – 5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions; 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions; and 92.990. Definitions. Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older as follows:

Alaska residents 60 years or older in possession of a permanent identification card are authorized/allowed to use a crossbow in any archery designated hunt.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to propose that Alaska residents 60 years and older upon receiving their permanent hunting/fishing/trapping license via the identification card be authorized to use a crossbow in any archery designated hunts. It is difficult if not impossible for the elderly to pull back and hold a 60-pound bow. Allowing the use of crossbows would ensure the opportunity to continue archery hunting with age and increase the probability of better shot placement and more humane kills. Crawling up on game to within 30 yards is difficult for the elderly and the use of crossbows would allow them to make effective kills at 60 yards. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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