Amend the definition of "bag limit" by replacing the word "take" with the words "kill or harvest"

Department: Neutral

#### **Current Definition:**

"bag limit" means the maximum number of animals of any one game species a person may take in a unit or portion of a unit in which the taking occurs; an animal disturbed in the course of legal hunting does not count towards a bag limit

## Proposed Change:

"bag limit" means the maximum number of animals of any one game species a person may kill or harvest take in a unit or portion of a unit in which the killing taking occurs; an animal disturbed in the course of legal hunting does not count towards a bag limit

# Background

 "take" means taking, pursuing, hunting, fishing, trapping, or in any manner disturbing, capturing, or killing or attempting to take, pursue, hunt, fish, trap, or in any manner capture or kill fish or game

## Background

- Proposed change conflicts with
- 5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit.
- (f) In Units 1-5 and 8, a wounded bear counts against bag limit;
- (g) In Unit 8, a wounded elk counts against bag limit;

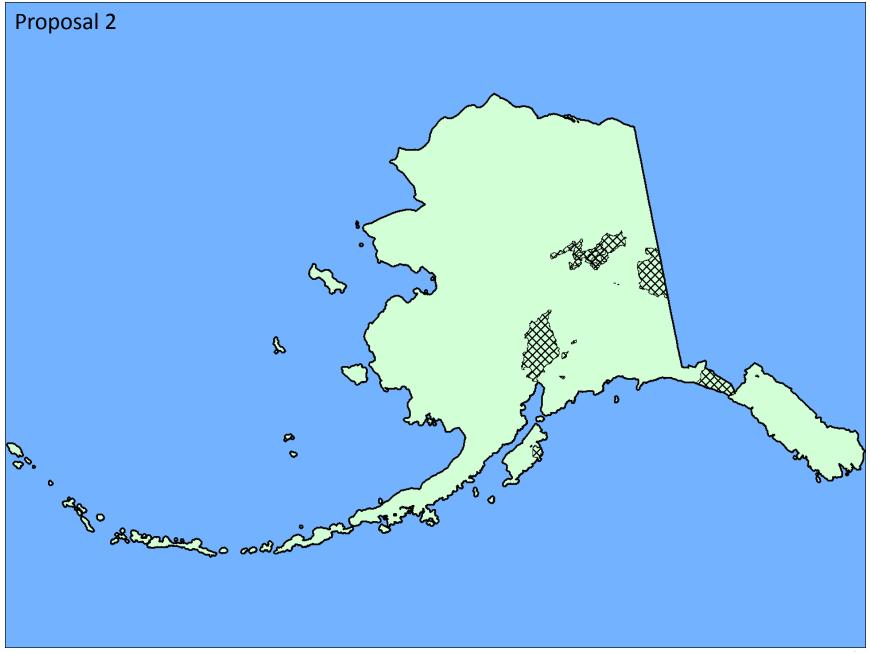
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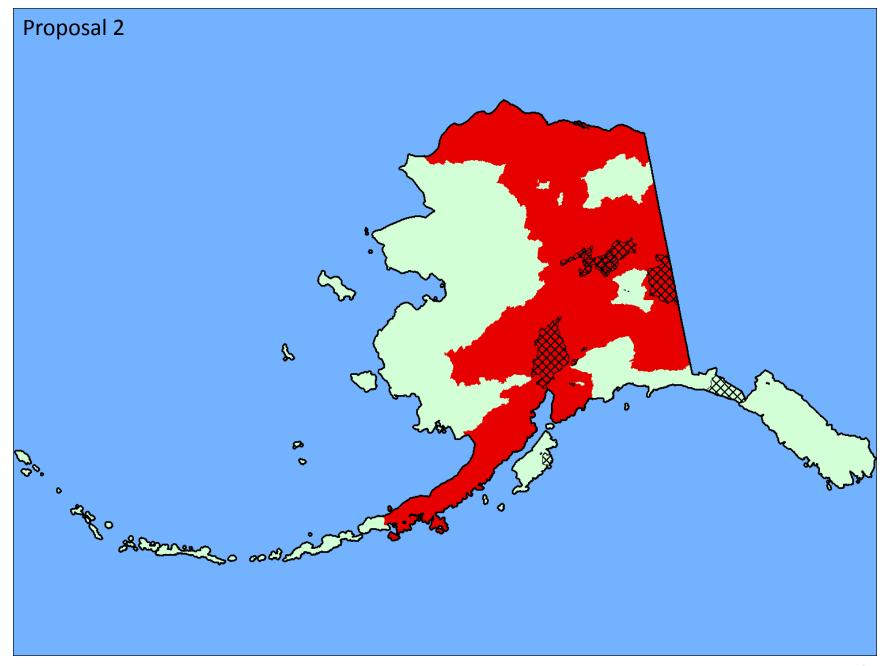
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#### Modify youth hunts

- change minimum age from 10 to 8
- allow 8 and 9 year olds to have their own bag limit
- remove the hunter education requirement for participants in youth hunts
- Department: Neutral

- 2001 youth hunts added to statute.
- 2002 5 AAC 92.036 & first youth hunts created (moose in 20B and 20D).
- 2004 20B hunt repealed.
- 2012 BOG instructed dept. to identify additional youth opportunities in interior AK.
- -20B youth hunt created, statewide issues deferred.
- 2014 92.036 repealed. Defined youth hunts.





#### 1. Change minimum age from 10 to 8

- 5 AAC 92.010 hunters under 10 may not be issued harvest tickets or permits.
- 5 AAC 92.130 hunters under 10 may take big game only under direct immediate supervision.
  - The big game animal counts against the supervising hunter's bag limit.

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  - The big game animal counts against the supervising hunter's bag limit.

### 3. Remove Hunter Ed requirement

- 5 AAC 92.003 participants in youth hunts must have Hunter Ed.
- Basic Hunter Ed still required in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20.
  - Persons 18 or older born after 1/1/86, HE required.
  - Persons 17 and younger, born after 1/1/86 must be accompanied by someone with HE or someone born before 1/1/86.

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Replace "regulatory year" with "calendar year"

Department: Neutral

Regulatory year = July 1 – June 30 Calendar year = January 1 – December 31

If adopted, amend to include trapping?

Federal regulations are July – June

Extensive re-write of 5 AAC 85, 85, and 92.

18 months or longer to implement.

Replace "regulatory year" with "calendar year"

Department: Neutral

Modify the definition of edible meat of cranes, geese, and swans to include the meat of the neck, back, wings, gizzard, and heart

Department: Neutral

Submitted by Native Caucus of the AMBCC

# Background

 The requested change aligns the salvage requirements with the existing federal subsistence requirements.

 Salvage requirements for cranes, geese, and swan expanded to the existing definition in 2014. "meat of the breast and the meat of the tibia-fibula (legs and thighs)"

Modify the definition of edible meat of cranes, geese, and swans to include the meat of the neck, back, wings, gizzard, and heart

Department: Neutral

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Modify the definition of moose antler point/tine, and adopt a definition of "fork".

Department: Neutral

Department proposal

#### **Brow tines**

"brow tine" means a tine emerging from the first branch or brow palm on the main beam of a moose antler; the brow palm is separated from the main palm by a wide bay; a tine originating in or after this bay is not a brow tine;

"point" means any antler projection that is at least one inch long, and that is longer than it is wide, measured one inch or more from the tip;

"tine" has the same meaning as point;

#### **Antlers**

"50-inch antlers" means the antlers of a bull moose with a spread of 50 inches or more measured in a straight line perpendicular to the center line of the skull;

"spike-fork antlers" means antlers of a bull moose with only one or two tines on at least one antler; an antler point or tine originating within two inches from the base, and less than three inches in length, will not be counted as a tine, male calves are not considered spike-fork bulls;

"spike" means antlers of a bull moose with only one tine on at least one antler; for the purposes of this subparagraph, male calves are not considered spike bulls;

#### What it does:

"brow tine" means a tine emerging from the first branch or brow palm on the main beam of a moose antler; the brow palm is separated from the main palm by a wide bay; a tine originating in or after this bay is not a brow tine; an antler point or tine originating within two inches from the base, and less than three inches in length, will not be counted as a brow tine,

#### And

"50-inch antlers" means the antlers of a bull moose with a spread of 50 inches or more measured in a straight line perpendicular to the center line of the skull;

"spike-fork antlers" means antlers of a bull moose with only one or two tines on at least one antler; [AN ANTLER POINT OR TINE ORIGINATING WITHIN TWO INCHES FROM THE BASE, AND LESS THAN THREE INCHES IN LENGTH, WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TINE,] male calves are not considered spike-fork bulls; spike fork bulls can be either spike and/or fork configuration.

"spike" means antlers of a bull moose with only one tine on at least one antler; for the purposes of this subparagraph, male calves are not considered spike bulls;

"fork" means antlers of a bull moose with only two tines on at least one antler;

#### And

"point" means any antler projection that is at least one inch long, and that is longer than it is wide, measured one inch or more from the tip; an antler point or tine originating within two inches from the base, and less than three inches in length, will not be counted as a tine,

"tine" has the same meaning as "point";

Modify the definition of moose antler point/tine, and adopt a definition of "fork".

Department: Neutral

Department proposal