

PROPOSAL 132

5 AAC 92.990. Definitions.

5 AAC 92.210. Game as animal food or bait.

5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides.

Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping as follows:

Proposed Regulation

5 AAC 92.990. Definitions.

(26)“edible meat” means,... in the case of cranes, geese, and swan **outside of Unit 18**, the meat of the breast, back, and the meat of the femur and tibia-fibula (legs and thighs), and the meat of the wings, excluding metacarpals;... **and for cranes, geese, and swan in Unit 18, the meat of the breast, and the meat of the femur and tibia-fibula (legs and thighs)**

5 AAC 92.210. Game as animal food or bait.

A person may not use game as food for a dog or furbearer, or as bait, except for the following... **for cranes, geese, and swan in Unit 18, the bones, and meat of the back and wings.**

5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides.

Subject to additional requirements in 5 AAC 84 – 5 AAC 85, a person taking game shall salvage the following parts for human use... **for cranes, geese, and swan in Unit 18, the bones, and meat of the back and wings.**

Current Regulation

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Bird wings or other parts that don’t have much meat should be able to be used as tools for other things. Our ancestors used bones as different tools, something that is natural off the land. I believe that the person who put in the proposal they did to make it illegal except for consumption hasn’t lived in coastal villages. They have unknowingly made criminals out of all the people who can’t always afford materials they don’t make on their own. Most houses you visit in certain villages use some dried bird wings as a broom. Now that we don’t live a nomadic lifestyle as much as our ancestors we need simple ways to help keep a cleaner and healthy home. Most likely they don’t realize they are breaking the law by doing this.

Allowing for these parts to be used for trapping would be another way for people to not have to buy materials made of plastics or etc. that would be more expensive because of shipping. If the bird parts are being used, this is not a waste. It’s just not being used similar to other areas where they may live in a hub and can afford to not have to buy materials for keeping a house clean or trapping bait. They may eat that small part if they so choose.

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