

PROPOSAL 148

5 AAC 92.031. Permit for selling skins, skulls, and trophies.

Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs as follows:

Our request and proposal to the Board of Game is that a permit to sell skins or trophies be granted to persons over 65 under the additional following conditions:

- 1. Request the person owning the bear rug to give the approximate date and place of the kill.
- 2. Age of the person requesting a permit to sell: a suggestion would be 65 years and older
- 3. Age of the bear rug: a suggestion would be the bear rug be 25 years old or older
- 4. Years of Alaska residency
- 5. Reason for selling. This could be a notarized statement

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We had submitted an initial proposal on September 27, 2017 and have had further communication since then with no result. We are respectfully re-submitting the proposal change again.

In reading and speaking with authorities, we learned that you may not receive a “permit to sell” a grizzly bear rug in the State of Alaska except for some very restrictive criteria. We understand the underlying premise that if this were not a regulation, there would be the possibility of an unscrupulous group of persons that may indiscriminately kill bears for profit.

We are requesting an amendment to this regulation that there be additions to the exceptions that presently exist. It is our understanding that “a permit to sell” can only be issued under the following circumstances:

- 1. That the person killing the bear passed away (the family could then sell the bear rug)
- 2. The person or family was declaring bankruptcy
- 3. Or the person owning the rug wanted to donate it.

This regulation is discriminatory toward other Alaska persons who own bear rugs and choose to sell them.

In our situation, my husband who killed the bear is now 78 years old. Our child has no interest in the rug. We are in the process of downsizing and it is our desire to sell this bear rug.

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