

**PROPOSAL 156**

**5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.**

Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts as follows:

5 AAC 92.050(a) The following conditions and procedures for permit issuance apply to each permit hunt:

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(9) an applicant for a certified bowhunters only permit hunt must successfully complete a department-approved bowhunter education course before submitting a permit application. **Applicants who intend to apply for a Methods and Means Exemption permit to use a crossbow in an archery only hunt must successfully complete a department-approved crossbow hunter certification course before submitting an application for a certified bowhunters only permit.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** With the implementation of a crossbow education course, people are no longer able to take the bowhunter education (IBEP/NBEF) course with a crossbow. As a result, only applicants with a bowhunter education certification (IBEP/NBEF) can apply for archery only drawing permits, while applicants who have only completed the crossbow education certification course cannot apply for archery only drawing permit hunts.

The Board of Game can allow those crossbow hunters who want to participate in archery only hunts to apply with their crossbow education certification number. If successfully drawn, the applicant would still be required to apply for and obtain a Methods and Means Exemption permit in order to use a crossbow in the archery only hunt.

If no action is taken, crossbow hunters who physically cannot use archery equipment are unable to apply for archery only hunts. There are physically disabled hunters that apply for and receive Methods and Means Exemption permits to use crossbows in archery only hunts. Those hunters are no longer able to apply for archery only drawing permit hunts. Adoption of this proposal would provide those disabled crossbow hunters the opportunity to apply for archery only drawing permit hunts.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F20-054)  
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