

PROPOSAL 163

5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit.

5 AAC 92.010. Harvest tickets and reports.

Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game as follows:

Reconstruct 5 AAC 92.130:

- [(F) IN UNITS 1 - 5 AND UNIT 8, A BLACK OR BROWN BEAR WOUNDED BY A PERSON COUNTS AGAINST THAT PERSON'S BAG LIMIT FOR THE REGULATORY YEAR IN WHICH THE BEAR IS TAKEN. HOWEVER, IN UNITS 1 - 5 AND UNIT 8, A BROWN BEAR WOUNDED BY A PERSON DOES NOT COUNT AGAINST THAT PERSON'S ONE BEAR EVERY FOUR REGULATORY YEARS BAG LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN 5 AAC 92.132.
- (G) IN UNIT 8, AN ELK WOUNDED BY A PERSON COUNTS AGAINST THAT PERSON'S BAG LIMIT FOR THE REGULATORY YEAR IN WHICH THE ELK IS TAKEN.]

To read 5 AAC 92.130:

- (f) In Units 1-26 a big game animal wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the animal is taken. The wounding of an animal of any species does not prevent that person from hunting that particular species the following regulatory year.
- (g) Upon attempting to take a big game animal the hunter is obligated to inspect the surrounding area in which the animal was standing to determine if the animal was wounded. A person must use every lawful means at their disposal to bag a wounded animal while it is in danger of escaping.

Add section (m) to 5 AAC 92.010 as follows:

- (m) A hunter who wounds a big game animal and that animal is not recovered must, before leaving the field, remove the day and month from the harvest ticket or permit and lock the metal locking tag when applicable.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? That any wounded game be counted against the hunter's bag limit.

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