

PROPOSAL 168

5 AAC 92.XXX. New regulation.

Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear as follows:

Prohibit the creation of any new must-be-guided moose, caribou, or black bear hunts for nonresident U.S. citizens.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Creation of new “must-be-guided” hunts for nonresidents.

The Alaska Legislature in statute (AS 16.05.407) requires all nonresident (U.S. citizen) hunters to be accompanied by a licensed guide when hunting Dall sheep, brown bear, or mountain goat, and requires all nonresident aliens (AS 16.05.408) to be accompanied by a licensed guide when hunting any big game animal.

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) continues to believe that the Board of Game does not have the authority outside the legislature to create new must-be-guided species for nonresident U.S. citizens. However, the Department of Law attorney attached to the board believes otherwise.

Aside from taking this issue before the legislature, we would like the board to prohibit the creation of any new must-be-guided hunts for nonresident U.S. citizens for species not within AS 16.05.407.

Whenever the board creates these new must-be-guided hunts for moose, for example, in the interior, it causes residents to lose opportunity. These must-be-guided moose hunts for nonresident U.S. citizens are in fact a separate subsidy and allocation to individual guides and the legislature never intended to require nonresident U.S. citizens to be accompanied by a guide when hunting moose, or caribou or black bear.

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