

Proxy Hunting

The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the Western Arctic / Western Region meeting in January 2020, as amended to apply to muskox hunts in all units. It was previously numbered as Proposal 30.

PROPOSAL 119

5 AAC 92.011(k). Taking of game by proxy.

Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit as follows:

Add language to 5 AAC 92.011(k) Proxy hunting under this section is only allowed for

- (1) caribou;
- (2) deer;
- (3) moose in Tier I hunts, any-bull hunts, and antlerless moose hunts; [AND]
- (4) emperor geese; **and**
- (5) **Muskoxen in Tier II hunts.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal seeks to allow proxy hunting in Tier II muskoxen hunts in Unit 22B through 22E. The trophy value is destroyed in the field subject to permit conditions. These hunts are allowed for the harvest of meat, horn, and fiber by Alaskan residents. These products are distributed throughout the community and because the harvest rate is high there is rarely excess permits about the harvestable surplus. Families/communities have missed opportunities for harvest when the permit holder becomes disabled for whatever reason.

PROPOSED BY: Charlie Lean

(EG-F19-010)

The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting in March 2020, as amended to apply statewide. The original proposal was Proposal 110, and it applied only to Unit 19D.

PROPOSAL 120

5 AAC 92.011. Taking of game by proxy.

Allow proxy hunting for moose as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 92.011 to allow proxy hunting for any antlered bull moose.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? An interpretation has been made that proxy hunting is not allowed for moose in areas with an any antlered bull bag limit. Unit 19D currently has an any antlered bull bag limit so with this new interpretation proxy hunting would not be allowed in our area. However, proxy hunting is an important traditional practice in the McGrath area.

The McGrath AC was not able to meet on this issue before the proposal deadline to submit a

proposal. Therefore, if they are not supportive of this proposal when they meet next fall, I will request it be withdrawn.

PROPOSED BY: Roger Seavoy, McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-052)
