

PROPOSAL 138

5 AAC 92.016. Musk oxen tag fees.

Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts as follows:

5 AAC 92.016. Musk oxen tag fees. The resident tag fee for hunting musk oxen by registration permit on Nelson Island and on Nunivak Island is \$25. The Board of Game waives the resident tag [FEE] for subsistence musk oxen hunting.

or

5 AAC 92.016. Musk oxen tag fees. The resident tag fee for hunting musk oxen by registration permit on Nelson Island and on Nunivak Island is \$25. **A resident tag is not required for taking musk oxen in subsistence hunts.** [THE BOARD OF GAME WAIVES THE RESIDENT TAG FEE FOR SUBSISTENCE MUSK OXEN HUNTING.]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current regulation waives the resident tag fee for hunting musk oxen in subsistence hunts yet still requires the hunter to have the locking tag in their possession and to lock it onto the portion of the animal required to be salvaged if successful. AS 16.05.340(a)(16)(B) allows the board to reduce or eliminate the resident big game tag and fee for musk oxen for all or a portion of a game management unit. The board waived the tag fee for subsistence hunts but did not waive the tag requirement. The Department of Fish and Game implemented the regulation by telling permit holders the tag is not required, which is technically incorrect. This proposal is an attempt to align the regulation with how the department is administering the regulation, and in the manner that is the least cumbersome for the hunters.

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