

## **PROPOSAL 89**

### **5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.**

Require nonresident moose hunters to attend a hunter orientation course and be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred as follows:

Amend hunter education requirements for nonresident hunters as follows:

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(c) A nonresident hunter [in Unit 17(B)] must have attended a department-approved hunter orientation course (to include trophy recognition and meat care) before hunting for moose [or] **and** must be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred.

[(d) A nonresident hunter in Unit 19(B) must have attended a department-approved hunter orientation course (to include trophy recognition and meat care) before hunting for moose or caribou or must be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred.]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently, all adult Alaskan residents under the age of 39 must successfully complete a certified hunters education course in order to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20 under

**5AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.** A person born after January 1, 1986 that is

(1) required to have a hunting license must have successfully completed a certified hunter education course in order to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20

Whereas nonresident hunters are afforded the option to forgo a certified hunters education course (including trophy recognition and meat care) under

(2)(c) A nonresident hunter in Unit 17(B) must have attended a department-approved hunter orientation course (to include trophy recognition and meat care) before hunting for moose or must be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred.

(d) A nonresident hunter in Unit 19(B) must have attended a department-approved hunter orientation course (to include trophy recognition and meat care) before hunting for moose or caribou or must be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within the second degree of kindred.

As such, nonresidents are legally sanctioned to sidestep hunters' education (including trophy recognition and meat care) so long as they are accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within second degree of kindred. Whereas adult Alaskan residents are not provided with this option to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20.

Whereas the Board of Game must provide that the subsistence taking of moose, deer, elk, and caribou by residents has preference over taking by nonresidents under:

**Sec. 16.05.255. Regulations of the Board of Game; management requirements**

(d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must provide that, consistent with the provisions of AS 16.05.258, the taking of moose, deer, elk, and caribou by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents.

Additionally, nonresidents are required to be accompanied by a registered guide or resident family member within second degree for brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, or sheep hunting under **Sec. 16.05.407. Nonresident hunting big game animals must be accompanied.** While **Sec. 16.05.407** does not apply for the taking of moose or caribou, it also does not prevent the board from doing so.

Moreover, residents born before January 1, 1986, are not required to complete a hunters education course. Therefore, hunts where nonresident hunters are accompanied by a 39-year-old or older family member (within the second degree of kindred), neither have received formal training in firearms safety, wildlife conservation, and respect for Alaska’s natural resources, landowners, and other hunters. Requiring nonresident hunters to take a hunters education course (including trophy recognition and meat care) provides them with the maximum safety and education.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?** I worked with members of the public and received feedback from ADFG staff.

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