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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 4) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game (board) requesting to change multiple pieces of 5 AAC 92. The proponent is asking the board to remake the required hunting license, locking tag, and harvest ticket system currently in place.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B. The department is unaware of any effects of regulations that were unforeseen when the regulation was adopted.
- C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns.
- D. The department is unaware of any unforeseen or unexpected events that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f).
- E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

The legislature determined all nonresidents hunting big game must also purchase a metal-locking tag in addition to a hunting license. The board has regulations that requires harvest tickets or permits as well, depending on the management needs of each population. This requires nonresidents to purchase a hunting license, metal-locking tag, and in many cases, to obtain a free harvest ticket. This agenda change request also includes requests to make administrative changes to a department wide process for issuing licenses, locking tags, and harvest tickets or registration permits. The board does not have authority to require the department to do so.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for statewide regulations is during winter/spring of 2024/2025. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March 2023 meeting in Soldotna to allow for more public input.

Sincerely,

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