DRAFT Conceptual regulatory language for Proposal 152

Issues behind Proposal 152:

The Association of Village Council Presidents, on behalf of its member villages, submitted proposal 12 to ask the Alaska Board of Game to address the issue of salvage requirements for wildfowl in Game Management Unit 18. It was initially addressed in the Western Region meeting of the Alaska Board of Game in Kotzebue in January 2014. Since there was a similar proposal (proposal 152), the Board of Game chose to address this issue at the statewide meeting currently being held in Anchorage. This proposal and an accompanying proposal to the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council asks the Alaska Board of Game to adopt a regulation that identifies the minimum salvage requirements of wildfowl in our area. The motivation behind the submission of this proposal was the discovery of 10 or more tundra swans in a local dumpster with just the breasts salvaged. This drew the ire of the local people in the social media and the local radio station. Many have expressed their views on this practice as “waste” of precious meat and edible parts of the swans.

Proposed Conceptual Regulatory Language:

After the legal harvest of wildfowl, the hunter shall salvage all edible parts as reasonably necessary to minimize waste. The following are required to be salvaged, the head, neck, body, drumsticks, wings to the third joint, gizzard, liver, and heart.

Submitted by Tim Andrew at the request of the board