

PROPOSAL XXX- 5 AAC 85.010 Hunting seasons and bag limits for bison; and 92.029 Permit for possessing live game. Repeals the Unit 8 bison hunt and clarify the definition of free ranging animals.

5 AAC 85.010. Hunting seasons and bag limits for bison.

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| Units and Bag Limits | Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
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| [UNIT 8] | [WINTER SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED (GENERAL HUNT ONLY)] | [WINTER SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED] |
| [1 BISON EVERY 10 REGULATORY YEARS BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY; DURING A WINTER SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER] | | |

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5 AAC 92.029(d)(2) is amended to read:

(2) musk oxen, bison, or reindeer that is lawfully owned, or an elk held under a valid game mammal farming license, that is not confined or is not under positive control is feral unless the animal is a free-ranging animal **under** [ON] a state or federal grazing lease; however,

(A) a person who can demonstrate ownership of the animal may pursue and capture the animal within 48 hours after the animal escapes from confinement, without needing to obtain a permit from the department;

(B) a person who can demonstrate ownership of the animal may pursue and capture the animal more than 48 hours after the animal escapes from confinement only if the person obtains a permit from the department;

(C) any free-ranging musk oxen, bison, reindeer, or elk for which ownership cannot be demonstrated is presumed to be game;

(D) for purposes of this paragraph, ownership of an animal **can** [MAY] be demonstrated only by means of a clearly visible permanent brand, ear tag, or owner's mark on the body of the animal[, EXCEPT THAT IN UNIT 8 FOR BISON, OWNERSHIP MAY BE DEMONSTRATED BY A SWORN STATEMENT, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, IF ALL BISON IN THE AREA IN QUESTION ARE PRIVATELY OWNED].

WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS AND WHY?

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