

Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Interior Region Fish and Game Advisory Committees

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Fairbanks	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
GASH	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
Koyukuk River	Yukon Flats
McGrath	

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Board of Game Members;

RE: Proposal 201

The Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee is unanimously and adamantly opposed to Proposal 201. Our committee discussed this issue thoroughly at our last meeting. None of us had ever heard of this being a problem. Our committee has three long term 50 year or more residents of Alaska.

We feel that an ethical hunter should take all reasonable measures to salvage wounded game even if it takes a lot of time and money. We are not promoting unlawful acts by staying with reasonable, each situation is different, finding a dead moose from the air so it can be salvaged is reasonable and in our opinion lawful.

Not being able to look for a wounded or dead animal from the air in some cases will lead to waste. Making the hunter afraid to use all reasonable means to find and retrieve dead or wounded game is not the message we want to send. Realistically, if a moose is shot at and not wounded it will leave the area. I have looked for a number of possibly wounded moose from the air, 99% of the time there was nothing in the area. This is why it doesn't even have the potential to be a big problem. The other 1%, the moose was dead. We understand why the Wildlife Troopers are requesting this change but unfortunately things are not always black and white and there is a ton of different situations that can arise.

Thank you,
Leif Wilson
Chair; Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee