

Proposal 3 – 5 AAC 92.990. By Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

Definitions. Establish a definition for general hunt as follows:

General hunt means: a hunt is regulated in non-subsistence areas; a regulated hunt that lays outside a non-subsistence area and the game being taken does not have a positive finding of customary and traditional use (C&T); when the harvestable surplus is above the maximum amount necessary for subsistence (ANS) and the board has determine other uses can exist; the nonresident opportunity is a general hunt.

General Hunt is a hunt that is not a subsistence hunt. General Hunt is a hunt that does not have C&T uses. Subsistence Users have a pattern of C&T uses and that is the difference between a General Hunt and a subsistence hunt.

Subsistence Hunts, such as Unit 13 Nelchina Caribou will be negatively affected by this proposal. ANS will most like have to be re-evaluated, if this proposal was passed by the Board of Game. Copper Basin Subsistence Hunt may end up a "sports hunt".

Unnecessary lawsuits may be filed against the Alaska Board of Game, if General Hunt definition impacts subsistence hunts.

The Department does not have to resources to change Chapter 85, it would be an enormous undertaking.

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