

**PROPOSAL 20 – 5 AAC 92.037. Permits for falconry.** Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years as follows:

Option A: A nonresident falconer who draws a permit and captures a raptor in Alaska may not apply for a nonresident capture permit for five calendar years.

Option B: A nonresident falconer who draws a permit and captures a raptor in Alaska may not apply for a nonresident capture permit for four calendar years.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Alaska Falconers Association is requesting that the Board of Game (board) institute a regulation that limits a successful applicant for a nonresident falconry capture permit who successfully traps a raptor in Alaska to be ineligible to apply for another nonresident capture permit for a period of five calendar years.

The board's intent language placed on record when nonresident take was instituted in 2014 was to make available the special opportunity and experience of trapping a raptor in Alaska available to as many nonresident falconers as possible. The Alaska Falconers Association agrees with the board's intent. In the three years that the nonresident allocation has been in place, one individual nonresident falconer drew a capture permit two consecutive years in a row and successfully took a raptor and exported that raptor out of Alaska in both years.

Alaska does not allow a person who successfully fills a drawing permit for a big game animal to re-apply for that same hunt the following year. Alaska prohibits a successful hunter who took a bison, Tok sheep, trophy brown bear in coastal units, or a muskox, from harvesting that same species for multiple years. We feel that raptors taken from Alaska by nonresident falconers hold that same special value and that a nonresident falconer should only be allowed to capture one raptor every five calendar years.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Falconers Association

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