

PROPOSAL 46 – 5 AAC 92.135. Transfer of possession. Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters as follows:

Add a section (d) to 5 AAC 92.135: (d) When a licensed guide or transporter, who is under contract by a person (hunter), possesses game taken by that person (hunter), for the purpose of transportation, that game will be considered to remain in the possession of that person (hunter).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Guides and transporters who are contracted by their clients should not be burdened with such a formality. Innumerable issues arise from the field to one’s home or holding facility that can be extremely challenging, time-sensitive, and in many cases have safety concerns which are much more urgent than filling out paper work that is repetitive and ridiculous. Guides and transporters are very burdened with such a formality of filling out all of these forms, in duplicate sometimes multiple times. It is totally unnecessary and serves no real purpose. All of the information required under 5 AAC 92.135 is already in the possession of the guide or transporter and can be supplied to anybody that needs to know. Most of it is on the state-required hunt record or transporter form. This regulation in its current form is a deterrent to proper care of meat. One of the main reasons that a guide or transporter transports the meat while the client remains in the field is to insure quality meat care. It is brought out to hang in a dry cooled meat locker or some other facility to insure it is well taken care of. In this situation, the guide or transporter is acting as an agent of the hunter. 5 AAC 92.135 is a regulation that can turn a person who is attempting to act in a totally legal and reasonable manner into a criminal. Common sense needs to be used.

This was not the original intent of this regulation. 5 AAC 92.135 (b) says, “Upon receipt of game or a part of game, the recipient shall then be responsible to salvage the edible meat for human consumption.” It was intended to allow people to permanently transfer possession of game and provided an avenue to do so and the meat still be tracked. It was not to require all of this paperwork to be filled out in duplicate in order for it to be transported an hour away, by your guide or transporter to be stored in a meat locker until you get there 15 minutes later.

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