

PROPOSAL 6

5 AAC 92.034. Permit to take and use game for cultural purposes.

Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18 as follows:

I am proposing that muskox be added to the list of species under the Cultural Education Program Permit for Nunivak Island for the years where the herd is healthy enough to allow it.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? We are working on developing a yearly Cultural Education outing where three or four elders will take the high school and upper junior high students on a three to four day trip where survival skills, traditional practices and values and gaining the confidence to go out on our island to practice subsistence will be the central themes. In order to allow our students to learn to hunt, field dress, butcher and properly store a vital large game animal on our island in the ways of the Cup'ig people. This activity is designed to pass on the Cup'ig values of subsistence living, respect for the environment and the animals who share it with us and the importance of community and acting as a contributing member of one's community. The elders who will be teaching the students have all grown up on Nunivak Island and practice subsistence living. They are qualified and willing to pass these values on to the next generation. A small group of students will be taken along to harvest the animal and. They will actively participate in the field dressing of the animal. All of the secondary students will participate in butchering and preparing the meat for storage. The entire school will participate in eating the meat as prepared by the school cook.

I believe that the harvest of a muskox would be a great part of that outing in years where the herd is large enough to allow for it. I sent in an application for this potential muskox harvest. I noted that muskox is not listed as a species under conditions, terms and restrictions and effectively that will prevent us from participating this year.

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