PROPOSAL 117

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.
5 AAC 92.012 (b). Licenses and tags.

Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field as follows:

1. Under 5 AAC 92.003 (create a new section N):

When participating in a hunt that requires a department approved hunter education or orientation course under 5 AAC 92.003, a person must have in possession proof of course completion.

2. Under 5 AAC 92.012 (b): Upon request from an employee of the department or a peace officer of the state, a person may not refuse to present for inspection any license, harvest ticket, permit, tag, or bowhunter certification card proof of completion of a course required under 5 AAC 92.003 and 5 AAC 92.085, any game, or any apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take game.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Alaska Wildlife Troopers, while in the field, frequently contact hunters participating in hunting that have an educational or orientation requirement. At times, these hunters are not carrying proof they have completed the course/certification. Currently, there is no requirement to require possession in the field of proof of completion. By passing this proposal, it will give Alaska Wildlife Troopers immediate knowledge if the hunter completed the required course, rather than having to spend significant time after the fact, researching and confirming the required course was completed by the hunter.

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