

## **PROPOSAL 21**

### **5 AAC 92.150. Evidence of sex and identity.**

Eliminate the regulation that excludes broken, damaged, or altered antlers from the definition of spike-fork antlers for Units 1B, 1C and 3 as follows:

**5 AAC 92.150. Evidence of sex and identity(a)** Horns of a Dall sheep must be salvaged. (b) If the taking of a big game animal, except sheep, is restricted to one sex, a person may not possess or transport the carcass of an animal unless sufficient portions of the external sex organs remain attached to indicate conclusively the sex of the animal, except that antlers are considered proof of sex for a deer if the antlers are naturally attached to an entire carcass, with or without the viscera; however, this section does not apply to the carcass of a big game animal that has been cut and placed in storage or otherwise prepared for consumption upon arrival at the location where it is to be consumed. (c) If a big game bag limit includes an antler size or configuration restriction, both antlers must be salvaged. A person possessing a set of moose antlers with less than the required number of brow tines on one antler shall leave the antlers naturally attached to the unbroken, uncut skull plate. If antlers or horns must be salvaged, they may not be altered before the completion of all salvage requirements, unless alteration is required under permit conditions. [IN UNIT 1(B), THAT PORTION OF UNIT 1(C) SOUTH OF PORT HOBART, INCLUDING ALL PORT HOUGHTON DRAINAGES, AND UNIT 3, A DAMAGED, BROKEN, OR ALTERED ANTLER IS NOT CONSIDERED A SPIKE-FORK ANTLER AS DEFINED IN 5 AAC 92.990.] (d) In those areas where sealing is required, until the hide has been sealed by a representative of the department, no person may possess or transport the hide of a bear that does not have the penis sheath or vaginal orifice naturally attached to indicate conclusively the sex of the bear. (e) In those areas where sealing is required only for the skull of a bear, a person who possesses or transports the meat of a bear must keep sufficient portions of the external sex organs naturally attached to indicate conclusively the sex of the bear until the skull of the bear has been sealed by a representative of the department.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Remove language [In Unit 1(B), that portion of Unit 1(C) south of Port Hobart, including all Port Houghton drainages, and Unit 3, a damaged, broken, or altered antler is not considered a spike-fork antler as defined in 5 AAC 92.990.] from 5 AAC 92.150 to align spike-fork definition with the rest of the state.

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