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To: Joint Boards

From: Resident Hunters of Alaska

## **Additional information on Proposal 18**

Dear Joint Board members,

During the testimony our representative gave in support of our Proposal 18, he was asked if Resident Hunters of Alaska had requested that the Board of Game adopt the same Findings policy (#91-128-FB) as the Board of Fisheries that precluded amending proposals to change the original intent of a proposal.

In fact, we did submit a letter requesting that the Board of Game adopt that same BOF Finding at their 2021 Work Session meeting. Our letter was listed for that meeting as a "Public Request for Board Policy on Amendment Process" and can be found at this link:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/pdfs/2020-2021/ws/rhak letter.pdf

The reason this was not submitted as a proposal is explained in the letter. The board discussed our request at the 2021 Work Session meeting and the summary of the actions taken states that: "The board discussed a public request asking the board to consider adopting a finding, policy, or standing rule to deal with the amendment process, specifically, amendments that are contrary to the original intent of the proposal. The board did not adopt a policy but discussed the need for being cognizant when changing proposals to be clear on the record to explain the reasoning when amendments are adopted so the public is aware."

Sincerely,

Mark Richards Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska

<sup>1</sup>https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/web/nocache/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/pdfs/2020-2021/ws/soa.pdf4B3B3B93A253165611EA2715DF11C48E/soa.pdf