

## **5 AAC 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions**

The following methods and means of taking big game are prohibited in addition to the prohibitions in [5 AAC 92.080](#):

(1) with the use of a firearm other than a shotgun, muzzleloader, or rifle or pistol using a center-firing cartridge, except that

(A) in Units 23 and 26, swimming caribou may be taken with a firearm using rim fire cartridges;

(B) the use of a muzzleloader is prohibited unless the firearm is a shoulder mounted long gun, 45 caliber or larger, with a barrel that is either rifled or smoothbore, and discharges a single projectile; and

(C) the use of a muzzleloader equipped with a scope, or a muzzleloader using smokeless powder as a charge, during any permitted, registered, or special season hunt for muzzleloaders only, is prohibited;

(2) repealed 7/1/2000;

(3) with a longbow, recurve bow, or compound bow, unless the

(A) bow is not less than

(i) 40 pounds peak draw weight when hunting black-tailed deer, wolf, wolverine, black bear, Dall sheep, and caribou;

(ii) 50 pounds peak draw weight when hunting mountain goat, moose, elk, brown/grizzly bear, musk ox, and bison;

(B) arrow is tipped with a broadhead and is a minimum of 20 inches in overall length and is a minimum of 300 grains in total weight;

(C) broadhead is

(i) a fixed, replaceable or mechanical/retractable blade-type broadhead when taking black-tailed deer, wolf, wolverine, black bear, Dall sheep, and caribou;

(ii) a fixed or replaceable blade-type broadhead when taking mountain goat, moose, elk, brown/grizzly bear, musk ox, and bison; and

(iii) not barbed;

(D) hunter has successfully completed a department-approved bowhunter education course for any restricted weapons hunt that authorizes taking by bow and arrow;

(4) with the use of bait for ungulates and with the use of bait or scent lures for any bear, except that black bears may be taken with the use of bait or scent lures as authorized by a permit issued under 5 AAC [92.044](#);

(5) with the aid or use of a dog, except that

(A) one leashed tracking dog, under the direct control of the handler, may be used to track wounded big game; and

(B) a dog may be used to hunt black bear by a permit issued at the discretion of the department; the department may issue a nontransferable permit to an individual who qualifies under the permit conditions established by the department in 5 AAC [92.068](#);

(6) with the use of a trap or snare;

(7) while a big game animal is swimming, except that a swimming caribou may be taken in Unit 23;

(8) a person who has been airborne may not take or assist in taking a big game animal until after 3:00 a.m. following the day in which the flying occurred; however, this paragraph does not apply to

(A) taking deer;

(B) repealed 7/1/92;

(C) a person flying on a regularly scheduled commercial airline, including a commuter airline;

(D) taking caribou from January 1 through April 15, in Unit 22 if the hunter is at least 300 feet from the airplane at the time of taking;

(E) repealed 7/1/2009;

(F) repealed 7/1/2008;

(9) from a boat in Units 1 - 5; however, a person with physical disabilities, as defined in [AS 16.05.940](#) , may hunt from a boat under authority of a permit issued by the department;

(10) with the following archery equipment or devices in a restricted weapons hunt that authorizes taking by bow and arrow:

(A) any type of electronic device, or light attached to the bow, arrow, or arrowhead, except a non-illuminating camera or a lighted nock on the end of an arrow;

(B) scopes or other devices attached to the bow or arrow for optical enhancement;

(C) repealed 3/17/2001;

(11) the use of artificial light to illuminate deer from a motorized land vehicle in Units 1 - 5;

(12) shooting black bear from a boat in Unit 6(D); however, a person with physical disabilities, as defined in [AS 16.05.940](#) , may hunt from a boat under authority of a permit issued by the department;

(13) repealed 7/1/2008;

(14) taking moose with the use of an electronic call.

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