

PROPOSAL 47 – 5 AAC 92.135. Transfer of possession. Modify the transfer of possession regulations as follows:

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(a) Unless the person who took the game is accompanying the person possessing the game, until all salvage is completed as required under this chapter, a person who gives or receives game or a part of game shall immediately furnish, upon demand by a peace officer a statement signed by [BOTH] **either** [PARTIES] **party** describing the following:

(1) The names and addresses of each person who gave or received the game;

(2) When and where the game was taken;

(3) What game or part of game was transferred; and

(4) The hunting license number of the person who took the game.

(b) Upon receipt of game or a part of game, the recipient shall then be responsible to salvage the edible meat for human consumption.

(c) A person giving, shipping, or receiving game or parts of game shall allow inspection of that game or parts of game upon request from a peace officer of the state or a federal fish and wildlife agent.

(d) This statement may be created at the time of the request.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Transporting meat can be logistically complicated especially with big game animals such as moose in remote areas. Having to fill out or edit a form that requires the signature of both the hunter and the transferee every time a quarter or chunk of meat is ferried to a different spot, is overly burdensome to the hunter and transferee, and sometimes isn't even possible if both persons aren't present. Most hunters try to do their best, but often it is hard to dot every "i" and cross every "t". This should not count against hunters when they are doing their best to salvage meat in a timely fashion, especially with the technological advances in communication that we have today.

As recently as 2008/2009, the hunting regulations stated that the transfer of possession statement could be created at the time of contact, and didn't require the signature of both persons. Unless we go back to something similar to what it was then, many well intentioned hunters who are complying with the intent of the law to salvage the meat will be subject to needless paper work infractions. We also considered having a temporary sealing certificate and/or a hunt record work as a transfer of possession for guided hunters, but felt this is an issue for all hunters, not just guides and nonresidents.

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