



November 7, 2019

An Agenda Change Request (ACR 6) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 92.200 Purchase and sale of game and 5 AAC 92.031 Permit for selling skins, skulls, and trophies. The proponent is asking the board to allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies, specifically bear rugs.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A) The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B) The department is unaware of any unforeseen effects of regulations. In 2012 the board added divorces to the short list of qualifying reasons that would allow the sale of trophies, and the department issues on average anywhere from 10-20 permits to sell trophies each year.
- C) The request does not address a biological concern.
- D) The request does not address a reduction in reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses.
- E) The request does not address harvest of a resource.

The department has had several conversations with constituents about the sale of trophies and is confident that proposals to modify 5 AAC 92.200 and 5 AAC 92.031 will be submitted for the next statewide regulatory board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled Statewide board meeting is during winter/spring of 2020/2021. The board has not previously considered this topic and the regulations need to be updated to reflect recent court action.

If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March 2020 meeting in Fairbanks where there are other proposals with statewide implications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eddie Grasser".

Eddie Grasser
Director
Division of Wildlife Conservation