

PROPOSAL 142

5 AAC 92.029. Permit for possessing live game.

Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit as follows:

Add emu to the clean list 5 AAC 92.029 so that no permit is required to own them in Alaska, as is the USDA practice in all other 49 states. Emu would be allowed to be raised as livestock which is current federal law.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to have emu added to the Clean List or list B not requiring a permit. It meets all of the following criteria and is accepted as livestock by the USDA and is already being raised in all other states except Alaska. It's really surprising this wasn't added a long time ago.

- (1) is not capable of surviving in the wild in Alaska;
- (2) is not capable of causing a genetic alteration of a species that is indigenous to Alaska;
- (3) is not capable of causing a significant reduction in the population of a species that is indigenous to Alaska;
- (4) is not capable of transmitting a disease to a species that is indigenous to Alaska;
- (5) does not otherwise present a threat to the health or population of a species that is indigenous to Alaska;
- (6) is not captured from the wild for use as a pet;
- (7) does not present a conservation concern in the species' native habitat outside of this state;
- (8) can be reasonably maintained in good health in private ownership;

Emu are poultry raised for food eggs and leather in every US state except Alaska, and this is only because 5 AAC 92.029 is a backwards law that forces Alaskans to beg for permission instead of the gvt expressing legitimate reasons for a ban against any animals. I would like to raise mu for foods, pets, meat, they are USDA subsidized and meet all the conditions which is also documented by the USDA,

If any information on emu farming or birds is required I am happy to help, and all of it is on the USDA's website including care incubation range species farming methods and the benefits of the most completely utilized livestock being raised today. Thanks.

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