

ACR #5 – Prohibit the possession of swine other than *Sus scrofa domesticus*.

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Fish and Game

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.

5 AAC 92.029(b). Permit for possessing live game.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

The existing language in 5 AAC 92.029 allows for all types of swine (*Sus scrofa* Var.) to be possessed in Alaska and causes concern for both the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Fish and Game. Boars are known to severely impact habitats for which they are not native and are particularly adept at escaping confinement. Boars can also reproduce rapidly and produce multiple young per litter; and have the ability to thrive in high latitude environments such as Alaska. Other states have been overrun with boars and removal, once established, has proved difficult to impossible. Boars also carry the disease Pseudorabies which lynx, and likely all mammals, are susceptible to.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?

5 AAC 92.029(b) The following species, not including a hybrid of a game animal and a species listed in this subsection, may be possessed, imported, exported, bought, sold, or traded without a permit from the department but may not be released into the wild:

Common Name	Scientific Name
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Swine	<i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 1) To correct an error in regulation.**
- 2) To correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.**

It is unknown if the Board of Game intended to allow only domestic swine, such as those commonly found in farming operations, or if the intent was to allow all types of swine and the department would like clarification.

- 3) Does the request identify a biological concern for the population or a threat to meeting objectives for the population?**

The department does have a biological concern for all species because feral boars represent a threat to indigenous wildlife and their habitats.

- 4) Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected event or effect that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses, as defined in AS 16.05.258(f)?**

- 5) Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such delay would be significantly burdensome because the resource would be unavailable in the future?

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?

The department has received inquiries from the public about importing particular types of swine which are known to thrive at high latitudes and severely impact habitats for which they are not native.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

N/A

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR.

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STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.

This ACR has not been previously considered.