

PROPOSAL 128

5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices as follows:

The following methods of taking game are prohibited: **with the use of a mechanical or powered body suit or device unless the device or suit is being worn to restore function of a limb that otherwise would not function as in the case of a paraplegic.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Power suits or exoskeletons (powered mechanical body suits and devices) are becoming commercially available to the general public. Such suits allow an individual to carry heavier loads and travel greater distances over difficult terrain using mechanical assistance and an external energy source. Such suits may currently be legal in nonmotorized access areas within the state and yet would violate the intention for which such areas were set aside. The use of such suits would allow hunters to access normally inaccessible areas and provide an unsporting physical advantage to the hunter. If the use of such suits is allowed a guide could purchase one suit and use it for many different clients throughout the year, dramatically changing the nature of a guided hunt. If a regulation is not passed, we are likely to see hunters using these devices in the near future.

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