

The title to this proposal was clarified 9/21/20 to indicate the proposed change prohibits use or urine from any species of the deer family and is not limited to deer or elk urine.

PROPOSAL 130

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

Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures as follows:

The following methods of taking game are prohibited:

...

(15) with the use of [DEER OR ELK] urine **from any species of the deer (Cervidae) family**, and while in immediate personal possession of [DEER OR ELK] urine **from any species of the deer (Cervidae) family**, including scent lures;

...

(18) **repealed; 7/1/2021.** [WITH THE USE OF MOOSE, CARIBOU, AND REINDEER URINE AS SCENT LURES, AND WHILE IN IMMEDIATE PERSONAL POSSESSION OF MOOSE, CARIBOU, OR REINDEER URINE, INCLUDING SCENT LURES, IN UNITS 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), AND 26(C).]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) can be transmitted by urine, and more types (species) of urine are becoming available to hunters to use as bait or scent lures. In 2012, the Board of Game (board) prohibited the use of deer or elk urine for hunting statewide, and in March of 2020 the board prohibited the use of moose, caribou, and reindeer urine for hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region. At that meeting, the department recommended the board adopt the proposal statewide. Due to the legal meeting notice not covering statewide topics, and not wanting to delay taking action on the proposal, the board adopted the proposal for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region only. The department is now proposing a broader prohibition on the use of natural urine as bait or scent lures, in order to further protect Alaska's game populations.

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