

Hunter Education

PROPOSAL 115

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters as follows:

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

...(a) Beginning August 1, 2002, a person born after January 1, 1986 that is

(1) required to have a hunting license must have successfully completed a certified hunter education course in order to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20;

(A) except that no hunter education requirements apply to persons that are the beneficiaries of proxy hunters

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? To close an inadvertent issue with the proxy system. For an individual to be proxy hunted for after they turn 18, they must pass a hunter education course, which is not always possible.

PROPOSED BY: Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F20-059)

PROPOSAL 116

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986 as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 92.003(1) to include the “born before or on January 1, 1986 exception to the use of crossbows”. That educational requirement exception is already available to “users of longbows, recurve bows, or compound bow for hunting big game under 5 AAC 92.003(k).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Equality in hunting methods educational requirements.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Outdoor Council (EG-F20-134)

PROPOSAL 117

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

5 AAC 92.012 (b). Licenses and tags.

Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field as follows:

1. Under 5 AAC 92.003 (create a new section N):

When participating in a hunt that requires a department approved hunter education or orientation course under 5 AAC 92.003, a person must have in possession proof of course completion.

2. Under 5 AAC 92.012 (b): Upon request from an employee of the department or a peace officer of the state, a person may not refuse to present for inspection any license, harvest ticket, permit, tag, or ~~bowhunter certification card~~ proof of completion of a course required under 5 AAC 92.003 and 5 AAC 92.085, any game, or any apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take game.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Alaska Wildlife Troopers, while in the field, frequently contact hunters participating in hunting that have an educational or orientation requirement. At times, these hunters are not carrying proof they have completed the course/certification. Currently, there is no requirement to require possession in the field of proof of completion. By passing this proposal, it will give Alaska Wildlife Troopers immediate knowledge if the hunter completed the required course, rather than having to spend significant time after the fact, researching and confirming the required course was completed by the hunter.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Wildlife Troopers (HQ-F20-017)

PROPOSAL 118

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application as follows:

5 AAC 92.050(a) The following conditions and procedures for permit issuance apply to each permit hunt:

...

(11) an applicant for a certified crossbow hunter only permit hunt must successfully complete a department-approved crossbow hunter certification course before submitting a permit application.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Board of Game recently added crossbows as an allowed method of harvesting game in some drawing permit hunts. This regulatory change now makes crossbows the only restricted method that does not require the applicant to be certified at the time of application. By requiring applicants to be certified before submitting an application for a drawing permit this newest form of weapons restriction certification will be aligned with the existing application requirements for other weapons-restricted hunts.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F20-058)
