

Proposal 159

Change number of days hides, skulls, and furs must be sealed; and harvest ticket and permit reporting, to business days.

- Recommendation: Neutral
- Public Proposal

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Background...

5 AAC 92.210. Sealing of bear skins and skulls

- ... A person may not possess or transport the untanned skin or skull of a bear taken in a unit where sealing is required, or export from the state the untanned skin or skull of a bear taken anywhere in the state, unless the skin or the skull, or both as required in this section have been sealed by a department representative within 30 days after the taking, or a lesser time if requested by the department...

- 5 AAC 92.170 Sealing

...

- (b) The sealing of marten, fisher, lynx, beaver, land otter, wolf, or wolverine must be accomplished as follows:
- (2) wolf (except in Unit 2), wolverine, and lynx taken by hunting must be sealed on or before the 30th day after the date of taking;
- (3) fisher (Units 1 5 only), marten (Units 1 7 and 14 16 only), wolf (except in Unit 2), wolverine, lynx, beaver, and otter taken by trapping must be sealed on or before the 30th day after the close of the season in the unit where taken;

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Background...

5 AAC 92.010. Harvest tickets and reports.

(c) Within 15 days after taking the bag limit for a species or, if the hunter does not take the bag limit, within 15 days after the close of the season, the hunter shall submit a completed harvest report to the department. A person may not falsify any fact on a harvest report submitted to the department under this subsection.

(e) For a permit hunt, the permit takes the place of a harvest ticket and report.

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

(8) a person who has been issued a permit, or that person s proxy under 5 AAC 92.011, shall return the permit harvest report to the department within the time period stated on the permit...

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- Permit reporting periods vary due to harvest information needs
- The board is made aware when new hunts have nonstandard reporting periods.
- Temporary sealing certificates are available.
- Many staff have sealed animals on weekends, at airports, and homes.
- During the coronavirus pandemic access to sealing services were maintained.

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Require game taken by domestic pets be reported to the department and salvaged for human consumption.

- Recommendation: Opposed
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Current regulations

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AS 16.05.940
(19) game means any species of bird, reptile, and mammal, including a feral domestic animal, found or introduced in the state, except domestic birds and mammals; and game may be classified by regulation as big game, small game, fur bearers or other categories considered essential for carrying out the intention and purposes of AS 16.05 AS 16.40;

5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides
Provides for overall salvage requirements and specific species and hunt Requirements.

5 AAC 92.990. Definitions
Defines edible meat for multiple game classifications

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5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides (a) Subject to additional requirements in 5 AAC 84 5 AAC 85, a person taking game shall salvage the following parts for human use:
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(XX) Any owner or caretaker of a domestic animal that kills a game animal must, in addition to salvaging the meat for human consumption, report the take to the department no less than annually. If the owner or caretaker cannot identify the species of the game animal, it must be delivered to the department for identification as soon as possible.

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- Proposal will hold domestic animal owners responsible for game take by pets.
- Proposal will require salvage for human consumption and reporting.
- Salvage requirements are associated with the act of attempting and taking game, and as such require an appropriate license.
 - Would domestic pet owners be required to purchase a license? Which one?
- The department does not collect or use data from the take of game by domestic animals.
- In addition, legal authority to require salvage of game taken by domestic animals is unclear, and enforcement of regulations resulting from this proposal would be difficult.
- All game that is taken in violation of existing regulations is the property of the State.

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Proposal 161

Modify rib meat salvage requirement for Dall sheep, mountain goat, and Sitka black-tailed deer.

- Recommendation: Neutral
- Public Proposal

Current regulations

5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides
(d) A person taking game not listed in (a) of this section shall salvage for human consumption all edible meat, as defined in 5 AAC 92.990.

5 AAC 92.990. Definitions

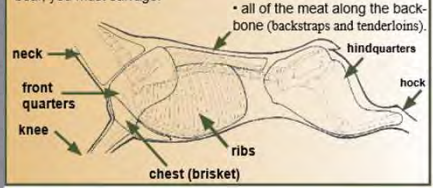
(26) edible meat means, in the case of a big game animal, except a bear, the meat of the ribs, neck, brisket, front quarters, hindquarters, and the meat along the backbone between the front and hindquarters; in the case of a bear, the meat of the front quarters and hindquarters and meat along the backbone (backstrap);

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Do you know how much meat the law requires you to take?

It's not just four quarters...
If you take a moose, caribou, sheep, mountain goat, wild reindeer, deer, elk, bison, muskox, or subsistence brown bear, you must salvage:

- all of the neck meat;
- all of the chest meat (brisket);
- all of the meat of the ribs;
- front quarters to the knee;
- hindquarters to the hock;
- all of the meat along the backbone (backstraps and tenderloins).



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Background

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- Salvage requirements encourage the fullest use of harvested game.
- Additional requirements have been adopted (e.g., meat on the bone) for specific reasons, such as reducing spoilage.
- Current regulations provide for losing meat to gun shot and in the process of field dressing.
- Concerns with wanton waste of meat remain.
- Rib meat is highly valued by many hunters.
- Hunters will still be required to salvage a portion of the rib meat.

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- Recommendation: Neutral
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Proposal 245

Eliminate remain on bone rib meat salvage requirement for moose, caribou, and bison.

- Recommendation: Neutral
- Advisory Committee Proposal

Current regulations

5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides

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5 AAC 92.990. Definitions

(26) edible meat means, in the case of a big game animal, except a bear, the meat of the ribs, neck, brisket, front quarters, hindquarters, and the meat along the backbone between the front and hindquarters;

- Several sections of 5 AAC 92.220 list species and hunt specific salvage requirements, including those requiring meat to be left on the bone.



Legal
No boning of meat in field



Legal
Meat removed by close trimming (bones left in field)



Illegal
Poor trimming, causing waste of meat

Illegal
In some units prior to Oct 1

Meat that must be left on the bone when salvaged prior to Oct 1:

UNIT	Caribou	Moose	Bison
9B	FQ, HQ	FQ, HQ	
13	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	
17	FQ, HQ	FQ, HQ	
18	FQ, HQ	FQ, HQ	
19	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R
21A	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R
21B, C, D		FQ, HQ, R	
21E	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R
23	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	
24	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	
25A	FQ, HQ, R	FQ, HQ, R	
25B, C, D		FQ, HQ, R	

FQ = Front Quarters
HQ = Hindquarters
R = Ribs

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Background

Proposal 245

- Additional requirements have been adopted (e.g., meat on the bone) for specific reasons, such as reducing spoilage.
 - Remain on bone requirements are not consistent statewide.
- Current regulations provide for losing meat to gun shot and in the process of field dressing.
- Hunters will still be required to salvage the rib meat.
 - Proposal author suggests eliminating rib meat only from remain on bone salvage requirement.
 - Meat on front & hind quarters still required to remain on bone.

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Proposal 245

Eliminate remain on bone rib meat salvage requirement for moose, caribou, and bison.

- Recommendation: Neutral
- Advisory Committee Proposal

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Proposal 162

Snowshoe Hare Salvage

Create a salvage requirement for snowshoe hare

Department Recommendation: NEUTRAL


Department Proposal

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Background

- 2020 BOG discussions regarding salvage requirements for AK hare



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Snowshoe Hare Salvage

Current Salvage Requirements:

Small Game Species

Alaska Hare: hide or meat (units 9, 17, 18, 22, 23)

Grouse/Ptarmigan: breast meat

Snowshoe Hare: none

Fur Animals*

Beaver: hide or meat (hunt & trap)

Coyote: none (hunt) hide (trap)

Arctic & Red Fox: none (hunt) hide (trap)

Lynx: none (hunt) hide (trap)

Flying & Red Squirrel: none

Ground Squirrel: hide or meat

Waterfowl

Ducks/Snipe: breast meat

Geese/Cranes/Swans: meat of breast, back, legs, thighs, and wings

Unclassified Game

Cormorant: food/clothing use

Crow: food/clothing use

Pika: hide or meat

Porcupine: none

Shrew & Mouse: none

Snowy Owl: food/clothing use

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Snowshoe Hare Salvage

• Many uses of snowshoe hare

• Salvage for ‘Human Use’

• Salvage requirement met if some portion of carcass is used for:

• Human consumption

• Trapping

• Sewing

• Dog training

• Dog food

• Other (human use)

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Proposal 246

Change the method of sealing Dall sheep by allowing temporary, rather than permanent, seals.

- Recommendation: Oppose
- Public Proposal

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Current regulations

Proposal 246

5 AAC 92.171. Sealing of horns and antlers

(a) A person may not alter, possess, transport, or export from the state, the horns of a Dall sheep ram taken in any hunt where there is a horn configuration bag limit, the horns of a Dall sheep ram taken in Units 6 – 11 and Units 13 – 17, or the horns of a Dall sheep taken under a 151 registration permit in Unit 19(C), unless the horns have been permanently sealed by a department representative within 30 days after the taking, or a lesser time if designated by the department; except the horns of a 3/4 curl or less sheep taken in the registration hunt in Units 25(A) and 26(C) do not need to be sealed.

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Proposed regulations

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Background

Proposal 246

Sheep sealing has been a subject at many board meetings:

- In 2004 the board required the sealing of all sheep horns from rams taken in areas where there was a horn configuration requirement. Early sealing attempts with locking tags showed the tags often came off.
- In 2006 the department submitted a proposal to modify the sealing requirements to make it easier for enforcement purposes; the board clarified all sheep to be sealed must be permanently sealed.
- In 2009 the board required the sealing of all rams taken in Units 6 11, and 13 17, including those less than full curl.
- In 2011 the board prohibited the alteration of ram horns prior to sealing.

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- Recommendation: Oppose
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