

Proposal 115

Fairbanks Advisory Committee

Remove the requirement for the beneficiary in a proxy hunt to have successfully completed hunter education.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 115

- A person born after January 1, 1986 that is 18 years old or older must have successfully completed a certified hunter education course in order to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15, and 20.
- Basic Hunter Education is also required in
 - Most Management Areas in 14C
 - Mendenhall Wetlands SGR
 - Palmer/Wasilla MA

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Background

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- Beneficiary:
 - Alaska residents who are blind, at least 70% physically disabled, 65 years of age old or older, or developmentally disabled can have another resident proxy hunt for them.
- Proxy:
 - Alaska residents
 - Subject to all conditions and requirements that would apply to the beneficiary (must be eligible to participate in the hunt themselves)

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Background

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- Before a person turns 18, they do not need hunter education.
 - This allows someone to proxy hunt for persons under the age of 18.
- Once a person turns 18, they need hunter education to hunt in Units 7, 13, 14, 15 and 20
 - If the person was incapable of completing hunter education for physical or developmental reasons, this means they can no longer have someone proxy hunt for them.

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Background

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- Proxy hunting is allowed for all deer, most caribou, and some moose hunts
 - 1,000-1,600 issued per year
 - No conservation concerns, little to no increase in harvest expected
- Proposal removes the requirement for the beneficiary to have hunter education
- Does not change the requirement for the proxy hunter to have hunter education
- Effect is no change to those hunting in the field.

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Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 116

Alaska Outdoor Council

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

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 116

- Crossbow education requirement
 - mimicked bowhunter education requirements
- Bowhunter education requirements changed
 - crossbow education requirements did not
- Adoption of the proposal would align the crossbow and bowhunter education requirements.

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Proposal 116

Alaska Outdoor Council

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

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 117

Alaska Wildlife Troopers

Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required hunter education certifications, when participating in the hunt, in the field.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 117

- Proof of completion of education and orientations is required in some but not all instances:
 - 5 AAC 92.003(h) In Unit 23, a pilot may not transport parts of big game with an aircraft without having, **in actual possession**, the pilot's certificate of successful completion of a department-approved education course regarding big game hunting and meat transportation in the unit...

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Background

Proposal 117

- Showing that proof of completion is also required in some but not all instances:
 - 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**, any game, or any apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take game.

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Background

Proposal 117

- Proposal reduces confusion for hunters regarding which items must be in their possession while in the field, and which items must be shown if contacted in the field.

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Proposal 117

Alaska Wildlife Troopers

Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 118

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Require applicants for crossbow only hunts to have crossbow education prior to applying for those hunts.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 118

- Archery only hunts:
 - Course completion required prior to applying.
- Muzzleloader only hunts:
 - Course completion required prior to applying.
- Crossbow only hunts:
 - Course completion required prior to hunting.

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Proposal 118

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Require applicants for crossbow only hunts to have crossbow education prior to applying for those hunts.

Department Recommendation: Support

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