

**PROPOSAL 1**

**5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.**

Require certified hunter safety education to hunt in Units 1 - 5 as follows:

Amend Section 5 AAC 92.003 to include:

Beginning January 2025, a person born after January 1, 2010 that is required to have a hunting license must have successfully completed a certified hunter education course in order to hunt in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Additionally, if you are under 18 years of age, you must have either successfully completed a certified hunter education course or be under the direct immediate supervision of a licensed hunter who is: (a) 18 years of age or older and has successfully completed a certified hunter education course OR (b) born on or before January 1, 2010.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Requiring a certified hunter education course to hunt in Units 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will lead to safer more informed hunters. ADF&G reports that “hunter education courses have dramatically reduced hunting related firearms accidents — up to 75% in some states — and have brought about positive change in hunter skills, attitudes, and behavior.” Over the last twenty years, barriers to accessing hunter education course have come down, especially with the advent of hybrid and online versions of the curriculum. We would like to follow other Units and require hunter safety for Units 1 - 5. Adopting this proposal will make hunting safer for everyone in our region.

**PROPOSED BY:** Juneau-Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F22-118)

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