

PROPOSAL 240

5 AAC 8.060. Hunting seasons and bag limits for fur animals.

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

Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8 and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Either limit two fox to nonresidents while hunting in Unit 8 or two fox to all hunters who utilize transporters to the field or while in the field.

Prohibit all infrared hunting in Unit 8. Infrared hunting maybe useful on mainland where population are not on a vertical hillside adjacent to the ocean, but here on Kodiak this will be deadly for all game. NOT FAIR CHASE.

The State Constitution will limit how this is done but if the Board of Game allows infrared use Statewide, this issue you will come before you in more than one area. We have strict limits on guides and the guide industry, Transporters are the wild Wild West and we are seeing area's of localized depletion of our deer populations on island. Please do not let fox be next. I realize this will insult many but I and many on island do not feel infrared hunting has anything to do with fair chase. Please be proactive versus reactive to protecting our fox.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

I would like the Board of Game to put a limit of two fox on all hunters who use a transporter for access to the field.

Through recent Board of Game actions of the use of infrared or night vision technology the residents have grave concern about elimination of fox along our bays. We have a huge uptick of transporters on the Island deer hunting. Our fox population is highly susceptible to adverse impacts of this technology on our fox populations.

Transporters have had a huge impact of local hunters to access deer, with this new regulation fox will be extremely vulnerable. There is a saying on Kodiak; "when the tide is low the table is set"

For good reason the there have been regulations prohibiting the use of lights while hunting. Infrared technology will have a huge impact on our fox population.

There is a big difference between local hunters and fur trappers than non Unit 8 residents. I/we are asking that you take this difference into consideration while considering this proposal.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

Many local residents have concern of the fox population and the use of infrared in the field.

The Kodiak Advisory Committee was not consulted but at the last meeting expressed concern of the use of infrared use. If my memory serves me right.

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