

PROPOSAL 245

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

Prohibit the use of all artificial light and infrared devices for hunting in Unit 8 as follows:

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

ALL ARTIFICIAL LIGHT AND INFRARED/ HEAT SIGNATURE OPTICS ARE ILLEGAL TO HUNT big game or hunt or trap small game in Unit 8.

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

I would like to address infrared and artificial light for hunting predators (foxes) in Unit 8. Infrared heat vision optics is now legal statewide. The main motivation for this is wolf and coyote predator control state wide. FOXES ARE NOT DANGEROUS PREDATORS IN KODIAK. This should not be legal here because it will set a precedent for allowing infrared vision, possibly for other big game like BEARS and deer on Kodiak down the road. IT IS not fairchase, ethical or promoting safe hunting on Kodiak Island. In the fall many deer and bear hunters camp right on the beach with base camp in close proximity to other hunters.

Allowing infrared fox hunting at night is dangerous for other user groups and someone or their tent or boat is liable to get inadvertently shot. People don't hunt at night anyway on our island, they get drunk. So allowing this type of hunting on Kodiak Island is a recipe for disaster when foxes are not a true predator of things but rather just a furbearer.

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

I collaborated with Kodiak Advisory Committee.

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