

Proposal 140

5 AAC 92.011. Taking of game by proxy.

Prohibit proxy hunting in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 25C for caribou under the Fortymile registration hunts as follows:

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

Proxy hunting in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F and 25C for caribou under the Fortymile registration hunts RC860 and RC867 should be prohibited.

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

Proxy hunting is currently allowed for the RC860 and RC867 caribou registration hunts in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 25C. The Fortymile caribou herd has been declining for several years and is now below its intensive management population and harvest objectives. As a result, harvest quotas have been reduced and allocated across zones. These low and zone distributed quotas mean that every individual harvest has a proportionally greater effect on achieving management goals and maintaining harvest distribution across the hunt area. During periods of reduced availability, allowing proxy hunting can unintentionally concentrate harvest among a smaller number of households and limit

overall hunter participation. Eliminating proxy hunting will help ensure that limited harvest opportunity is more evenly distributed among residents across all zones.

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

This proposal was developed by the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Coalition, which includes representatives from Advisory Committees (Fortymile-Upper Tanana, Central, Fairbanks, Eagle, Delta, Anchorage, and Matanuska Valley) who represent hunters who have traditionally hunted the FCH. Development of the proposal also included consultation with state and federal agencies and other resource agencies. This proposal is part of an updated Fortymile Caribou Harvest Plan, which will be submitted to the Board.

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