

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME  
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM  
2017-2018 Meeting Cycle  
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**BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS**

**Game Management Unit (GMU)** \_\_\_\_\_

- Hunting       Subsistence  
 Trapping      Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Resident       Nonresident

**Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

- Central & Southwest Region** (GMUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 & 17)       **Statewide Regulations** – 5 AAC Ch. 92 provisions & 98.005 (see list on page 4).

**Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.**

**1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5**

**AAC:**

**Regulation Book Page No:**

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

**Remove moose and black bear from the list of must-be-guided species under AS 16.05.407**

The Board of Game, without legislative approval, has added moose and black bear to the list of must-be-guided species for nonresidents in certain parts of the state under AS 16.05.407.

The legislature never intended for the Board of Game to have the authority to add species to the must-be-guided list. When the board has done this, it is essentially a separate allocation to guides that often negatively affects resident hunter opportunity.

A prime example is the must-be-guided requirement for moose for the DM 809/810/811 upper Nowitna draw permit hunt. The Board in 2008 passed a proposal from a guide with exclusive rights to guide in the Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge that allocated half of the permits to nonresident hunters, with 70% of the nonresident permits required to hire that specific guide. A 50% allocation to nonresident moose hunters for any moose draw permit in Alaska is completely unacceptable. And it only happened because of the must-be-guided requirement for moose in that area.

The Board has also added black bear to the list of must-be-guided species in parts of southeast Alaska, using conservation as a rationale for doing so when the Board has the authority and duty to limit all nonresident black bear hunters if there is a conservation concern.

The addition of moose and black bear to the list of must-be-guided species is a subsidy to guides that sets a bad precedent that can harm resident opportunities and lock up access to areas where guides are guaranteed this new client base.

**3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

Remove moose and black bear from the list of must-be-guided species.

**Submitted By:** Resident Hunters of Alaska  
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