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Honorable Board Members

Those who voted in the majority on proposal 4 (amend the definition of bag limit) to fail it. Would you consider a reconsider vote?

The 2 reason I heard to fail this proposal was:

1. Changing the word "take" to "kill" would affect units 1-5 and 8.
2. Troopers would not be able to keep that person from continuing to hunt because he did not kill the moose.

I do not believe the 2 about reason are not correct.

Changing the word "take to "kill" in 5 AAC 92.990(6) would not affect 5 AAC 92.130(f). 5 AAC 92.130(f)(g)(h) has made an exception to the current definition in 5 AAC 92.990((6). Amending it to use the word "kill" instead of "take" again this will not affect the except language in 5 AAC 92.130(f)(g)(h).

(f) In Units 1 - 5 and Unit 8, a black or brown bear wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the bear is taken. However, in Units 1 - 5 and Unit 8, a brown bear wounded by a person does not count against that person's one bear every four regulatory years bag limit established in 5 AAC 92.132.

(g) In Unit 8, an elk wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the elk is taken.

(h) In this section, "wounded" means there is sign of blood or other sign that the animal has been hit by a hunting projectile.

As you see this regulation above has an exception to the definition in 5 AAC 92.990(6). The same exception would apply if amended to using the word kill.

As to the example by public safety.

Shooting a moose that was sublegal is still a chargeable offence. The effect of the language of bag limit is not limiting AWT to cite that offender.

We do have other regulations that can be used beside "bag limit" for citing violations, per AWT example. 5 AAC 92.220(5)(d) Salvage of game.

I believe the real intent of "bag limit" is something killed and taken home for use. Not the broader use of the statutory definition of the word "take". The Board has, when needed to. Makes exceptions to other regulation. To make unique situations throughout the state.