Findings for the Alaska Board of Game 2016-216-BOG Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game Provided during the Statewide Regulations Meeting March 26, 2016

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the department take the following actions:

- 1. Delay implementation of Proposal 51, amending 5 AAC 92.130, for up to two years to allow for accurate implementation. The Board also asked the department to closely track that the harvest counts toward both the nonresident and the accompanying resident relative.
- 2. Make a recommendation to hunters, through clinics and educational materials, on suggested appropriate calibers and the use of non-full-metal jacket ammunition for hunting moose, brown bears, and goats.
- 3. Make a concerted effort to not use the words "contaminated soil" in bear baiting clinics and materials. Also educate the public that certain bait, such as chocolate, may be harmful to animals and rely on hunters to consider the harmful effects certain baits may have on game.
- 4. Re-evaluate the weapons restrictions on minimum caliber and ballistic requirements in the Unit 20D bison hunts and allow appropriate black powder cartridges to be used.

Adopted March 26, 2016 Vote: <u>7-0</u>

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