

Proposal 8

Allow the use of battery powered lights on a bow sight in archery-only hunts

- Department: Neutral
- Public Proposal

Background

Proposal 8

- 5 AAC 92.080 prohibits the take of game with artificial light
- 5 AAC 92.085 prohibits the following archery equipment or devices in an archery only hunt:
 - Any type of electronic device, or light attached to the bow, arrow, or arrowhead, except a non-illuminating camera or a lighted nock on the end of an arrow;
 - Scopes or other devices attached to the bow or arrow for optical enhancement

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Proposal 9

Update the definition of barbed arrows to allow for modern broadheads to be legal

- Department: Supports
- Department Proposal

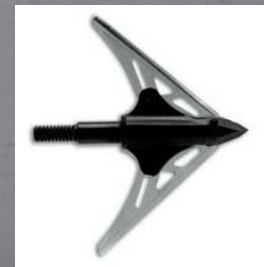
Background

Proposal 9

- The board adopted the definition of a barbed arrowhead prior to 2000.
- Non-barbed arrowheads can work themselves out of an animal when a non-lethal shot is made.
- Current definition:

(8) "barbed" means, in the case of an arrowhead, having any fixed portion of the rear edge of the arrowhead forming an angle less than 90 degrees with the shaft when measured from the nock end of the arrow;

Barbed



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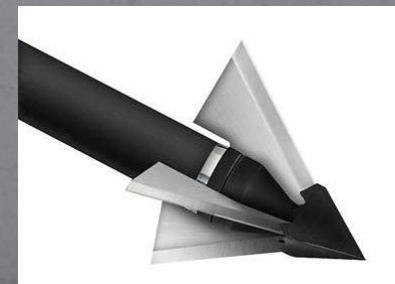
Proposal 9

- Broadhead technology has evolved and many broadheads are illegal due to current definition, which probably was not what the Board originally intended.
- Example:

Barbed



Not Barbed
(new definition)



Background

Proposal 9

- New definition:

*(8) "barbed" means, in the case of an arrowhead, having any fixed portion of the rear edge of the arrowhead forming an angle less than 90 degrees with the shaft when measured from the nock end of the arrow; **a notch or space of no more than two millimeters between the base of the blade and the shaft shall not be considered a barb;***

- New language borrowed from New York's definition of archery equipment

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Proposal 10

Modify the requirements for crossbows by increasing the peak draw weight from 100 lbs to 150 lbs and decreasing the minimum draw length from 14" to 13"

- Department: Neutral (draw weight) and Opposed (draw length)
- Public Proposal

(The department submitted a similar proposal - Proposal 12)

Background

Proposal 10

- Draw weight (Neutral):
 - Most crossbows on the market today have a draw weight of +150 lbs
 - Older models would become illegal since their draw weights are 100-150 lbs

Example:



Shoots up to 380 fps
Power stroke: 18"
Draw weight: 145 lbs

Background

Proposal 10

- Draw length (Opposed):
 - The draw weight of a crossbow is more important for lethality than the draw length
 - Crossbow manufacturers are currently using “power stroke” instead of “draw length”
 - There are crossbows currently available for sale that have a draw length of 12” or 12.5”

Example:



Shoots up to 315 fps
Power stroke: 12”
Draw weight: 150 lbs

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Proposal 12

Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game to allow for modern crossbows to be legal

- Department: Supports
- Department Proposal

Background

Proposal 12

(15) with a crossbow, unless

(A) **the** bow peak draw weight is 100 pounds or more;

(B) **Repealed** [THE BOW HAS A MINIMUM DRAW LENGTH OF 14 INCHES FROM FRONT OF BOW TO BACK OF STRING WHEN IN THE COCKED POSITION;]

(C) **the arrow** [BOLT] is tipped with a broadhead and is a minimum of 16 inches in overall length and weighs at least 300 grains; and

(D) **the** crossbow has no attached electronic devices, except for a scope or electronic sight that does not project light externally;

(E) it is a shoulder-mounted crossbow;

Proposal 12

Modify the current definition of a legal crossbow for taking big game to allow for modern crossbows to be legal

- Department: Supports
- Department Proposal

Proposal 13

Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts for hunters 65 years of age and older

- Department: Neutral
- Public proposal

Background

Proposal 13

- Similar proposal submitted at the 2012 Statewide board meeting.
- Board did not adopt because opportunity is available under a methods and means exemption permit for hunters with disabilities.
- Technological advances in bowhunting equipment make it easier to obtain the minimum draw weight.

Proposal 13

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- Public proposal

Proposal 11

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- Department: Neutral
- Public proposal

Proposal 14

Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-
weapons hunts

- Department: Neutral
But Opposed to changes at statewide level
- Public proposal

Background

Proposal 14

- Currently legal methods for special management hunts and/or state refuge areas that are weapons-restricted are:
 - ☞ Muzzleloader,
 - ☞ Shotgun,
 - ☞ Or bow and arrow
- Targeted hunts occur near populated areas; methods are limited to specific weapons with short range trajectories.

Proposal 14

Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts

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But Opposed to changes at statewide level
- Public proposal

Proposal 15

Require certification for all big game hunters in Alaska using a crossbow

During the 2014–2015 meeting cycle, the Board of Game amended this proposal (Proposal 35) to apply statewide and deferred it to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2016.

- Department: Neutral
- Public proposal

Background

Proposal 15

- No regulation that requires crossbow-specific education certification
- Crossbows that meet the requirements in 5 AAC 92.085 can be used in general season hunts.
 - If crossbow is being used, hunters still need to abide by hunter education and orientation requirements in 5 AAC 92.003
- Methods and Means exemption permits allow the use of crossbows in archery-only hunts and requires hunters to be certified in a department approved bowhunter education course

Background

Proposal 15

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Proposal 17

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- Department: Neutral
- Public proposal

Background

Proposal 17

- Board adopted statewide bowhunter education requirement at the March 2014 statewide meeting.
- Implementation was delayed until July 1, 2016.
- Prior to July 1, 2016 hunts restricted to archery-only required bowhunter certification card. Department accepts most out-of-state certification cards.

Proposal 17

Hunters born on or before January 1, 1986 would be exempt from the bowhunter education requirement, except in archery-only hunts.

- Department: Neutral
- Public proposal

Proposal 18

Prohibit the use of slingbows for big game

- Department: Neutral
- Public proposal

Background

Proposal 18

- Slingbows are slingshots that use rubber tubing to launch arrow
- Cannot be used during archery-only hunt
- Unable to determine how often slingbows are used

Proposal 18

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