



November 7, 2019

An Agenda Change Request (ACR 1) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 92.029, which lists what animals can be possessed in Alaska without a permit. The proponent is asking the board to add Emus to the list of animals that can be possessed without a permit, similar to turkeys, pheasants, and other livestock.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A) The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B) The department is unaware of unforeseen effects of the regulations in their current state. The Board of Game previously discussed adding Emus to 5 AAC 92.029 and decided against it.
- C) Emus are not currently legal to possess in Alaska and are also not a game species, therefore there is no biological concern for their population and there are no population objectives for them either.
- D) There is no customary and traditional use finding for Emus because they are not a game species.
- E) Emus are not currently managed as a resource so there is no unforeseen or unexpected resource situation that is addressed by this agenda change request.

Regulation 5 AAC 92.029 will be included in the call for proposals during the regularly scheduled meeting during winter/spring of 2020/2021, for which the proposal deadline is May 1, 2020. As noted above, the board has previously considered this topic and found it does not meet ACR requirements, suggesting this issue should be discussed in the appropriate board cycle.

If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March 2020 meeting in Fairbanks to allow additional time for public input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eddie Grasser".

Eddie Grasser  
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Division of Wildlife Conservation