

The following proposal was submitted by the proposal deadline but was inadvertently excluded from the proposal book. It will be considered by the Board of Game at the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2025.

PROPOSAL 187

5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

Allow the use of night vision, thermal scopes, and artificial light to be used only for hunting predators as follows:

Using a laser sight, electronical-enhanced, night vision, thermal any forward-looking infrared device is authorized for use for the taking of predators only.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow the use of night vision/thermal scopes/artificial light to be used only for the taking of predators as follows. There is standing for this in 44 of 50 states! You can also find the information at www.pointoptics.com (scroll down and click on the state you'd like to research). We have a significant predator problem and several, IF NOT ALL of our caribou herds are in decline all over the state. Some of this is due to human competition for the resource but the overwhelming fact remains that predators take out as much as 80% of newborn calves to include the moose calves and if we don't keep the predators in check the numbers will continue to decline. This is a win win; if approved you will be able to bring back the caribou and moose numbers you desire and offer more hunting opportunities. I know some of you are concerned about people violating non predatory animals with a thermal scope and other devices but honestly a thermal scope is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3500-\$7000 depending on model/type so please ask yourself WHO is going to spend that kind of coin to break the law. Again 44 other states allow this type of predator hunting for a reason.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

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