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5 AAC 92.100. Unlawful methods of hunting waterfowl, snipe, and cranes.

Restrict the use of boats for hunting waterfowl as follows:

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(a) The following methods and means of taking waterfowl, snipe, and cranes are prohibited, in addition to the prohibitions in 5 AAC 92.080:

(1) with a rifle or pistol, a shotgun larger than 10 gauge, or a shotgun not plugged to a three shell capacity;

(2) from a motor-driven boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and the boat's progress from the motor's power has ceased;

(3) from any mechanical vehicle; however, a power or sailboat may be used **only** as a **direct** means of retrieving a dead or injured bird; **all boats shall remain stationary throughout the duration of the hunt, beached or anchored, within 100 yards of those discharging firearms to eliminate driving, herding, or chasing migratory birds into hunters on land, or on other boats.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? While use of a moving vessel is legal for retrieval of dead or crippled waterfowl, this exception is used to justify continual movement of affiliated vessels during a hunt resulting in illegal driving, herding, or chasing migratory birds into single or multiple hunter parties on shore, or on other boats.

Consistent with resource conservation, please remove loopholes that invalidate fair chase purposes of 5 AAC 92.100 Unlawful methods of hunting waterfowl snipe and cranes.

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

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