

PROPOSAL 3

5 AAC 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.

Allow the use of verifiers, clarifiers, and electronic scopes in hunts for big game restricted to archery only, as follows:

5 AAC 92.085(10) with the following archery equipment or devices in a restricted weapons hunt that authorizes taking by bow and arrow:

(A) 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, or a scope or electronic sight that does not project light externally;

[(B) SCOPES OR OTHER DEVICES ATTACHED TO THE BOW OR ARROW FOR OPTICAL ENHANCEMENT;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Hunters with poor eyesight may have difficulty participating in big game hunts restricted to archery only, since the use of certain optical enhancement equipment is not legal in big game hunts restricted to archery only. Verifiers are an optical enhancement that allow archers who have trouble seeing things at close distances to see the sight pins on their bows more clearly, and are the equivalent of reading glasses for peep sites. Scopes on bows are an optical enhancement that magnifies the target, the same way scopes are used on rifles. Clarifiers used in conjunction with a lens can also be used on a scope to make the image of the target clearer, the same way the focus of binoculars and scopes are adjusted to see a clearer image. Both forms of technology, verifiers, clarifiers, and scopes, are allowed on archery equipment for big game when used in hunts without a weapons restriction. Neither are legal in hunts restricted to archery only. Battery-powered sight lights enhance the visibility of sight pins in low-light conditions and are allowed on archery equipment for big game when used in hunts restricted to archery only.

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