

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES AND ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM
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(Please note that this proposal is for the March 14-18, 2014 Statewide meeting)

<p>BOARD OF FISHERIES REGULATIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Use</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sport <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial</p> <p>JOINT BOARD REGULATIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Council <input type="checkbox"/> Rural</p>	<p>BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS</p> <p>Game Management Unit (GMU) <u>Statewide</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Subsistence <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonresident</p>
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Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal packets along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal.

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC _____ Regulation Book Page No. 18

2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address?

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems (commonly called "drones") are increasingly important in the military and have high potential to contribute to the fields of wildlife biology, search-and-rescue, agriculture and many other applications. However, in private hands there is a small but growing interest in using these highly sophisticated remote-controlled aircraft to scout, monitor and stalk big game.

We believe this technology represents a widespread opportunity for abuse, and if not regulated poses a significant threat to fair chase hunting and fair distribution of hunting opportunity.

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved?

Opportunistic hunters and guides may take advantage of a loophole in regulation and take unfair advantage of the growing use and affordability of drones to circumvent the intent of Alaska's tradition of fair chase regulations and prohibitions on the use of electronic and same-day airborne hunter assistance.

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

General hunting restrictions for all game.

YOU **MAY NOT TAKE GAME BY:**

"Using a pit, fire, laser sight, electronically enhanced night vision scope, radio communication, cellular or satellite telephone, remote operated aerial video surveillance craft, artificial salt lick, explosive, expanding gas arrow, bomb, smoke or chemical"

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?

This proposal is intended to "keep the playing field level" allowing for equal harvest opportunity for all hunters.

6. Solutions to difficult problems benefit some people and hurt others:

A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted?

All hunters who espouse to adhere to the tenets of fair chase as described by Teddy Roosevelt and hunting ethics as set forth by Boone & Crockett.

B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted?

Any hunters or guides who are planning on using drones for scouting and taking unfair advantage of the current loophole.

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them.
Status quo, and wait until the practice has become an issue before prohibiting it.

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Rejected because we believe this will become an issue and the Board should get ahead of it.

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