

**PROPOSAL 174 A - 5 AAC 92.037. Permits for falconry.** Allow nonresident falconers to capture raptors and export them to their state of residence.

*A new section is added to the existing regulation for nonresident take.*

(g) Nonresident take/capture is allowed under the following conditions

- (1) A permit and a valid, current *class zzz?* nonresident hunting license is required for submitting an application??? taking, transporting, and transferring a raptor to another state's falconry program. [*BOG needs to determine if a license is necessary to apply for the registration permit, or just when selected, or when the falconer shows up in Alaska; What type of license?? how about a nonresident trapping license??*]
- (2) The permit will be issued under standards, procedures and conditions set forth in the Alaska Falconry Manual No. 9, dated July 1, 2012. That manual and conditions related to nonresident take is hereby adopted by reference.
- (3) Take is limited to nonresidents who are U.S. citizens.
- (4) Raptor species listed under 5 AAC 92.037 are eligible for nonresident take.
- (5) Up to seven (7) permits shall be issued annually by the Department.
- (6) A randomized registration system will be used to determine permit winners if the number of applicants exceeds the number of permits available.
- (7) Take is limited to one passage, hatching-year raptor.
- (8) The annual season for acquiring a passage raptor is from 15 August – 31 October.
- (9) The Department shall specify other permit conditions to be consistent with the federal falconry framework and Alaska Falconry Manual, and export requirements.
- (10) The Department shall have the discretionary authority to adopt additional permit conditions necessary to administer this program.
- (11) The Department shall have the discretionary authority to close areas for nonresident take.
- (12) If live birds or mammals are to be imported to assist with trapping, all federal and state import requirements shall be met. This includes compliance with 5 AAC 92.029. Deleterious exotic wildlife and species not on the clean list shall not be imported to Alaska. Resident pigeons and starlings, if used as lure birds, shall not be released back into the wild.
- (13) Permits are nontransferable.
- (14) No one may offer or accept anything of value in exchange for raptor guiding services or other activities intended to assist a non-resident in taking a raptor for falconry.

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