Proposal 142

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to the Clean List (5 AAC 92.029)

- Department: Neutral

- Public Proposal

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Background   Proposal 61

- Native to Australia

- Little impact on Alaska indigenous species
  - Unlikely to survive in the wild
  - Little disease transmission concern

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Photo: Britannica.com

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Proposal 238

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Background

Proposal 238

- Results of intentional breeding between Carpathian grey wolf and German Shepard in 1955

- Possession currently prohibited by 5 AAC 92.030 Possession of wolf and wild cat hybrids

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Background
Proposal 238

- Breed used in border patrol, search and rescue, tracking, herding, hunting, etc. These dogs need a job.

- Temperament descriptions vary from trainable and friendly to family unit, to difficult juvenile years when hunting instincts present.

- A 2015 DNA study found 11-12% wolf ancestry in the breed

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Proposal 268

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- Department: Support

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Background

Proposal 268

Current regulations (5 AAC 92.029) allow for the possession of all swine species (*Sus scrofa* var.).

Proposal was submitted as an ACR after the department was contacted about importing Russian boar for hunting.

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Background
Proposal 268

Primary Concerns:

- Animals escaping enclosure
- Habitat destruction
- Impacts to native species
- Disease transmission

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Proposal 144

Exempt sterilized community cats from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild.

- Department: Oppose

- Public Proposal

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Proposal 144

5 AAC 92.029 allows cats (*Felis catus*) to be possessed without a permit and prohibits them from being released into the wild.

Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Programs
- Currently, anyone can trap and neuter feral cats throughout Alaska.
- Proponents of TNR programs argue they programs work: they are cost efficient, sustainable, and a humane alternative to trap/euthanize.
- These programs increase the number of neutered cats in a given area. TNRs decrease the number of unwanted litters, thereby reducing the shelter and animal control costs, and they increase the vaccination rates of cats.

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Background

Trap, Neuter, Release (TNR) Programs

- Study results-71%-94% of population must be neutered/spayed to be effective

- Disease vector to wildlife and humans

- Vaccination boosters required over the life of cat

- Threat to wildlife

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Proposal 145

Classify cats (*Felis catus*) as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations.

- Department: Neutral

- Public Proposal

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Proposal 145

Proposal asks for several regulatory changes concerning cats:

5 AAC 92.029 Add language specifically prohibiting the release of domestic cats; prohibit possessing unconfined population, or individual cats, in a TNR program; prohibit maintaining unconfined/unrestrained cats on public or private property.

5 AAC 92.230 Prohibit the feeding of unconfined cats; prohibit placing cats with organizations practicing "no kill" management.

5 AAC 92.990 Classify all cats as deleterious wildlife.

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Proposal 145

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Definition of game (AS 16.05.940) includes feral domestic animals. Deleterious exotic wildlife is defined

Feral cats are classified as unclassified game
• Limited open season and bag limits

Cats are not defined as deleterious exotic wildlife
• No closed season & no bag limit

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Proposal 145

By classifying cats as deleterious exotic wildlife:

• Illegal to feed deleterious wildlife

• Domestic cats could stay on clean list (e.g., ferrets)
   • No permit needed

• No impact to placing cats with TNR programs

• No Change to places cats can be maintained
   • Department lacks authority to regulate disposition of legally owned cats, and where a person keeps or maintains legally owned cats

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Proposal 145

- As provided in 5 AAC 92.029, domestic cats cannot be released to the wild currently.

- Control programs (TNRs) show mixed results

- Threat to wildlife species

- Disease vector to wildlife and humans

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