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Fishing Area	Statewide	
☐ Subsistence ☐ Personal Use	X Hunting Trapping	
☐ Sport ☐ Commercial	Subsistence Other	
☐ Advisory Committee ☐ Regional Council ☐ Rural	X Resident X Nonresident	
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.		
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.		
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"		
This proposal is intended to "keep the playing field level" allowing for equal harvest opportunity for all hunters.		
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. Any hunters or guides who are planning on using drones for scouting and taking unfair advantage of the current loophole.		
Status quo, and wait until the practice has become an issue before prohibiting it.		

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

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