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12 AAC 75.340 (d) Field craft standards. All classes of guides shall

(1) *strive to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner that shows high regard to the traditions of hunting, and treats wildlife, wild lands and all users with courtesy and respect;*

[(1)](2) use every lawful means at a licensee's disposal to bag a wounded animal while it is in danger of escaping, or in a serious emergency, while human life or well-being is endangered;

[(2)] (3) barring unforeseen conditions, properly prepare according to generally accepted procedures, all antlers, horns, hides, and capes to be delivered to the taxidermist or to the client at the conclusion of a hunt in a satisfactory and unspoiled condition, unless the guide is providing only outfitting and transportation services for the client;

[(3)] (4) endeavor to salvage all meat of animals taken by clients, in accordance with state statutes and regulations;

[(4)] (5) except for brown bear, grizzly bear, wolves, and wolverine, transport the meat of a big game animal taken by the client in accordance with 5 AAC 92;

[(5)] (6) respect gear, equipment, food, shelter, and camps established by other users;

[(6)] (7) avoid staging unused or unattended camps and gear to discourage other users from utilizing a location;

[(7)] (8) allow appropriate buffer areas between hunters and camps in order to avoid disrupting hunts and hunting experiences;

[(8) AVOID USING AN AIRCRAFT IN ANY MANNER TO SPOT BIG GAME FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING A SPECIFIC ANIMAL]

(9) refrain from using any mechanical powered equipment to knowingly herd, drive, chase, harass or repeatedly approach game animals in a manner which results in significantly altered behavior; and refrain from making multiple consecutive approaches in any mechanical powered equipment, near any game animal or group of game animals during any open hunting season for that species, to avoid altering the hunting experience of other hunters; unless

[(A) HUNTING BROWN, GRIZZLY, OR BLACK BEARS FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 IN AN AREA WITH AN ALLOWABLE HARVEST UNDER 5 AAC 85 AND 5 AAC 92, OF ONE OR MORE BROWN OR GRIZZLY BEARS PER REGULATORY YEAR; IN THIS SUB PARAGRAPH, "REGULATOR YEAR" HAS THE MEANING GIVEN IN 5 AAC 92.990; OR]

[(B)] (A) specifically allowed under another statute or regulation;

[(9) AVOID UTILIZING, IN ANY MANNER, GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES TO ASSIST IN THE TAKING OF A BIG GAME ANIMAL]

(10) avoid utilizing global positioning systems (GPS) or other electronic devices to locate and stalk a big game animal for the purpose of harvest; and

[(10)] (11) respond personally or through an assistant to requests for assistance communicated during the hunt; a contracting or employing guide must respond within a reasonable time based on the urgency of the request, weather conditions, and other safety factors.

Explanation: We took a look at all of 12 AAC 75.340 (d), not just (d) (8), and decided to comment on (9) as well that deals with gps use.

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#1. We added a new item at the beginning of the section, to conduct ourselves in a sportsman like manner and respect others. We first tried to include it with (8) on airplane use, but it just didn't seem to fit. We wanted to include something about proper conduct towards other users. We thought it fit best at the start of the section.

#2. We changed the numbers to reflect adding a new section at the start.

#3. We increased ethical standards in (d) (8) by using "refrain" instead of "avoid", including all motorized vehicles, not just airplanes, and by addressing aggressively approaching all game animals, not just specific ones.

#4. We tried to address motorized use that adversely impacts other hunters, and steered clear of trying to legislate whether any or all spotting from the air is ethical or not.

#5. We added MULTIPLE AND CONSECUTIVE to avoid eliminating a single fly by, or even a subsequent fly by later in the day near animals that may be located on a travel route. We specifically name game animals to avoid a circumstance where a pilot is making multiple passes to check out a landing strip, route up a mountain, checking on a camp, airdropping supplies, etc. All of this would also apply to any other motorized vehicle.

#6. We felt (8) (A) on spring bear hunting, no longer applied since (8) was no longer specific to airplanes, so we deleted it.

#7. We modified the gps language, which was originally #9. We felt "in any manner" was really broad, and tried to make it reflect what we thought the language was prohibiting, which we thought was locating and then stalking.