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The Honorable Click Bishop
Senate Resources Committee, Co-Chair
State Capitol Building, Room 504
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Cathy Giessel
Senate Resources Committee, Co-Chair
State Capitol Building, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: EO124: CLEAN LIST TRANSFER

Dear Senators Bishop and Giessel,

Thank you for the opportunity for the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to provide supplemental information on Executive Order 124 following the hearing of the Senate Resources Committee on February 5, 2024. Please find the requests and corresponding responses below.

1. What kind of studies does ADF&G conduct to review a request to add or remove a species?

Division of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) staff conduct a literary review to ensure there is no evidence the requested species does not meet the criteria under 5 AAC 92.029(h) and present the information to the Board of Game (BOG) for a decision on whether to place the species on the clean list. The role of DWC staff will not change. Staff will continue to conduct a robust scientific review to protect Alaska's valuable wildlife populations; however, the commissioner will now make the determination to add or remove a species from the clean list based on the information presented by staff. As currently specified in regulation, there must be clear and convincing evidence that the requested species:

- Is not capable of surviving in the wild in Alaska
- Is not capable of causing a genetic alteration of a species that is indigenous to Alaska
- Is not capable of causing a significant reduction in the population of a species that is indigenous to Alaska
- Is not capable of transmitting a disease to a species that is indigenous to Alaska
- Does not otherwise present a threat to the health or population of a species that is indigenous to Alaska

- Is not captured from the wild for use as a pet
- Does not present a conservation concern in the species' native habitat outside of this state
- Can be reasonably maintained in good health in private ownership
- Does not present a likelihood that concerns about, or threats to human health and safety will lead to adverse consequences to captive animals

An example report for the species that were requested to be added to the clean list at the last Statewide BOG meeting can be found here:

- https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/gameboard/pdfs/2021-2022/swr/rc5_tab8.pdf

2. Provide a list of species on the clean list under 5 AAC 92.029.

Attachment 1 includes a table of all species currently on the clean list.

3. Would this allow finfish farming or the introduction of northern pike into other areas in Alaska now or in the future?

No. First, this transfer of authority is limited to the BOG's authority over pets and livestock, including mammals, birds, and reptiles. The Board of Fisheries (BOF) maintains authority over "ornamental fish" under 5 AAC 41.070, such as goldfish, betas, and guppies as well as aquatic invertebrates, and amphibians that are common in the aquaria trade. Additionally, the BOF maintains authority over the banned aquatic invasive species list under 5 AAC 41.075.

Second, AS 16.40.210 was passed in 1990 by the Legislature and prohibits the growing or cultivation of any finfish in Alaska. Unless this statute is amended or repealed, finfish farming is expressly prohibited in Alaska.

I hope you find this information to be useful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Respectfully,



Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

Cc: Laura Stidolph, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor

Attachment 1: Pets and livestock clean list under 5 AA 92.029

Birds

Only the birds found in the table below are legal to own as a pet in Alaska.

Species	Scientific Name	Notes
Canary	<i>Serinus canaria</i> Var.	
Chicken	<i>Gallus gallus</i> Var.	
Cockatiel (see notes)	Family <i>Psittacidae</i>	Any cockatiel not prohibited by federal or international law
Columbidae family	Family <i>Columbidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Coturnix (any species)	Subfamily <i>Phasianinae</i>	
Duck (see notes)		Any duck which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines does not require a federal permit for private ownership
Emu	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	
Fringillidae family	Family <i>Fringillidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Goose (see notes)		Any goose which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines does not require a federal permit for private ownership
Guineafowl (any species)	Subfamily <i>Numidinae</i>	
Junglefowl (any species)	Subfamily <i>Phasianinae</i>	
Macaw (see notes)	Family <i>Psittacidae</i>	Any macaw not prohibited by federal or international law

Species	Scientific Name	Notes
Migratory waterfowl (see notes)		Any migratory waterfowl which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines does not require a federal permit for private ownership
Mynah	<i>Acridotheres</i> spp.	
Parakeet (see notes)	Family <i>Psittacidae</i>	Any parakeet not prohibited by federal or international law
Parrot (see notes)	Family <i>Psittacidae</i>	Any parrot not prohibited by federal or international law
Partridge (chukar)	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>	
Peafowl (any species)	<i>Pavo</i> spp.	
Pheasant (any species)	Subfamily <i>Phasianinae</i>	
Pigeon	<i>Columia livia</i> Var.	
Ploceidae family	Family <i>Ploceidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Psittacidae family	Family <i>Psittacidae</i>	Any member of the <i>Psittacidae</i> family not prohibited by federal or international law
Pycnonotidae family	Family <i>Pycnonotidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Quail (button)	Family <i>Turnicidae</i> in the order <i>Gruiformes</i>	
Quail (see notes)	Subfamily <i>Odontophorinae</i>	Any New World Quail species (including Bobwhite)
Swan (see notes)		Any swan which the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service determines does not require a federal permit for private ownership

Species	Scientific Name	Notes
Timaliidae family	Family <i>Timaliidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Toucan	Family <i>Ramphastidae</i>	
Trogonidae family	Family <i>Trogonidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Turdidae family	Family <i>Turdidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin
Turkey (any species)	Subfamily <i>Meleagridinae</i>	
Zosteropidae family	Family <i>Zosteropidae</i>	Species of non-Holarctic origin

Mammals

Only the mammals found in the table below are legal to own as a pet in Alaska.

Species	Scientific Name
Alpaca	<i>Lama pacos</i>
Ass	<i>Equus asinus</i> Var.
Bison (except feral and wild bison)	<i>Bison bison</i>
Cat	<i>Felis catus</i>
Camel (one-humped)	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>
Cattle	<i>Bos taurus</i>
Cavy	<i>Cavia aperea</i>
Chinchilla	<i>Chinchilla laniger</i>
Dog	<i>Canis familiaris</i>
Elk (except feral and wild elk)	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>

Species	Scientific Name
Ferret (European)	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>
Gerbil	<i>Gerbillus</i> spp.
Gerbil (fat-tailed)	<i>Pachyuromys duprasi</i>
Goat	<i>Capra hircus</i>
Guinea pig	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>
Hamster (golden)	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>
Hedgehog (African pygmy)	<i>Erinaceus albiventris</i>
Horse	<i>Equus caballus</i>
Llama	<i>Lama peruana</i>
Mice (only the types listed below) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White• Waltzing• Singing• Shaker• Piebald	<i>Mus musculus</i> Var.
Mule	<i>Equus asinus x caballus</i>
Muskoxen (except feral and wild muskoxen)	<i>Ovibos moschatus</i>
Oxen	<i>Bos</i> spp.
Rabbit (European)	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i> Var.
Rat (white)	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i> Var. <i>albinus</i>

Species	Scientific Name
Reindeer (except feral reindeer)	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i> Var.
Sheep	<i>Ovis aries</i>
Swine	<i>Sus scrofa</i> Var.

Reptiles

Only the reptiles found in the table below are legal to own as a pet in Alaska.

Species	Scientific Name	Notes
Alligator	Class <i>Reptilia</i>	
Crocodile	Class <i>Reptilia</i>	
Lizard (see notes)	Class <i>Reptilia</i>	Any nonvenomous lizard
Snake (see notes)	Class <i>Reptilia</i>	Any nonvenomous snake
Turtle	Class <i>Reptilia</i>	
Other Reptile Species (see notes)	Class <i>Reptilia</i>	Any nonvenomous reptile