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## Proposal 222

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Review antler destruction requirements for moose, caribou, and deer taken with proxy permits.

Department Recommendation:  
No Recommendation

### Current Regulations (5 AAC 92.011)

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- o A proxy participating in a proxy hunt must remove one antler from the skull plate or cut the skull plate in half, on an antlered animal, for both the proxy's animal and the beneficiary's animal before leaving the kill site, unless the department has established a requirement that complete antlers and skull must be submitted to the department.

### **Current Regulations (5 AAC 92.011)**

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- Proxy hunting is only allowed for:
  - Caribou
  - Deer
  - Moose, in Tier II hunts, any-bull hunts, and antlerless moose hunts

### **Current Regulations (5 AAC 92.011)**

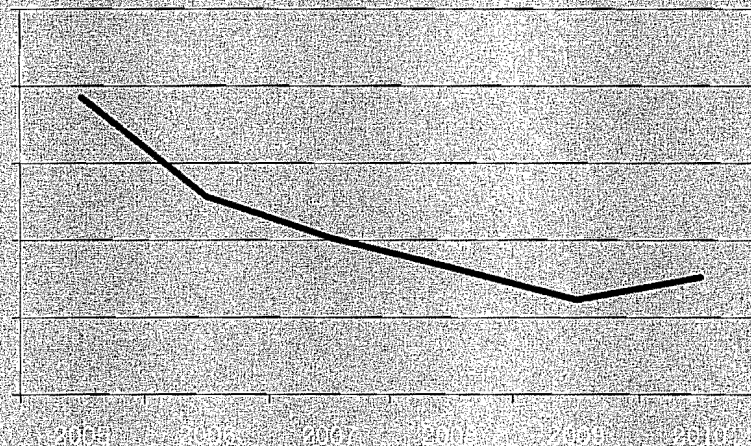
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- Proxy hunting is not allowed in:
  - Unit 20E moose and caribou registration hunts
  - Units 21B, 21C, 21D, and 24 moose hunts if either the proxy or the beneficiary holds a drawing permit for Units 21B, 21C, 21D, and 24 moose hunts
  - Units 9A and 9B, that portion within the Alagnak River drainage, and Units 17B, 17C, 19, 19A and 19B caribou hunts from August 1 through October 31

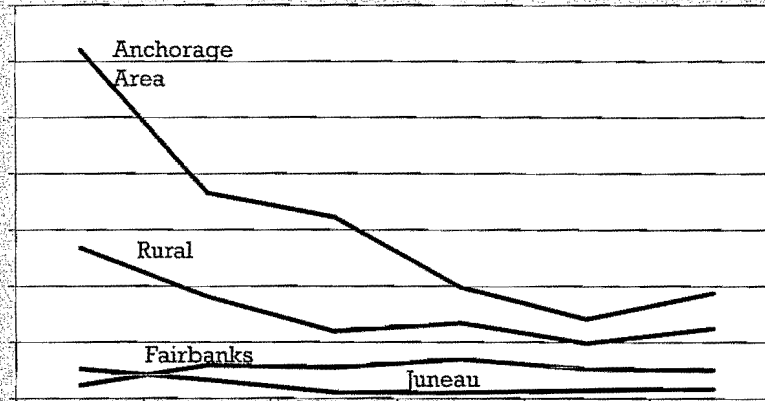
## History

- Proxy regulations first established in 1993
- Proxies increased steadily
  - 1900 proxies issued in 2005
- Concerns of abuse of the permits to circumvent bag limits and additional opportunity for trophy hunting
- Antler destruction was added in 2006

## Total number of proxies issued statewide



## Proxies issued by area of the state



## Management Implications

- In most areas there is no biological concerns for over-harvest from additional proxy permits
- Allocation among hunters
- Federal designated hunter allowed on federal lands