

PROPOSAL 26 – 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 92.050 to include a new subsection to read:

Permits issued under AS 16.05.343 do not count against the regular bag limit for nonresidents or residents for any big game species.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?
Auction and raffle big game tags (governor’s tags).**

I propose that the Alaska auction and raffle big game tags issued under Alaska Statute 16.05.343 not be subject to the normal bag limit regulations.

Auction and raffle big game tags are fundraisers for both the State of Alaska and for the nonprofit organization offering the tag. These tags are different and special and should not be subject to the normal bag limits of the general season, drawing, and registration types of hunts. This would apply to either one-year, four-year, ten-year, or lifetime bag limits, whichever applies to the species of big game tag being auctioned or raffled.

Auction and raffle tags should be treated differently and looked at as a separate means of obtaining a tag. For example, if the same person wanted to purchase the Unimak brown bear tag at auction every year, the way the system is now, he would not be able to do this, as he is held to the “one in four” brown bear bag limit rule. I believe a person should be able to buy the Unimak brown bear auction tag every year if he is able and desires to. Another example would be if a person wanted to purchase the Chugach Dall sheep tag but couldn’t because he is a nonresident and had hunted sheep in Alaska within the last four years.

Making auction and raffle tags not subject to the bag limit requirements for all “normal” tags would add substantial value to the tags. Both the state and the nonprofit organization would stand to benefit from this. Under 5 AAC 92.050 the Board of Game (board) has already authorized this for the Delta bison (Unit 20D) governor’s tag. We see no reason why the board could not include all governor’s tag permits issued under AS 16.05.343 for any species within this regulation.

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