

Note: The following proposal requests a change to a Board of Game Policy #2007-173-BOG. Although it does not propose a regulatory change, it is included in the proposal book for public comment for the board's consideration.

PROPOSAL 28 – 2007-173-BOG. Nonresident drawing permit allocation policy. Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy as follows:

Possible new language: *“Allocations to nonresident hunters will be based on a subunit by subunit basis so that resident hunters always have a definitive hunting and harvest priority.”*

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?
Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy.**

We ask that the Board of Game (board) review and revise the 2007-173-BOG finding that sets policy on how the board will allocate draw permits to nonresidents. The current language in the finding states that: *“Allocations will be determined on a case by case basis and will be based upon the historical data of nonresident and resident permit allocation over the past ten years.”*

This policy does not state if harvest data or participation data will be used, and is unclear what takes place for a new draw permit hunt where we have not had any previous “permit allocation” data.

Another concern is that if it is the board's intent to use past historical harvest and/or participation data to determine nonresident allocations for future draw-permit hunts, in many cases—for Dall sheep, for example—nonresidents would end up receiving the majority of the permits.

In Unit 19C, the board has allowed unlimited nonresident sheep hunting opportunity for the past ten years, and nonresident hunters have taken up to 80% of the annual sheep harvest and make up more than half of all hunters. The current policy, if the board should ever put nonresidents on a draw-only permit hunt in Unit 19C, would give nonresidents a priority.

There was a moose draw permit hunt instituted in 2008 by the board (DM 809, 810, 811) in which nonresidents receive 50 percent of the permits. Should a proposal be submitted from resident hunters to reduce that nonresident allocation, the board's current policy only ensures that unfair allocation to nonresident hunters be kept in place.

We would like the Board of Game to institute a new finding and policy on nonresident permit allocations that stipulates that residents will always receive a definitive harvest and participation priority over nonresidents.

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