

PROPOSAL 34 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts; 5 AAC 92.061. Special provisions for brown bear drawing permit hunts; 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose drawing permit hunts; 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Issue all nonresident permits from the nonresident allocation when there is a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents.

RC 042

PROPOSED BY: Resident Hunters of Alaska

WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO? Place all nonresidents in the nonresident pool of drawing tags for hunts with a separate allocation to nonresidents and residents.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS? The board has the authority to issue permits to nonresidents who are hunting with resident relatives within second degree of kindred from the number of permits allocated to residents. This is currently only implemented for brown bear hunts in Unit 8.

WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED? If adopted, the board would no longer be able to allocate permits from the resident permit allocation to nonresidents. Resident drawing hunts such as those for brown bear on Kodiak would no longer include nonresident 2DK relatives in the drawing pool. Nonresident relatives would be included in the nonresident and nonresident alien guided applicant pool for the drawing. This would dilute the pool of nonresident applicants and likely make it more difficult for Kodiak bear guides to plan for a specific number of bear hunters.

BACKGROUND: There have been recent proposals to limit the number of nonresident relatives hunting with 2DK relatives for guide required species. This has been an issue for some members of the public in regards to drawing permit hunts for sheep and brown bear where permits are very limited and demand (i.e., number of applicants) is high. Currently, there are restrictions on the number of permits that can be awarded to 2DK nonresident relatives for the Tok Management Area sheep drawing hunts, and Kodiak brown bear drawing hunts.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS: The department is **NEUTRAL** on the allocation of big game hunting opportunity between resident and nonresident hunters.

If adopted, the record should show that the board has determined if the new regulations continue to provide a reasonable opportunity for success in customary and traditional uses of Dall sheep in units with positive customary and traditional use findings.

COST ANALYSIS: Adoption of this proposal is not expected to result in additional costs to the department.

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