

# Board of Game Public Testimony

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Anchorage, AK

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## Disclosure

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- Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) – president
- Wild Sheep Foundation
- Rocky Mtn Elk Foundation
- Safari Club International
- Alaska Bowhunters Association
- National Rifle Association

## Allocation

- Applies to many proposals
- 33, 36, 37

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- Nonresidents are allowed to hunt when there is enough game to allow everyone to participate. When there isn't enough game, non-resident hunters are restricted or eliminated first. If more restrictions are necessary, seasons and bag limits may be reduced or eliminated for some residents.
- (Page 7, 2017-2018 Alaska Hunting Regulations)
- No mention of shared burden

# Allocation

- Nonresidents are allowed to hunt when there is enough game to allow everyone to participate
- Do we have enough bison for nonresidents to participate?
- DI403 – 26,803 applicants for 90 tags (<1%)

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- Nonresidents are allowed to hunt when there is enough game to allow everyone to participate
- Do we have enough musk ox to allow nonresidents to participate?
- DX003 – 3,274 applicants for 35 tags (1%)

# Allocation

- Examples across the state of Alaska:
- Chugach Sheep
- Tok, Delta Sheep
- Koyokuk Moose
- Kodiak Brown Bear
- Upper Nowitna Moose – 12% draw odd,  $10/38 = 26.3\%$

# Allocation

- Who Should Get The Tags?

# Allocation

- Who owns the wildlife in the state of Alaska?
- Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use
- (Article 8 – Natural Resources, Section 3)

# Allocation

- The people = Residents of Alaska

# Allocation

- Who are the residents of Alaska?
- Population: 742,000
- Resident Hunters, Guides, Nonhunters

# Allocation

- Who are the residents of Alaska?
- Population: 742,000
- Guides: 1,800 (0.24%)
- Residents: 740,200 (99.76%)

# Allocation

- ☞ Hunting License
- ☞ Alaska Resident: 105,000 (98.32%)
- ☞ Guides: 1,800 (1.68%)

# Allocation

- ☞ Finances:
- ☞ Alaska Residents Spend 88% of the money spent on hunting in the state of Alaska
- ☞ 1.065 Billion Dollars!!!
- ☞ 12 months a year, 365 days a year



# Other States

- ☞ Arizona: up to 10% for elk, antelope, deer, sheep, bison
- ☞ California: 10% of total desert sheep tags, 1 tag for antelope and elk for the entire state
- ☞ Colorado: 10% for sheep, mtn goat, moose
- ☞ Idaho: 10% of controlled hunt permits issued statewide for each species (Bighorn sheep, mtn goat, moose, elk, antelope)

## Other States

- ❧ Kentucky: 10% of elk tags
- ❧ Montana: up to 10% of draw tags per region for sheep, goat, and moose; up to 10% for elk, deer per unit
- ❧ Nevada: approximately 10% for elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep
- ❧ New Mexico: 10% outfitter, 6% nonresidents not contracted

## Other States

- ❧ Oregon: up to 3% for antelope, black bear; up to 5% for controlled deer, elk tags; 5-10% for bighorn sheep, mtn goat tags
- ❧ Utah: 10% of tags per hunt code unless there are less than 10 total tags, then no nonresident tags
- ❧ Wyoming: elk (84/16%), moose/bison (80/20%), bighorn sheep/mtn goat (75/25%), deer/antelope (80/20%)

## Other States

- ❧ National Standard:
- ❧ Residents of other states get a minimum of 90% of the tags
- ❧ Other states different?

## Allocation

- ❧ Why do we have the allocation we do?
  - History
  - Being active
  - Being on the board
  - Need to subsidize

# Allocation

- ❧ Subsidize
- ❧ Hunting/Guide License:
- ❧ Guides – 1,800 (1.68%)  
Residents – 105,000 (98.32%)

Is it fair some get a higher % of the game than others?

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- ❧ (Page 7, 2017-2018 Alaska Hunting Regulations)
- ❧ THIS IS YOUR POLICY

# Summary

- ❧ Alaska Residents Own Alaskan Wildlife
  - ❧ Alaska Residents: 740,200
  - ❧ Guides: 1,800 (0.24%)
  - ❧ Alaskan Hunters: 105,000 (98.32%)
  - ❧ Guides: 1,800 (1.68%)
- ❧ Alaska Residents Spend 88% of the money spent of hunting in the state
- ❧ National Standard – Residents get over or equal to 90% of the the tags for the animals they own