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Personal Testimony

Proposal 78 – SUPPORT

**Require all hunters to apply for
Unit 8 brown bear drawing
permits, remove the loophole
that allows nonresidents to skip
the permit process**



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***EXCLUSIVE! NO DRAWING KODIAK BROWN
BEAR HUNT – GIANTS OF KODIAK ISLAND,
ALASKA. SKIP THE PERMIT DRAWING
PROCESS AND HUNT THE WORLD'S
LARGEST BROWN BEARS!***

*We have a few openings for the ultimate bear hunt – Kodiak Island brown bears
– and if you book with this outfitter, you can bypass the permit
drawing process and start planning your trip now.*

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I made my fifth trip to Kodiak island this spring [REDACTED], first trip 2006 killing a 9 foot nice hided bear, 2nd trip in 2011 harvesting 9'6" bear. Then I had two trips looking for a bigger legit 10 foot bear I came home empty.... but had plenty of opportunity to fill my tag. Finally spring of 2021 the Lord blessed me and I found my bear! 10foot and a skull over 28". [REDACTED] It has been quite a journey with lots of memories, big bear hunting gets in your blood. Thanks for reading my post.

How does a person draw Kodiak 5 times? It took me 10 years to draw it once? Man these outfitter concessions have got to come to an end this isn't right. I congratulate you, it's just doesn't sit well knowing I may never draw again unless I pay for an guide.

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Guide Comments on Proposal 151 and the Kodiak brown bear nonresident guided-only DB 100 series of "draw" permits

"These permits are not allocated to the guides"

"We sometimes take permits off the table."

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“12-day spring Kodiak Island brown bear for 1 hunter. License and tag fees not included. DATES: This hunt must be scheduled for spring April 22 - May 4th, 2022. This includes travel days to and from camp. This hunt cannot be delayed.”

If these “draw” permits are not actually allocated to the guide, how can a guide donate a permit?

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**Cassell Lawsuit against State & Board of Game
Exclusive up-to 40% allocation of Kodiak brown bear
draw permits to nonresident hunters is unconstitutional**

Alaska Constitution Article VIII § 2. General Authority.

The legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State, including land and waters, for the **maximum benefit of its people**.

Article VIII § 3. Common Use. Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are **reserved to the people for common use**. Alaska Const.

Article VIII § 4 Fish, forests, wildlife, grasslands, and all other replenishable resources belonging to the State shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses.

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5AAC 92.061 Special provisions for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts

“In the Unit 8 general brown bear drawing permit hunt, the department shall issue permits, and a hunter may apply for a permit, as follows:

(1) the department shall issue a maximum of 40 percent of the drawing permits to nonresidents and a minimum of 60 percent to residents; each guide may submit the same number of nonresident applications for a hunt as the number of permits available for that hunt;

(3) the department **shall** enter, in a guided nonresident drawing, each complete application from a nonresident who will be accompanied by a guide; the department may enter an application and issue a drawing permit for the general hunt only to a successful nonresident applicant who presents proof at the time of application that the applicant will be accompanied by a guide, as required in [AS 16.05.407 \(a\)](#);

(4) the following provisions apply to a guided nonresident drawing under this section:

(A) an applicant for a guided nonresident drawing permit may apply for only one such permit per application period;

(B) **after the successful applicants have been selected by drawing**, the department shall create an alternate list by drawing the remaining names of applicants for a specific hunt and placing the names on the alternate list in the order in which the names were drawn;

(C) if a successful applicant cancels the guided hunt, the person whose name appears first on the alternate list for that hunt shall be offered the permit; if an alternate applicant fails to furnish proof that the applicant will be accompanied by a guide, the permit must be offered in turn to succeeding alternate applicants until the alternate list is exhausted;

(D) **if a guided nonresident drawing permit is available, but the alternate list is exhausted**, the permit becomes available, by registration at the Kodiak ADF&G office, to the first applicant furnishing proof that the applicant will be accompanied by a guide;”

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•Thanks to the Board, ADF&G staff, and Board Support staff!



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