

Dear Alaska Board of Game,

My name is Ben Pinney and I live in Juneau, Alaska. While i do support some restrictions when animal numbers are low, my understanding is that harsh winter conditions affect deer numbers substantially more than non resident Hunter take. I would encourage the board to consider allowing at least two bucks per non resident Hunter. My hunting partner who frequently hunts kodiak with me is a non resident from Michigan and he has to battle the weather and travel just like most Alaskans that hunt Kodiak. Also, his cost to get to hunting camp as well as the recent increase in non resident tag fees and is significantly more than us "locals". While we are thankful to harvest even one nice buck, it is a significant draw to hunt Kodiak when we are able to continue to enjoy the hunt after harvesting one buck. A One buck only limit would potentially significantly limit the enjoyment of a long hunt should a Hunter take a nice buck on the first day of their trip. I'd ask the board to reconsider and compromise their restriction to a two deer limit for non residents.

Thanks for your time and efforts,

Ben Pinney