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Deadline Approaching to Apply for Alaska Big Game Drawing Hunts

(Juneau) – The deadline to apply for a big game drawing hunt is 5 pm on Dec. 17. The Tier I and Tier II application period also ends Dec. 17. This is earlier than last year.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is only accepting online applications this year and is no longer accepting paper applications. Hunters will find that applying online is easy. Visit hunt.alaska.gov (the hunting section of the ADF&G website) and click on the "Buy licenses and tags" button and follow the purchase instructions. Information regarding drawing hunt permits is available through the highlights section of the hunting page, including frequently asked questions and drawing supplements.

A telephone help line will be available this year for hunters that do not have internet access and staff will assist anyone who is unable to apply online. Applicants can call 907-267-2895 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through Dec. 17. It takes about 15 to 20 minutes to apply on the phone so hunters are encouraged to apply early to ensure their application is successfully entered into the drawing. A caller should have the hunt number, payment method and hunting license in hand when calling.

Drawing hunts require an application fee and are awarded by lottery. Applicants must have a valid hunting license to apply. The results of the drawing hunts and Tier I/II hunts will be available online at 5 p.m. Feb. 15, 2013.

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