



August 15, 2022

Dear Partner in Conservation:

Re: Call for Proposals – McNeil River State Game Sanctuary Permit Raffle Sponsor

We hope you have had a wonderful summer thus far! This past spring, permits to McNeil River State Game Sanctuary were added into the Department's permit auction and raffle program in statute, allowing a non-profit organization to sponsor permits for raffle or auction. We are happy to include McNeil River State Game Sanctuary permits into this program, and plan to offer two permits for sponsorship by one organization for a trip to McNeil River in June of 2023. Program details are found below.

AUCTIONS OR RAFFLES OF BIG GAME PERMITS

Under AS 16.05.343 (c), "subject to regulations, if the Department issues permits that allow persons to view bears in the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary established under AS 16.20.160 and 16.20.162, the Department may issue up to four of the viewing permits through a competitive auction or raffle". Additionally, organizations may retain up to 30% of the net auction/raffle proceeds. Statutes state that the 30% of proceeds retained by an organization "*may be used only to support outdoor tradition and wildlife conservation projects and conservation and wildlife protection programs approved by the department and may not be used to make a contribution to any candidate for political office or to any organization supporting or opposing ballot propositions or to pay expenses associated with lobbying the legislature or administration.*" On the application form, an organization must describe how it plans to spend proceeds retained, and ADF&G will evaluate and approve that use prior to donating permits to an organization. If you are uncertain about a proposed use, please call the Partner Outreach Coordinator (907-717-0725) before submitting your application. Further, under AS 16.05.130, any money accruing to the state from the auction or raffle of bear viewing permits under AS.16.05.343 (c) shall be deposited in a separate account known as the nongame conservation account in the fish and game fund. Money in the account shall be allocated to programs relating to wildlife sanctuaries and refuges, fish and wildlife diversity, wildlife viewing, educational programs, and related outreach efforts.

To participate in the **McNeil River State Game Sanctuary Program** an organization must:

1. Promote education in outdoor traditions and conduct conservation and wildlife protection programs;
2. Be incorporated in Alaska as a nonprofit corporation. The [Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing](#) can guide organizations through the process of incorporating in Alaska.
3. In the judgment of ADF&G, demonstrate support for a state-based model of wildlife conservation through a user-pays system based on sustained yield and use principles.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organizations applying for a McNeil State Game Sanctuary Raffle Permit are strongly encouraged to submit supplementary materials to aid the department in making its decision. Such materials may include demonstrated success in marketing permits in the past, a demonstrated history of contributions to Department objectives for conservation and education in outdoor traditions, conservation, and education initiatives outside of the Department, and a demonstrated

ability to cooperate with other conservation organizations. Organizations should document access to large membership databases and should not be involved in any active legal actions against the Department.

If your organization qualifies and is interested in obtaining permits for raffle, please complete the attached application and attach current proof of non-profit status and any supporting materials the organization may have. Completed applications must be received in email to molly.mccarthy@alaska.gov or at ADF&G Anchorage (Partner Outreach Coordinator, cc: Molly McCarthy-Cunfer, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518) by 5:00 pm Thursday, September 15, 2022. The successful applicant, as well as unsuccessful applicants, will be notified by October 5, 2022.

For complete auction information and updates, or to download an application form, please visit the auction program [webpage](#).

If you have any questions about the program, application procedures, or eligibility requirements, please contact the Partner Outreach Coordinator, Molly McCarthy-Cunfer at (907) 717-0725 or molly.mccarthy@alaska.gov.

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity to obtain a McNeil River State Game Sanctuary raffle permit for your organization. Thank you for your continued support for wildlife conservation in Alaska.

Sincerely,



Eddie Grasser
Director Wildlife Conservation