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Dear Partner in Conservation:

Re: Call for Proposals - Alaska's Big Game Auction/Raffle Permit Program

Welcome to spring! This means it is once again time to submit your organization's application for big game permits under the Governor's Auction and Raffle Program. Last year, ADF&G donated 22 permits to our partners in conservation for 8 separate species. We are happy to continue this program for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 permits. The permits will be awarded through two auction programs. Program details are found below.

### **PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Under AS 16.05.343(a), the "**Partnership Program**," ADF&G may donate up to four Etolin Island elk permits and one Delta bison permit to non-profit organizations incorporated in Alaska that have been ***established to promote education in outdoor traditions and conservation and wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department.*** The stipulations of this partnership are *subject to the terms of a memorandum of agreement developed by the Department.* Organizations that have an existing memorandum of agreement with the Department and meet the requirements of having been ***established to promote education in outdoor traditions and conservation and wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department*** may be approved for the Partnership Program. Organizations participating in the Partnership Program may retain all proceeds resulting from an auction/raffle of the awarded permits. Winners of these permits are not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

To participate in the **Partnership Program** an organization must:

1. Be ***established*** to promote education in outdoor traditions and conservation and wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department;
2. Be incorporated in Alaska as a nonprofit corporation; and
3. Enter into a memorandum of agreement developed by the department.

### **BIG GAME PROGRAM**

Under AS 16.05.343 (c), the "**Big Game Program**," ADF&G may donate up to three Dall sheep permits, two bison permits, and up to four permits for each of the following species: musk ox, brown/grizzly bear, black bear, moose, caribou, mountain goats, elk, and wolves. 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 education 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. ADF&G has not developed additional criteria for acceptable uses of proceeds retained by organizations beyond what is written in statute. If you are uncertain about a proposed use, please call the Permits Section (907-465-4148) before submitting your application.

To participate in the **Big Game 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; and
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**

Alaska chapters of national affiliates are not allowed to qualify for this program using the national affiliate's nonprofit status. The organization awarded the permit must be incorporated in Alaska as a non-profit.

Similarly, national affiliates with chapters incorporated in Alaska are eligible to be awarded permits only if the national organization is also incorporated in Alaska. Alaska chapters awarded permits may still market those permits at events held by national affiliates. The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing <http://commerce.state.ak.us/dnn/cbpl/Home.aspx> can guide organizations through the process of incorporating in Alaska.

Qualified organizations may apply for permits in any drawing hunt with an open season for nonresidents. Drawing hunt information can be found on DWC's website at: [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction\\_overview](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction_overview). Organizations must request specific drawing hunts (e.g. Tok Management Area sheep hunt - DS 102); general requests such as "any bear" or "any moose" will not be considered. The department may choose not to offer a permit for a specific population/hunt during any given year. Permits will be awarded as follows:

- Organizations may request up to five permits, but no more than three will be awarded to a single organization.
- Only one harvest permit per species will be awarded to an organization.
- In most cases, only one permit will be awarded for a particular wildlife population (i.e., not more than one Tok sheep or Unimak Island brown bear permit will be awarded each year).
- For permits with multiple seasons, the department will use its discretion to determine whether auction/raffle winners may hunt one or both of the seasons listed. This means a permit winner may be able to hunt only one season (i.e. DS203, DX001) or both seasons (i.e. DS203 and DS204 or DX001 and DX003).

Organizations applying for a Governor's Auction or 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 legal actions against the Department.

If your organization qualifies and is interested in obtaining permits for auction or 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 at ADF&G headquarters (Permits Section, P.O. Box 110024, Juneau, AK 99811-5526) by 5:00 pm Monday, May 16, 2022. Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, June 13, 2022.

For complete auction information and updates, or to download an application form, please visit the auction program webpage at: [http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction\\_overview](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction_overview).

If you have any questions about either program, application procedures, or eligibility requirements, please contact Permitting Biologist, Stephanie Bogle at (907) 465-4148 or [dfg.dwc.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.dwc.permits@alaska.gov).

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this opportunity to obtain a big game auction permit for your organization. Thank you for your continued support for wildlife conservation in Alaska.

Sincerely,



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