

Chairman Spraker and members of the Board of Game,

Per request from member Sager Albaugh, here is the most recent data for Kodiak Brown Bear fall draw hunts (2015).

Total permits available = 150

Permits allocated to guided nonresidents = 55 (36.67%)

Permits allocated to residents & nonresidents hunting with an Alaskan resident within the 2nd degree of kindred = 95 (63.33%)

There were 57 nonresident applications for the 55 dedicated permits (success rates for drawing a permit varied from 21.4% to 100%). The overall average success rate for drawing a permit was 91.48% and the median success rate was 100%.

There were 4153 applications for the 95 permits available to residents and nonresidents hunting with an Alaskan resident within the 2nd degree of kindred. The success rates for drawing a permit varied from .7% to 8.0%. The overall average success rate for drawing a permit was 3.1% and the median success rate was 2.7%.

In addition, here is data on harvest from 2010-2014.

Guided nonresidents:

2010=32, 2011=24, 2012=26, 2013=22, 2014=28

Total for the five year period = 132 (51.6% of the harvest)

Residents & nonresidents hunting with an Alaska relative:

2010=37, 2011=29, 2012=14, 2013=21, 2014=23

Total for the five year period = 124 (48.4% of the harvest)

This system effectively allows a nonresident to buy a hunt and participate at their will, while an Alaskan resident has a very small chance of drawing one of these prized permits allowing them to pursue an Alaskan owned resource.

There are several other draw hunts that allocate an unreasonably high percentage of permits to nonresidents (ie.: DS165/DS265 = 20% to nonresidents, DS134/DS135/DS233 = 33.3% to nonresidents). These other hunts also offer nonresidents a higher chance of drawing a permit than that of an Alaskan resident.

I urge the board to seriously consider maximizing the resident opportunity for all drawing hunts statewide.

Thanks again for your service and for allowing the public to be involved!

Sincerely,

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