PROPOSAL 35 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep drawing permit hunts; 92.061. Special provisions for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts; 92.069. Special provisions for moose drawing permit hunts; and 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents as follows:

My proposal is that for any such drawing with separate permit codes for residents/nonresidents, hunters be allowed to apply as a party regardless of residency status. A pair of hunters consisting of one resident and one nonresident will only be issued those respective permits if, when their draw number is reached, there is still at least one tag available for both the resident and nonresident in their respective allocative pools. This should apply not only to Unit 14C, but any drawing hunts statewide that separate resident and nonresident permit pools.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There are certain drawing hunts that designate allocation amounts to residents and nonresidents, but are effectively the same hunt (locations, dates, methods, etc.). They sometimes have separate hunts codes for each, such as the Dall sheep permits in Unit 14C. This removes the ability of any resident-nonresident pair of hunters to submit a “party application” in hopes of hunting together in those areas.

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