

PROPOSAL 2 - 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Provide the Commissioner the authority to transfer spring black bear drawing permits for Units 1-3 and 14C (JBER), and spring brown bear drawing permits for Units 4, 8, 10, 14C, 22 and 26B to future hunting seasons as follows.

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures

(a) The following conditions and procedures for permit issuance apply to each permit hunt:

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(5) except as provided in (6) of this subsection, a permit is nontransferable; however, the department may reissue an invalidated Tier II subsistence hunting permit to the highest-ranked applicant remaining in the original pool of eligible applicants;

(6) the commissioner may reissue or transfer a permit as follows:

(A) a permit may be transferred for scientific purposes;

(B) a person that is on active duty in a branch of the military under United States Department of Defense deployment orders to a combat zone designated by executive order issued by the President of the United States and that has been issued a

(i) drawing permit, and is prevented from using the drawing permit due to being out of the state on active duty, may be reissued the same drawing permit when the person returns to this state from active duty under this subparagraph, under procedures set out in the applicable permit hunt supplement;

(ii) Tier II permit may transfer that Tier II permit only during the same regulatory year to a substitute resident hunter while the person is out of the state on active duty under this subparagraph, under procedures set out in the applicable permit hunt supplement;

(C) a person that is unable to hunt a black bear in Units 1-3 and 14C (JBER) or brown bear in Unit 4, 8, 10, 14C, 22, or 26B drawing permit for the regulatory year 2019 spring season due to health mandates limiting travel, may have the permits transferred to a future spring season at the discretion of the Commissioner; this section will sunset July 1, 2023.

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WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU RECOMMEND? 5 AAC 92.050 provides opportunities to transfer drawing permits for specific conditions. If adopted, this proposal will provide an additional opportunity to transfer drawing permits for black bear for Units 1-3 and 14C (JBER), and brown bear for Units 4, 8, 10, 14C, 22 and 26B that are unable to be hunted on due to travel related health mandates.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS AND WHY? Due to current health mandates around the United States associated with COVID-19 both resident and nonresident bear hunters are unable to fully utilize spring 2020 (regulatory year 2019) hunting opportunities. Current regulations do not provide for transferring drawing permits between regulatory years because of travel restrictions attributed to health mandates.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Board of Game

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