PROPOSAL 152

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 92.050 Required permit hunt conditions and procedures to add:

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

(1) the applicant or the or the applicant’s agent shall complete the application form; two hunters may apply as a party in a drawing permit hunt, and if drawn, both applicants will receive a permit; a permit application that is incomplete, or that does not include, if required, an Alaska big game hunting license number, or that contains false statement, is void; the applicant must obtain or apply for an Alaska big game hunting license before submitting a drawing permit application; All drawing permit hunts available to resident Alaskans shall be made available for application online; and

(A) to apply for a drawing permit hunt that requires a registered or master guide….

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Resident draw permit applications not available online.

There are several resident-only draw permits in various parts of the state for moose, but you must travel to the region first to pick up a permit, typically within a limited timeframe well ahead of when the hunt occurs.

The idea behind this provision to not allow all Alaskans to apply online for a draw permit equally available to all, is to curtail opportunity for residents who may not live within that area or region by making it so expensive to fly out (and back) to another part of the state ahead of time just to pick up a permit.

This would seem contrary to the Alaska constitution in which we all should be treated equally in terms of “common use” of our wildlife resources. If a hunt is a draw-only hunt, and any Alaskan is eligible to participate, then any Alaskan should be able to apply online as with most other draw permit hunts.

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