PROPOSAL 243

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts as follows:

5 AAC 92.050(a) The following conditions and procedures for permit issuance apply to each permit hunt:

(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:

(D) upon request, a drawing hunt permit may be transferred to a qualified substitute in the event of the original permit holder’s death, as provided for in AS 16.05.404 and AS 16.05.420(c).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In May 2021, the Alaska Legislature adopted SB125 that allows the transfer of a draw hunt permit to an eligible substitute, which is defined as an “immediate family member” meaning parent, sibling, or child related by blood, marriage, or adoption. The transfer must be applied for before the end of the hunting season for which the permit is valid, can only be reissued for the same hunt, and the substitute must meet all qualifications that the original awardee met including, but not limited to, holding a valid hunting license, and being eligible to receive the permit. The original permit holder must be an Alaska resident, and the qualified substitute must be an Alaska resident as well. Changes need to be made to 5 AAC 92.050 because 5 AAC 92.050(a)(6) listed the specific instances under which the commissioner may reissue or transfer a permit, and this new statutory provision provides for additional permit transfer opportunity.

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