

Note: The Board of Game repealed this requirement at the February 2017 Interior/Northeast Arctic Region Meeting.

PROPOSAL 29 – 5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit. Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred as follows:

I ask the Board of Game to remove this "shared bag limit" restriction.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to address the newly adopted regulation, to have “shared bag limits” between residents and their second degree relative. Guides do not have a similar restriction placed on them during a hunting season, and will often guide more than one client successfully to harvest the same species within the same year. Not only are they allowed to have more than one successful client in a given year, they are also allowed their own bag limit. The “shared bag limit” rule only applies to two categories of people: residents of Alaska, and their nonresident kindred.

This regulation also lacks significant conservation basis. It is designed to specifically target the “guide-required” species such as sheep, and instances of “doubling up” on them are very rare indeed. Removing this possibility also removes the incredible memories of such a trip.

Perhaps much more importantly, this rule could be opening the door to future unintended regulations on Alaskan families. While many people may not care very much about limiting access to sheep hunting, opinions could be very different when these rules are extended to other species. Using the “shared bag limits” of the current guide-required species as an example, these same rules may soon be applied to moose, caribou, etc. **If you believe in the amazing power of maintaining family bonds through shared hunting experiences, I beg you to be a proponent of keeping nonresident second degree kindred hunting rights intact, for all species of Alaska.**

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