

PROPOSAL 30 – 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures, and 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit. Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative’s permit as follows:

5 AAC 92.050(a) is amended to read:

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

(1) the applicant 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 a false statement, is void; the applicant must obtain or apply for an Alaska big game hunting license before submitting a drawing permits application; and

(A) to apply for a drawing permit hunt, for any hunt that requires a registered or master guide, a nonresident or a nonresident alien must contract a qualified registered guide or master guide as their agent to submit the application and provide hunting services; the contracting registered guide or master guide, shall provide, at the time of application, their current unique verification code that has been issued to them pursuant to 12 AAC 75.260(d);

(B) **in a drawing permit hunt for brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, or sheep where there is no resident draw for that species in that area** the requirement in 5 AAC 92.050(a)(1)(A) does not apply if the applicant is a nonresident and will be accompanied by a resident over 19 years of age who is a spouse or a relative within the second degree of kindred, as described in AS 16.05.407(a);

(C) **in a drawing permit hunt for brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, or sheep where there is a resident draw for that species in that area a nonresident that will be accompanied by a resident over 19 years of age who is a spouse or a relative within the second degree of kindred, as described in AS 16.05.407(a), may not apply for a drawing permit;**

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(F) an individual who is a successful applicant for a specific drawing permit hunt is ineligible to apply for a **drawing** permit for that specific hunt the following year **except a resident individual may apply for a drawing permit for that specific hunt the following year when a nonresident who is a spouse or relative within the second degree of kindred, as described in AS 16.05.407(a), takes a brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, or sheep under the resident’s drawing permit as described in 5 AAC 92.130(k) for that specific hunt;**

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(4) permit issuance:

5 AAC 92.130 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) a brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, or sheep may be taken by a nonresident under the drawing permit of a resident relative when personally accompanied by that resident relative, as described in AS 16.05.407(a)(2) and will count as the bag limit of the nonresident only.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The intent of this proposal is to allow a nonresident hunter to harvest a brown bear, sheep, or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit. This would be done similar to the way a youth, under the age of ten, is allowed to harvest big game on behalf of another licensed hunter, however, the nonresident relative's harvest WOULD NOT count against the resident's bag limit. There are several brown bear, sheep, and goat permit hunts in the state that offer extremely restricted nonresident participation, however, under this proposal, the nonresident hunter who is hunting on behalf of his Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit would still be able to participate in the hunt. The intent is not that the permit be transferred to the nonresident, but that the harvest would be done using the Alaska resident's hunt permit by either the resident or their bonafide family member.

Since the nonresident hunter who is hunting for either brown bear, sheep, or goats with a second degree of kindred resident relative would be harvesting the animal on behalf of the resident relative's permit, the nonresident does not need to apply for a drawing permit for brown bear, sheep, or goats and would be prohibited from doing so. They would still be allowed to apply for all other drawing permits.

The nonresident would still be required to purchase a nonresident hunting license and the appropriate big game tag.

When a nonresident harvested a brown bear, sheep, or goat on behalf of an Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit, the harvest WOULD NOT count against the bag limit of the Alaska resident. The Alaska resident would still be able to harvest the same species under a general season tag where available in the same regulatory year. The Alaska resident WOULD BE allowed to apply for the same permit hunt the next year.

We also request that the any harvest of brown bear, sheep, or goat by a nonresident hunter on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit be tracked on the Hunt Report Card.

This proposal DOES NOT affect the harvest of non-guide required species, i.e. moose, caribou, elk, black bear, deer, etc...

This proposal is not designed as a restriction. This proposal is designed to offer benefits to residents wishing to hunt with their nonresident relatives while clarifying allocations for hunts that offer extremely limited opportunities for nonresident participation.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Professional Hunters Association (EG-F17-102)
