

PROPOSAL 31 – 5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.
Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts as follows:

Review and change the actual computer methodology of drawing hunt permits to incorporate the concepts of fairness given below. Specifically incorporate the concept that no one could draw more than one hunt before all applicants had a chance to draw and some type of preference for those who failed to draw in any given year. Also incorporate a preference for Alaskan residents in the drawing hunts similar to what other states do for their residents. These concepts should not be difficult to incorporate into a computer program.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current drawing hunt permit methodology could be better. There are instances where one individual will be drawn for several hunts in a single year while other applicants do not get drawn at all. In some cases, recipients of multiple hunts cannot use all of the hunts they have been awarded because those hunts overlap. About ten (or so) years ago the Board of Game passed a provision for bonus or preference points for drawing hunts but that was ignored by ADF&G or dropped as being impractical. I believe the entire drawing hunt system should be reviewed and changed. It would not be difficult to be certain that no individual was drawn for more than one hunt until everyone had drawn and there were unsubscribed hunts remaining at which point second or even third computer runs could award additional hunts to applicants who had already drawn one or more hunts. In addition, a priority system should be established so that individuals who had failed to draw anything in previous years would have increased opportunity to draw in future years. Resident hunters should receive some percentage preference in the drawing hunts as is done in nearly all other states that have drawing permit hunts.

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