PROPOSAL 146

5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.
Allocate up to ten percent of the caribou drawing permits DC827 in Unit 20A, to nonresidents as follows:

Allocate no more than 10 percent of DC827 permits to nonresidents,

Amend 5AAC 85.025 to read:
Unit 20(A) August 10 – September 20, one bull by drawing permit only; up to 200 permits may be issued. **Nonresidents may receive up to 10 percent of the total permits awarded.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? DC827 draw permit allocation. According to data from the Department of Fish and Game when the Board of Game doubled the

number of draw permits one could submit to six, instead of three, there was a huge influx of nonresident applications submitted by hunt booking agents such as World Wide Trophy Adventures and Huntin' Fool for the DC827 caribou permit for Unit 20A. Resident permit applications also increased, but not near the quadrupling of nonresident applications.

In 2018, for example, based on raw data from the department, there were ~1448 nonresident applications for the DC827 hunt, compared to ~379 in 2016 prior to the doubling of permit applications. This also led to nonresidents winning 23% of the permits in 2018, compared to 6% in 2016.

Resident Hunters of Alaska has remained constant in advocating for a 90/10 percent resident/nonresident allocation of all draw permits. Draw permits mean there isn't enough game

for everyone to be able to hunt and in those cases, residents should have a clear priority opportunity.

For draw permits that allow equal opportunity to draw among both residents and nonresidents, the increase in the number of permits one can apply for has led and will continue to lead to the kind of situations we see with this permit whereby hunt booking companies flood the state with nonresident applications and nonresidents then gain a higher percentage of permits.

There should be limits on nonresident opportunity.

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