

Note: The following proposal is an updated submission for Proposal #152.

PROPOSAL 239

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online as follows:

Possible Solution: Amend 5 AAC 92.050 Required permit hunt conditions and procedures to add:

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

(1) the applicant or the 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 false statement, is void; the applicant must obtain or apply for an Alaska big game hunting license before submitting a drawing permit application; **All registration permit hunts available to residents shall be made available for application online;**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Resident registration permits not available online everywhere in the state.

There are several resident registration permit hunts in various parts of the state that require travel to the region to pick up a permit, typically within a limited timeframe well ahead of when the hunt occurs. Other registration permit hunts with a limited number of permits require a trip to a local ADF&G office, where hunters often show up the night prior and camp out or stand in line awaiting a chance to pick up a permit.

The rationale behind the provision to not allow all Alaskans to apply online for a registration permit equally available to all, and to have to travel to a more remote area to pick up a permit, is to curtail opportunity for non-local residents who may not live within that area or region by making it so expensive to fly out (and back) to another part of the state ahead of time just to pick up a permit. The rationale to require hunters to pick up a limited number of registration permits at a local ADF&G office, rather than allow online applications, appears to center on an in-person first-come first-serve basis that gives priority to those willing to show up early and stand in line, or to locals who live in the area, over those who sit ready at the computer keyboard awaiting the permit application start.

If a hunt is a registration permit hunt, and any Alaskan is eligible to participate, whether permits are limited or not, then all Alaskans should be able to apply online for that hunt, just like they can for other registration permits. If the ADF&G or the Board of Game wants to give a defacto priority to local Alaskans over non-local Alaskans regarding the ability to receive a registration permit, that is no different really than the federal system that gives a priority to local federally qualified subsistence users.

The intent of this submission is to withdraw proposal #152 and replace it with this proposal which addresses registration permits, NOT draw permits.

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