

Proposal 163

Count wounded big game towards bag limit for all hunters.

- Recommendation: Neutral
- Advisory Committee Proposal

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5 AAC 92.130 – Restrictions to bag limit

- (f) in Units 1 5 and Unit 8, a black or brown bear wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the bear is taken. However, in Units 1 5 and Unit 8, a brown bear wounded by a person does not count against that person's on bear every four regulatory years bag limit established in 5 AAC 92.132. In this subsection, "wounded" means there is sign of blood or other sign that the bear has been hit bay a hunting projectile.
- (g) In Unit 8, an elk wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the elk is taken.
- (h) In this section, "wounded" means there is sign of blood or other sign that the animal has been hit by a hunting projectile.

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Background

Proposal asks (resident and nonresident hunters):

- Any wounded big game animal count towards a hunter's bag limit.
- Require hunters to exhaust all options to recover wounded animal.
- Hunters who fail to recover wounded big game must validate harvest tickets and permits, and lock metal locking tag if required by species or hunt before leaving the field.

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Background

- Board first adopted regulation in 2005
 - Staff do receive reports of wounded big game and some report cards are marked appropriately. Level of compliance is unknown.
- This regulation encourages ethical behavior related to wounding and wounding loss of wildlife.
- The department uses education to help reduce wounding
 - Hunter education
 - Hunt planning & training
 - Shot placement

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Count wounded big game towards bag limit.

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Proposal 164

Count big game wounded by nonresident hunters towards their bag limit, and validate harvest tickets or permits.

- Recommendation: Neutral
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- (f) in Units 1 5 and Unit 8, a black or brown bear wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the bear is taken. However, in Units 1 5 and Unit 8, a brown bear wounded by a person does not count against that person's on bear every four regulatory years bag limit established in 5 AAC 92.132. In this subsection, "wounded" means there is sign of blood or other sign that the bear has been hit bay a hunting projectile.
- (g) In Unit 8, an elk wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the elk is taken.
- (h) In this section, "wounded" means there is sign of blood or other sign that the animal has been hit by a hunting projectile.

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Background

Proposal asks (nonresident hunter specific):

- Any big game animal wounded by a nonresident hunter counts towards the hunter's bag limit.
- Nonresident hunters would not have wounded Dall sheep count against the one sheep every fours year bag limit requirement.
- Nonresident hunters who fail to recover wounded big game must validate harvest tickets and permits, and lock metal locking tag if required by species or hunt before leaving the field, or at the end of a guided big game hunt.
- Proposal 164 is silent on requiring nonresident hunters who wound big game to exhaust all options to recover the animal.

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Background

- Board first adopted wounding regulation in 2005
 - Staff do receive reports of wounded big game and some report cards are marked appropriately. Level of compliance is unknown.
- This regulation encourages ethical behavior related to wounding and wounding loss of wildlife.
 - Some guides use the requested action in hunt contracts
- The department uses education to help reduce wounding
 - Hunter education
 - Hunt planning & training
 - Shot placement

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Proposal 164

Count big game wounded by nonresident hunters towards their bag limit and validate harvest tickets or permits.

- Recommendation: Neutral
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Proposal 165

Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year an animal is taken

Department Recommendation: Neutral

*proposal only addresses auction permits, not raffles

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What would the proposal do?

- Would allow a person to purchase a permit at auction every year in areas where the bag limit currently restricts holding a permit in subsequent years, or in drawing hunt areas where permits cannot be obtained two years in a row.

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Background...

- Program began in 1989
 - Delta bison (exempted from bag limit in 1991)
- Program expanded in 1996
 - Additional species and available permits
 - Free permit, locking tag, and license
- Senate Bill 204 introduced February 2022 to expand program further
 - Additional species
 - Authority to increase number of permits issued per species

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Current Statute:

AS 16.05.343. Auctions or raffles for big game harvest permits.

(a) The department may donate each year for a competitive auction or raffle harvest permits for four elk from the Etolin Island herd and one bison. The donation may be made only to a nonprofit corporation established to promote education in outdoor traditions and conservation and wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department, subject to the terms of a memorandum of agreement developed by the department.

(c) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to three harvest permits each year for Dall sheep, up to two harvest permits each year for bison, and up to four harvest permits each year for each of the following big game species: musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, black bear, moose, caribou, goat, elk, and wolf...

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Current Regulations:

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures

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(b) The department may issue annually one bull bison permit for Unit 20(D) through a raffle or lottery conducted by a qualified organization as defined in AS 16.05.343. In addition to (a)(3) and (a)(5) (a)(8) of this section, the following applies to the permittee:

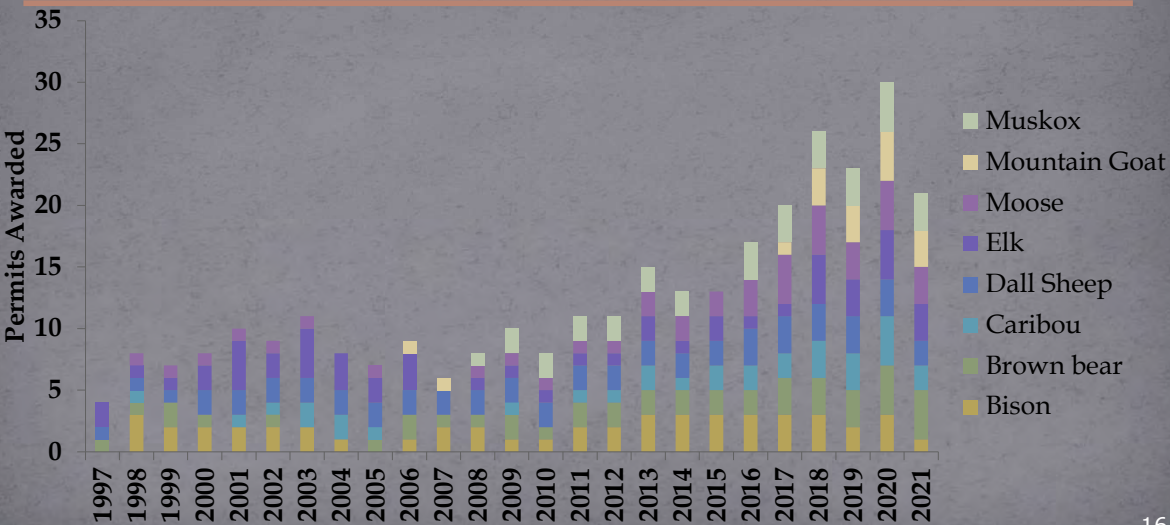
- (1) the permittee is not eligible for another bison drawing permit in the same regulatory year;
- (2) if the permittee is a nonresident, the fee for the nonresident bison locking tag is to be paid from the proceeds of the raffle or lottery;
- (3) a bison taken under a permit issued under this subsection does not count against the regular bag limit of one bison every 10 years; however, no person may take more than one bison, statewide, per regulatory year.

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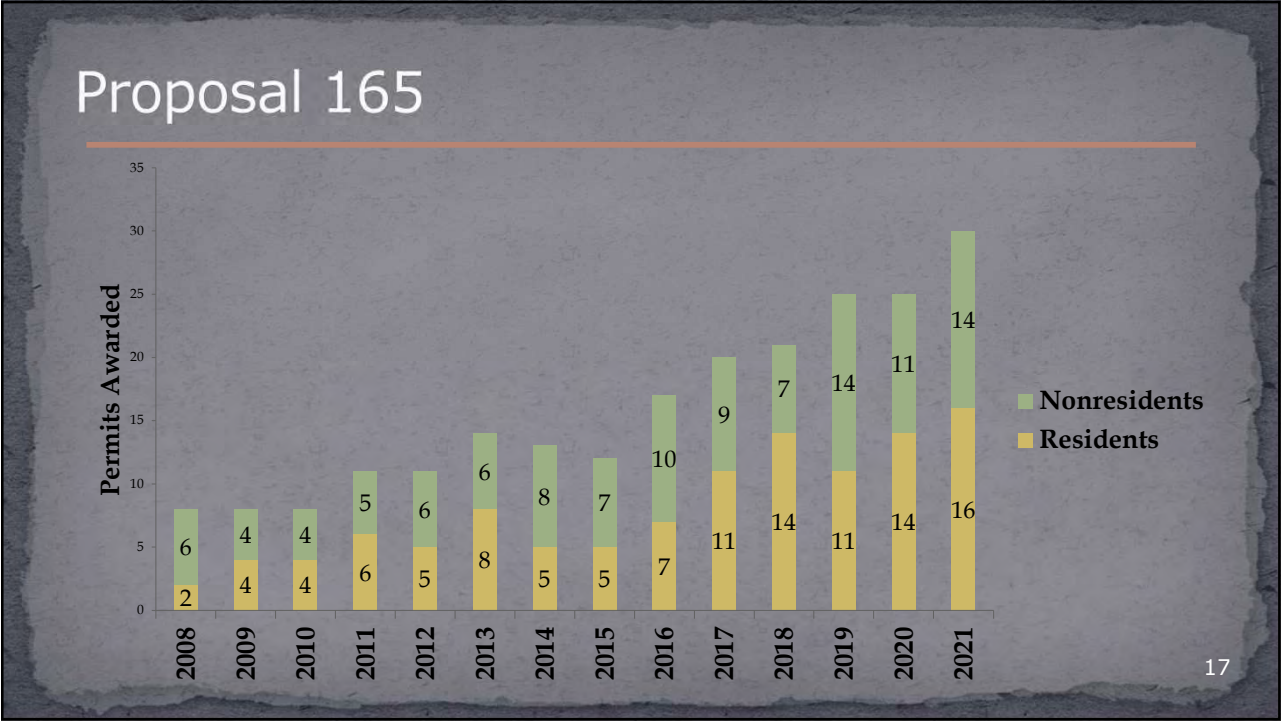
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- The department has no biological concern.
 - The department recommends using auction and raffle permit language.
 - Auction permits are considered when determining harvestable surplus and regular season permit availability.
 - Management staff have direct input when considering offering auction and permits.
 - ADF&G receipts have increased 90% between 1997-2020
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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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