

Proposal 146

Public Proposal

Limit the number of registration permits a person may receive in a regulatory year.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 146

5 AAC 92.052.

- a person may be limited to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 1, 17, 20(E), 22, and 23;
- the number of registration permits that may be issued per household for a specified big game hunt may be limited; ...
- a person may be limited to one registration permit for moose each regulatory year within the drainages of the Kuskokwim River;

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Background

Proposal 146

Issue:

- Limited goat hunts on the Kenai Peninsula
- Multiple hunt areas
- Small quotas
- Hunters able to pick up permits for multiple areas simultaneously

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Background

Proposal 146

- As written, the proposal removes the department's ability to limit the number of big game permits a person may have at a time in Units 1, 17, 20E, 22, and 23.
 - Does not appear to be in the intent of the proponent
 - Department is opposed to losing that ability
- Many subsistence implications.
 - Winter hunts
 - Hunts that open by EO

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 239

Public Proposal

Require all registration hunts open to residents to be available online.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 239

- Most hunts are available online.
- Board has instructed the department to make some available in person in specific locations, during specific times.
- Limiting the location is a tool to manage hunters and harvest

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Proposal 239

Public Proposal

Require all registration hunts open to residents to be available online.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 152

Public Proposal

Require all drawing permit hunts open to residents to be available online.

Department Recommendation: Take No Action

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Proposal 147

Public Proposal

Allow persons to sell lawfully harvested and prepared big game trophies with a permit from the department.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 147

Trophies can be sold

- Taxidermist
 - Unclaimed for 6 months and notice of sale sent
- Estate executor for estate in probate
- Bankruptcy
- Divorce

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Background

Proposal 147

Since 2016 permits to sell trophies have been issued for:

- Taxidermist (16)
- Estate executor for estate in probate (55)
- Bankruptcy (none)
- Divorce (10)

In each case a unique application process is used to authorize the sale of trophies.

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Proposal 147

Public Proposal

Allow persons to sell lawfully harvested and prepared big game trophies with a permit from the department.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 148

Public Proposal

Allow persons over a certain age to sell lawfully harvested and prepared big game trophies with a permit from the department, under specific criteria.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 148

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- Divorce (10)

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Background

Proposal 148

Proposed criteria:

1. The person owning the bear rug must give the approximate date and place of kill.
2. Age of the person requesting a permit to sell:
 - suggested 65 years and older
3. Age of the bear rug:
 - suggested 25 years old, or older
4. Years of Alaska residency. (no recommendation)
5. Reason for selling. (no recommendation)

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Proposal 148

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Allow persons over a certain age to sell lawfully harvested and prepared big game trophies with a permit from the department, under specific criteria.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 240

Public Proposal

Allow the sale of big game trophies from a revokable trust with a permit from the department.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 240

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- Divorce (10)

In each case a unique application process is used to authorize the sale of trophies.

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Background

Proposal 240

5 AAC 90.031 provides for:

A court appointed or duly authorized estate executor, or a referee in a bankruptcy, may sell a game skin or trophy in a bankruptcy or probate action, or from a revokable trust, if that person first obtains a permit from the department.

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Public Proposal

Allow the sale of big game trophies from a revokable trust with a permit from the department.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 149

Public Proposal

Create separate Dall sheep drawing hunts for nonresidents hunting with resident relatives in existing drawing hunts, with no more than 20% of permits awarded to nonresidents guided by resident relatives.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 149

- Board findings (2017-222-BOG) guide allocation between user groups, specifically resident and nonresident hunters.
- The board has further allocated at the nonresident level between guided nonresidents and nonresidents hunting with resident relatives.
 - TMA: 10% of permits to nonresidents, and max of 50% of nonresident permits to nonresidents accompanied by resident relatives.

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Background

Proposal 149

- The proposed new hunts would be taken from the existing allocation for nonresidents.
- If adopted, the department recommends the board address each section of 5 AAC 92.057 and make allocations there.
- The distinction is necessary because the department uses its discretionary permit authority to adjust the total number of permits for each area, and then applies the board's allocation guidelines.

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 150

Public Proposal

Allow applicants to apply for up to 10 drawing hunts per species.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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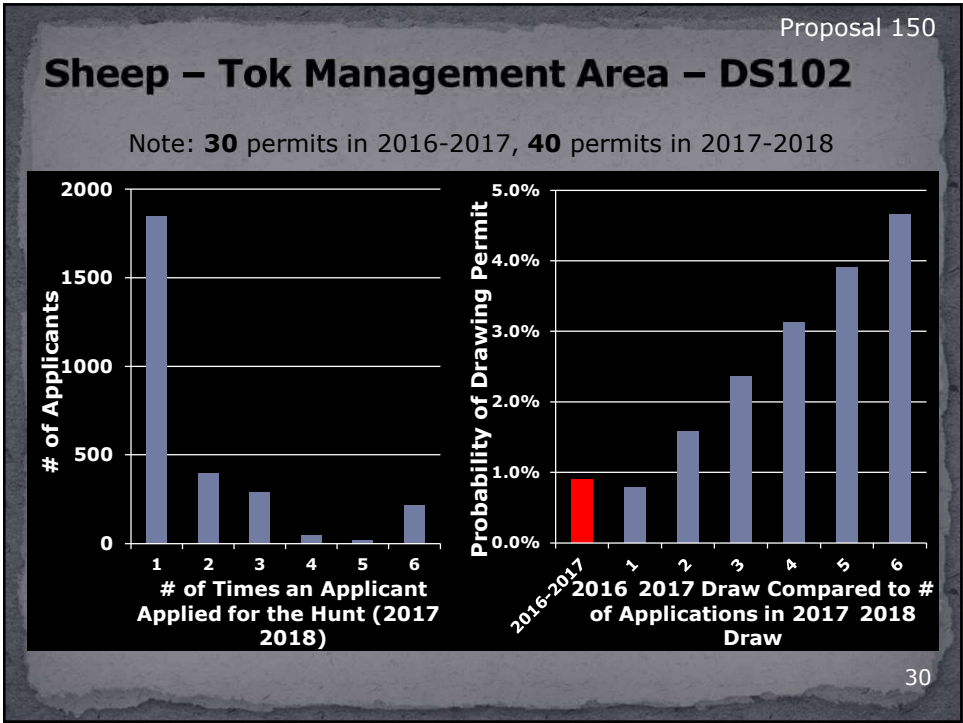
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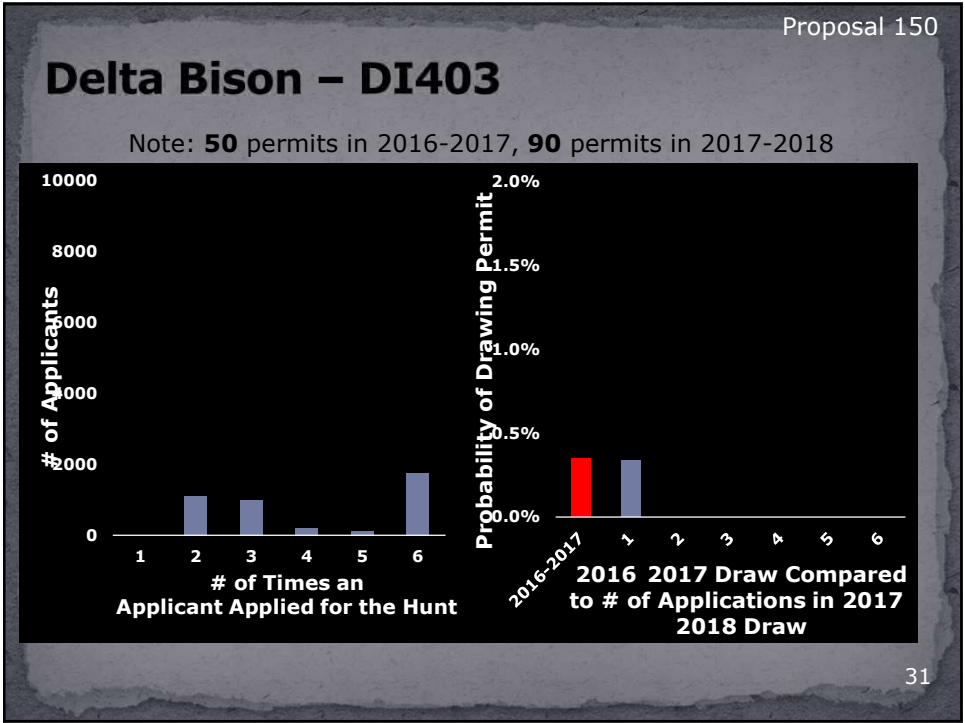
- Applicants for drawing hunts can apply for 6 drawing hunts for the same species, and all 6 can be for the same hunt.
- Prior to 2016, applicants were limited to 3 hunts per species, and could only apply once per hunt.

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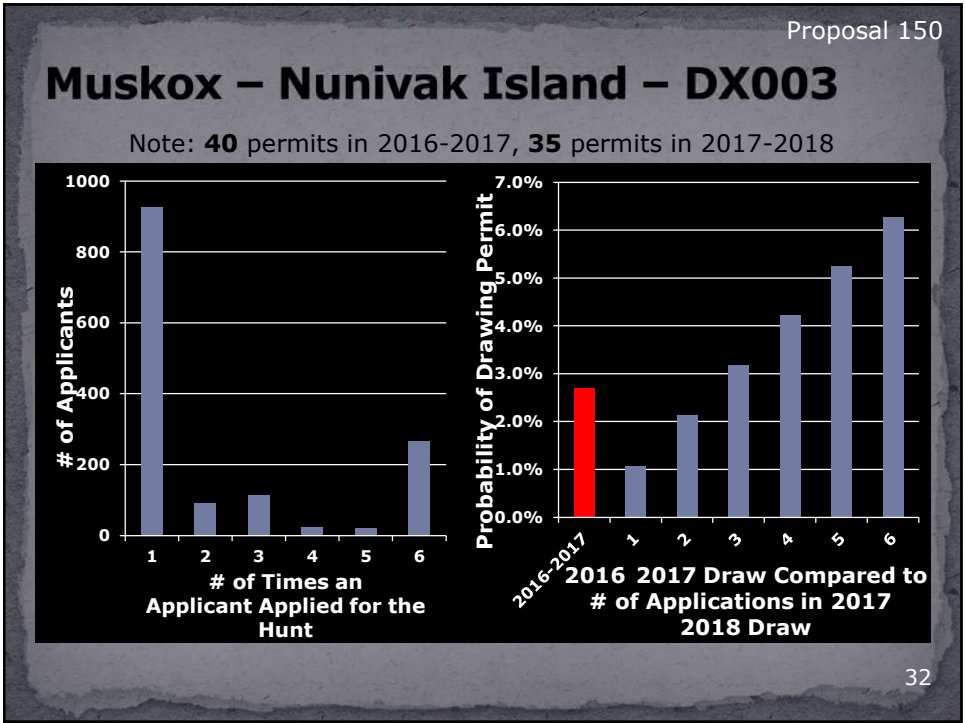
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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 151

Public Proposal

Require all hunters to apply for permits during the regular drawing application period.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 151

- 5 AAC 92.061 (Kodiak)
 - Permits are awarded via the regular draw, any unused permits are awarded following the alternate list, any remaining permits after that are available over the counter as a registration hunt.
- 5 AAC 92.069 (Moose)
 - Permits are awarded via the regular draw, any unused permits are awarded following the alternate list, any remaining permits after that are available over the counter as a registration hunt.

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Background

Proposal 151

Proposal also asks to prevent the department from issuing any undersubscribed drawing permits to people that have not first applied for and paid the fee during the regular permit application period.

5 AAC 92.052
(23) except as otherwise provided, if a drawing permit hunt is undersubscribed, surplus permits may be made available at the Division of Wildlife Conservation office responsible for management of the applicable hunt...

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Proposal 151

Public Proposal

Require all hunters to apply for permits during the regular drawing application period.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 241

Public Proposal

Remove all allocations between nonresidents accompanied by registered guides and nonresidents accompanied by resident relatives.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 241

- Board relies on 2017-222-BOG to allocate between users, specifically residents and nonresidents.
- In some instances, the board has further allocated at the nonresident level between nonresidents hunting with registered guides and nonresidents hunting with resident relatives.

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Background

Proposal 241

- TMA:
 - 90% to residents
 - 10% to nonresidents
 - Maximum of 50% of the nonresident permits can be awarded to nonresidents accompanied by resident relatives.
- Kodiak brown bear:
 - 60% to residents
 - 40% to nonresidents
 - Maximum of 4 permits to nonresidents accompanied by resident relatives, which are awarded from the 60% resident allocation...

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Background

Proposal 241

- 21D, 23, 24 moose
 - Maximum of 50% of permits to guided nonresidents
 - Minimum of 50% to nonguided nonresidents
- 21B moose
 - 50% to residents
 - 50% to nonresidents
 - Maximum of 75% to guided nonresidents
 - Minimum of 25% to nonguided nonresidents
- 21E moose
 - Maximum of 30% of permits to guided nonresidents
 - Minimum of 70% to nonguided nonresidents

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Background

Proposal 241

- If adopted, all nonresidents would be in the same pool of applicants.
- Drawing process relies on random chance.
- The results would vary from hunt to hunt and would be unknown.
 - Some existing regulations allow for any leftover permits to be awarded to the other group, in order to issue all available permits.

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Public Proposal

Remove all allocations between nonresidents accompanied by registered guides and nonresidents accompanied by resident relatives.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 153

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal :

Establish a bonus point draw system whereby applicants for bison and muskox would be awarded additional chances to draw a permit based on the number of times they have been unsuccessful in previous drawings.

Recommendation :

Opposed; there would likely be a substantial cost associated with implementing a bonus point draw system with very limited benefit to the public.

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Proposal 153

Background

- ▣ **This proposal is for a Bonus Point drawing system for bison and muskox *only*.**
- ▣ **The Board has considered and discussed similar proposals numerous times at previous meetings over the years.**
- ▣ **Many fish and game departments in the U.S. employ bonus and preference systems for their drawing hunts.**
- ▣ **Most of these agencies advise against using these methods for allocating draw permits.**

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Proposal 153

Background *continued*

- ▣ **Bonus Point systems require complex tracking and managing draw applicants (customers) over time.**
- ▣ **Time and costs to manage such systems can be large and expensive.**
- ▣ **Drawing odds do not increase much at all with very large pools of drawing applicants such as with bison and muskox hunts.**
- ▣ **Depending on applicant participation, it would likely still be many years before an applicant was ultimately successful in drawing a permit.**

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Public Proposal

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Recommendation :

Opposed; there would likely be a substantial cost to the state associated with implementing a bonus point draw system with very limited benefit to the public.

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Proposal 154

Public Proposal

Issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as the last permit for a hunt, for hunts that have more than 10 permits available.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Background

Proposal 154

5 AAC 92.050

...two hunters may apply as a party in a drawing permit hunt, and if drawn, both applicants will receive a permit...



Permits	Application	Type	Winner?
...			
17	17	Individual	Yes
18	18	Individual	Yes
19	19	Individual	Yes
	20	Party	No
	21	Party	No
20	22	Individual	Yes
	23	Individual	No

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Background

Proposal 154

Proposal is to apply this only in hunts where 10 or more permits are issued to avoid creating a conservation concern.

If adopted, the department requests:

- A regulation that allows the department to exceed the total number of permits available in 5 AAC 85; and
- That the additional permit to be issued is in addition to any existing allocations

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Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 242

Public Proposal

Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 242

5 AAC 92.050

(6) the commissioner may reissue or transfer a permit as follows:

B. a person that is on active duty in a branch of the military under United States Department of Defense deployment orders to a combat zone designated by executive order issued by the President of the United States and that has been issued a

i. drawing permit, and is prevented from using the drawing permit due to being out of the state on active duty, may be reissued the same drawing permit when the person returns to this state from active duty under this subparagraph, under procedures set out in the applicable permit hunt supplement;

ii. Tier II permit may transfer that Tier II permit only during the same regulatory year to a substitute resident hunter while the person is out of the state on active duty under this subparagraph, under procedures set out in the applicable permit hunt supplement;

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Background

Proposal 242

Transfers are now only possible for those transferred to a combat zone.

Issued RY	Approved	Denied	Total
2021	2	1	3
*2020	12	1	13
2019	14	0	14
2018	12	7	19
2017	21	0	21
2016	8	0	8
2015	5	0	5
2014	7	1	8
2013	8	1	9
2012	13	4	17
2011	26	1	27
2010	4	1	5
2009	16	2	18

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Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 243

Department Proposal

Update existing regulations to allow for the transfer of drawing permits as a result of recent statutory changes.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 243

5 AAC 92.050

Permits are not transferrable

Except...

(D) upon request, a drawing hunt permit may be transferred to a qualified substitute in the event of the original permit holder's death, as provided for in AS 16.05.404 and AS 16.05.420(c).

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Background

Proposal 243

5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)(F)

(F) an individual who is a successful applicant for a specific drawing permit hunt is ineligible to apply for a permit for that specific hunt the following year;

1. Can the receiving person have possessed the same permit the year before?
2. Can the receiving person win the same permit next year?

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Background

Proposal 243

Since regulation became effective in late May, the department received 5 requests and transferred all 5 permits.

All 5 were for antlerless or 'any bull' moose hunts.

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Proposal 243

Department Proposal

Update existing regulations to allow for the transfer of drawing permits as a result of recent statutory changes.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 155

Public Proposal

Create an additional moose drawing permit hunt in areas where selective moose harvest strategies are used to manage bull moose hunts, with a bag limit of “any bull”.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 155

Selective harvest strategies are used throughout the state to protect portions of the bull population to ensure adequate breeding, to modify opportunity based on the desires of the hunting public.

Any bull moose hunts are usually highly sought after, and are also commonly associated with providing subsistence opportunity.

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Background

Proposal 155

5 AAC 92.050 (new)

Notwithstanding 5 AAC 85.045, the department may issue up to 10 additional any bull resident moose permits by drawing for selective harvest bull moose hunts in Game Management Units 1 26. Permits will be valid during the existing selective harvest hunt seasons and will be issued at the discretion of the department under the following conditions:

(a) the department has determined that additional harvestable surplus is available; and

(b) bull moose calves are not legal to harvest

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Proposal 155

Public Proposal

Create an additional moose drawing permit hunt in areas where selective moose harvest strategies are used to manage bull moose hunts, with a bag limit of “any bull”.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 156

Department Proposal

Allow certified crossbow hunters to apply for archery only hunts.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 156

- Applicants for archery only hunts must have successfully completed a department approved bowhunter education course before applying for the hunt.
- Prior to the requirement for crossbow hunters to have successfully completed a crossbow hunter education course, crossbow hunters were taking the bowhunter education course with their crossbow, which allowed them to apply for a methods and means exemption for archery only hunts.

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Background

Proposal 156

The solution?

Allow applicants to apply for archery only hunts, with their crossbow certification number (certification is required).

Winners of these hunts would still be required to apply for the Methods and Means Exemption permit in order to hunt with a crossbow in the archery only hunt.

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Proposal 156

Department Proposal

Allow certified crossbow hunters to apply for archery only hunts.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 157

Department Proposal

Amend existing methods and means disability exemption regulations to be more consistent with statutes.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Background

Proposal 157

AS 16.05.940(26) Definitions.

"person with physical disabilities" means a person who presents to the department either written proof that the person receives at least 70 percent disability compensation from a government agency for a physical disability or an affidavit signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state stating that the person is at least 70 percent physically disabled;

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Background

Proposal 157

5 AAC 92.104(a)

A person with a disability, or their personal representative, may submit an application on a form available from the department for an exemption from a methods and means requirement set out in this chapter. The application must

(1) include a signed statement from a licensed physician explaining the nature and extent of the person’s disability;

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Background

Proposal 157

Dept. regularly receives applications signed by:

- Nurses
- Nurse practitioners
- Physician’s assistants
- Chiropractors
- Medical doctors
- Others

On average 10/year that end up being initially denied; most are able to get the correct signature. Issue 35-40/year.

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Department Proposal

Amend existing methods and means disability exemption regulations to be more consistent with statutes.

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 158

All dog mushers to receive game from the department for use as dog food.

- Recommendation: Oppose
- Advisory Committee Proposal

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5 AAC 92.210 –Game as animal food or bait

5AAC 92.210. Game as animal food or bait

A person may not use game as food for a dog or furbearer, or as bait, except for the following:

- (1)the hide, skin, viscera, head, or bones of game legally taken or killed by a motorized vehicle, after salvage as required under 5 AAC 92.220;
- (2)parts of legally taken animals that are not required to be salvaged as edible meat, if the parts are moved from the kill site;
- (3)the skinned carcass of a bear, furbearer, or fur animal, after salvage as required under 5 AAC 92.220; 80
- (4)small game; however, the breast meat of small game birds may not be used as animal food or bait;
- (5)unclassified game;
- (6)deleterious exotic wildlife;
- (7)game that died of natural causes, if the game is not moved from the location where it was found; for purposes of this paragraph, natural causes does not include death caused by a human;
- (8)game furnished by the state, as authorized by a permit under 5 AAC 92.040.

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5 AAC 92.240 –Permit for taking furbearers with game

5 AAC 92.040. Permit for taking furbearers with game

(a) The department may issue a permit to take furbearers by trapping with the use of game, furnished by the state, as bait. Procedures under which a permit will be issued are contained in Standard Operating Procedure II 025 3 (Confiscated Equipment/Salvaged Animals or Parts nonedible meat and fish; permitting procedures to take furbearers with game), revised as of March 17, 2002, and are adopted by reference.

(b) To be eligible for a permit, a person must either hold a trapping license issued by the department or be exempt from licensure under AS 16.05.400.

(c) A person using game for bait under a permit issued under this section shall post a notice at the trap site indicating the permit number.

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Background
Proposal 158

- Department staff currently provide game meat, as described in the proposal, to trappers to use as bait. Roadkill, necropsied, and other inedible game meat is provided to trappers on a first come, first serve basis.
- Game that is determined to be fit for human consumption is donated to charities through direct donation, private salvage groups, and through charity lists maintained by the Department of Public Safety.
- The department's primary concern is the potential health consequences of providing game for dogs that is not fit to consume.

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Proposal 158

All dog mushers to receive game from the department for use as dog food.

- Recommendation: Oppose
- Advisory Committee Proposal

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Proposal 244

Eliminate all community subsistence hunts statewide

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Public Proposal

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Proposal 244

This proposal would eliminate the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Harvest hunt; the Chalkyitsik Community Harvest Area for moose; and the Yukon Flats Community Subsistence Harvest Area for black bears.

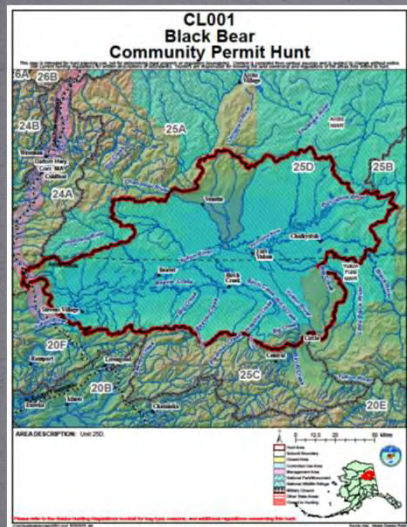
- The CSH hunt structure has not been used since the mid 2000s for the Chalkyitsik Community Harvest Area for moose, or the Yukon Flats Community Harvest Area for black bears though the pattern of use for both still exists.
- The Yukon Flats CSH hunt area is all of Unit 25D. There is a positive C&T finding for black bears in Unit 25 with an ANS of 150 250.
- The Chalkyitsik CSH hunt area consists of portions of Units 25B and 25D. There is a positive C&T finding for moose in Unit 25B with an ANS of 15 37. There is a positive Unit 25D west and an ANS of 50 70. There is also a positive C&T finding for moose in Unit 25D east and an ANS of 150 250.

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Proposal 244

- Unit 13 CSH (CM300 and CC001) hunts would be the primary hunts affected by this proposal
 - Existing hunts, conditions, permit allocation & use, and harvest can be found in the department's Analysis & Recommendation.
 - The Copper Basin hunt area includes all of Unit 13 and portions of Units 11 and 12. The Board of Game has made a positive customary and traditional use finding for moose in Unit 13 with an amount necessary for subsistence (ANS) of 300 600 moose
 - The Board of Game has made a positive customary and traditional use finding for Nelchina caribou in Unit 13 with an ANS of 600 1,000 caribou.
- The board voted to postpone indefinitely, proposals 210 and 211 in January 2022.

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Proposal 244

If adopted, the board should consider:

- If reasonable opportunity for success in harvesting a moose, caribou, or black bear for the communal pattern of use still exists.
- If reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses of moose, caribou, and black bears in Units 11, 12, 13, and 25 still exists.
- Designated hunter provisions will be lost.
- There is no overall conservation concern.
 - Declining bull:cow ratios in any bull hunt
- Delay implementation for two years to allow recently announced permit holders the opportunity to complete their hunts.
 - The department will need guidance on allocating harvestable surplus.

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Proposal 244

Eliminate all community subsistence hunts statewide

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Public Proposal

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