

*The Board of Game does not have authority to establish a hunt that restricts eligibility based on residence.*

**PROPOSAL 199**

Create a village registration elk hunt by designating eight permits each to be distributed in person in the communities of Ouzinkie and Port Lions. Each community would receive two permits that are removed from each of the existing Elk drawing hunts DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723. The new village registration elk hunt permits would begin two (2) weeks prior to the first day of DE715 & DE721 and shall last two (2) full weeks.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The issue we are looking to address with this proposal is the reduced or no elk hunting opportunities for residents of Ouzinkie and Port Lions in Unit 8 (Afognak and Raspberry Islands). Elk harvesting opportunities have declined dramatically in recent years due to a combination of circumstances. All Roosevelt Elk hunting is conducted on Afognak and Raspberry Islands, located in the northern portion of the Kodiak Archipelago. Nearly half of all land on these islands is private property and owned by the Ouzinkie Native Corporation and the Afognak Native Corporation which are Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Village Corporations. Additionally, the majority of Ouzinkie and Port.Lions residents are shareholders of these corporations. Over the past two years, no one from Ouzinkie or Port Lions has drawn an Elk tag for Afognak. This has been a traditional hunt for both villages since 1950.

The first is an increase in the overall number of individuals submitting for those drawing tags, thus reducing the potential for residents to receive a permit. The second is an increased rate of success by those who did receive a permit in Unit 8 (Afognak and Raspberry Islands). These factors have prevented the ADF&G from opening some sections of Afognak for elk registration hunting, further reducing village residents from obtaining their game.

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