

Date: March 21, 2023

From: Bryan Burkhardt

To: Alaska Board of Game

Subject: Proposal 73

Dear Alaska Board of Game,

I am requesting that you reconsider proposal 73. I have bowhunted Kodiak for blacktail deer several times. In fact, I am already booked this year and next year to bowhunt Sitka blacktail on Kodiak. I bowhunt Kodiak because I enjoy the adventure and I love to bring home the excellent meat from a blacktail deer to share with family and friends.

As a non-resident, there is considerable expense, time and travel to hunt Kodiak. Spending thousands of dollars to hunt one buck is not something many non-residents will be willing to do. I have several friends telling me that they won't be going to Kodiak if this proposal goes through. Please consider the economic impact of not having non-residents coming up to hunt Sitka blacktail deer on Kodiak.

If the issue is low deer populations on Kodiak, then I'm all for reducing bag limits until the population recovers. However, it seems that it would be more appropriate and effective, to limit all hunters to two bucks (maybe an exception for local Kodiak Island residents). **Please reconsider amending proposal 73 to allow the bag limit to be two bucks for non-residents.**

Sincerely,

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