

To Whom it May Concern,

The experiences that I have been able to share with my friends and family who have traveled to Alaska in search of the highly elusive Sitka Blacktail are some that I cherish dearly and look forward to replicating this year and many years to come. With that being said, those friends and family from out of state come here with very valuable time that they have taken off from work. They spend thousands of dollars that they have worked hard to save between flights, licenses, tags, gear and all the other logistics that come with the exciting adventure that is, Blacktail Hunting in Alaska. The idea of spending thousands to do so in exchange for a single buck tag begins to make one waver the idea of even pursuing one of these hunts as its already hard enough to plan and finance. I write this letter today with the utmost respect for the men and women who must make these tough decisions while keeping Alaskans in mind. With that, I ask that the Board strongly reconsider Proposal 73 by allowing nonresident hunters to be afforded a bag limit of two bucks. Alaska is the epitome of the outdoors and nonresidents should be able to harness its beauty in the form of deer hunting. Please, as an Alaskan and as someone who loves the outdoors and sharing these experiences with those I care about, reconsider Proposal 73 to allow for the harvest of two bucks for nonresidents. Thank you for your time. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Very Respectfully,

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