

Proposal 134

Allocation - moose

Allocate 90% of all moose drawing permits to residents

Public Proposal

Recommendation: Neutral

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BOG findings:  
2017-222-BOG < 2007-173-BOG < 2006-162-BOG

5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose drawing permit hunts.

Most allocation between residents and nonresidents takes a different form:

Residents = harvest ticket/registration permit  
Nonresidents = drawing permit

Residents = any bull bag limit, longer season, or both  
Nonresidents = antler restrictions, shorter season, or both

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5 AAC 92.069. (b)(3) Unit 21B within the Nowitna River drainage upstream from the Little Mud River drainage and within 2 miles of the Nowitna River

Drawing permit is allocated:

- 50% to residents
- 50% to nonresidents
  - 75% max to guided nonresidents
  - 25% min to nonguided nonresidents

RY25 = 10 to Res., 7 to Guided NonRes., 3 to Non-Guided NonRes.

Allocation set in 2008 following 2007-173-BOG and based on historic use.

Revisited during 2017 Interior Region meeting, no change.

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**Proposal 135**

Allocation – 10% to Nonresidents

**Allocate 10% of all drawing permits to nonresidents, if fewer than 10 permits are available, no nonresident permits will be issued**

**Public Proposal**

**Recommendation: Neutral on Allocation  
Opposed to Complexity**

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**Proposal 135**

Allocation – 10% to Nonresidents

**Findings: 2017-222-BOG < 2007-173-BOG < 2006-162-BOG**

**5 AAC 92.057. Sheep and goats.**  
TMA:  
90% to residents  
10% to nonresidents  
Maximum of 50% of the nonresident permits can be awarded to nonresidents accompanied by resident relatives.

**5 AAC 92.061. Brown bears.**  
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...

**5 AAC 92.069. Moose and caribou.**  
Delta Caribou:  
85% to residents  
15% to nonresidents  
50% to guided, 50% to non-guided

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5 AAC 85. Seasons and Bag Limits.  
Lists type of hunts (Draw/Registration/HT/Tier)

Most allocation between residents and nonresidents takes a different form:

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Hunt areas created using discretionary authority?

Many hunt areas currently have less than 10 permits available.

Example, moose in RY25:

109 moose drawing permits advertised:

- 58 open only to residents
- 27 open only to nonresidents
- 24 open to both

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	Hunt	Unit	bag limit	# of permits	# of applications	
					Res	NonRes
1	DM210	7/14C	any bull	40	4793 (83%)	949 (17%)
2	DM421	14C, JBER	any moose	3	202 (96%)	9 (4%)
3	DM422	14C, JBER	any bull	10	826 (90%)	96 (10%)
4	DM423	14C, JBER	antlerless	2	135 (99%)	1 (1%)
5	DM424	14C, JBER	any bull	30	2292 (93%)	184 (7%)
6	DM426	14C, JBER	any moose	10	562 (96%)	22 (4%)
7	DM427	14C, JBER	any moose	15	1022 (97%)	36 (3%)
8	DM428	14C, JBER	any bull	7	494 (89%)	59 (11%)
9	DM430	14C, JBER	any bull	3	218 (83%)	46 (17%)
10	DM446	14C	any bull	10	482 (86%)	78 (14%)
11	DM447	14C	any bull	10	639 (79%)	166 (21%)
12	DM448	14C	any bull	2	92 (100%)	0 (0%)
13	DM549	15C	antlerless	65	4545 (97%)	119 (3%)
14	DM786	20B, FMA	antlerless	37	117 (100%)	0 (0%)
15	DM788	20B, FMA	antlerless	113	1049 (97%)	34 (3%)
16	DM789	20B, Creamer's	antlerless	10	170 (100%)	0 (0%)
17	DM795	20D	any moose	6	61 (32%)	131 (68%)
18	DM816	21D	bull/antler restricted	25	257 (77%)	78 (23%)
19	DM817	21D	bull/antler restricted	31	122 (75%)	41 (25%)
20	DM818	21D	bull/antler restricted	25	79 (42%)	110 (58%)
21	DM820	21D	bull/antler restricted	15	86 (72%)	34 (28%)
22	DM892	24D	bull/antler restricted	35	8 (73%)	3 (27%)
23	DM920	DHCMA North	bull/antler restricted	20	594 (75%)	201 (25%)
24	DM922	DHCMA South	bull/antler restricted	50	528 (78%)	148 (22%)

= Weapons Restriction

= Disabled Veterans

= Weapons Restricted and Disabled Veterans

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Bison Drawing Hunts:

	Hunt	Unit	bag limit	# of permits	# of applications	
					Res	NonRes
1	DI454	11, 13D	either	1	2549 (84%)	468 (16%)
2	DI351	19C, 19D	either	10	6397 (79%)	1695 (21%)
3	DI352	19C, 19D	bull	5	4661 (87%)	703 (13%)
4	DI403	20D	bull	30	32930 (94%)	2276 (6%)

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Public Proposal

Recommendation: Neutral on Allocation  
Opposed to Complexity

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Public Proposal

Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and only allow applicants to apply once per hunt

Department Recommendation: **NEUTRAL**




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**Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt**

This proposal would limit a person to being able to win a bison and musk ox drawing permit hunt only once in a lifetime, and only allow applicants to apply for one drawing permit hunt for bison and one drawing permit hunt for musk ox per application period




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**Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt**

CURRENT REGULATIONS

- Applicants may submit up to six applications per species per regulatory year; may apply for same hunt more than once (all six choices per species can be for one hunt)
- No more than 2 hunters may apply as a party, whether they are from the same household or not
- Number of permits that may be issued per household are not limited



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**Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt**

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CURRENT REGULATIONS, cont'd

- Application fee is in statute; \$10 per choice; maximum of \$60 for bison and \$60 for muskox
- Application fee is the same for residents and nonresidents



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**Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt**

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CURRENT REGULATIONS, cont'd

- A resident who is awarded a bison drawing permit is ineligible to apply for 10 years; bag limit = 1 bison every 10 regulatory years
- Nonresident hunters may harvest one bison by drawing permit; only one permit per lifetime
- Cannot be awarded a permit for the same drawing hunt two years in a row (musk ox)



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Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt

Board of Game January 2008

• Approved changing bison permit eligibility for residents from 1 permit every 5 years to 1 permit every 10 years

• Approved changing eligibility for nonresidents to 1 permit in lifetime

• Since this change went into effect in RY09, nineteen individuals (16 residents and 3 nonresidents) have won more than one bison permit.





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Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt

Bison Drawing Permit Data RY19-RY23

Hunt	GMU	5- Year Average		
		# Permits Awarded	# Harvested	% Hunter Success
DI352	19C & 19D	19	14	90
DI352	19C & 19D	11	9	96
DI403	20D	65	44	79
DI404	20D	33	27	54
DI450	11	2	1	90
DI454	11 & 13D	24	14	81



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### Proposal 136 – Once in a lifetime bison and musk ox permits; applicants apply once per hunt

- The drawing hunt application fee for bison and musk ox is \$10
- 56,182 applications for bison drawing permits in Regulatory Year 2024
- 18,339 applications for musk ox drawing permits in Regulatory Year 2024
- No expectation of conservation concern
- Application fees for drawing permits are set by legislature; the board does not have authority to increase those fees



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#### Public Proposal

Limit bison and musk ox drawing permit hunts to once in a lifetime, and only allow applicants to apply once per hunt

Department Recommendation: **NEUTRAL**



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Drawing Hunt Process

Change the drawing permit award process

Recommendation: Neutral

Submitted by: Public

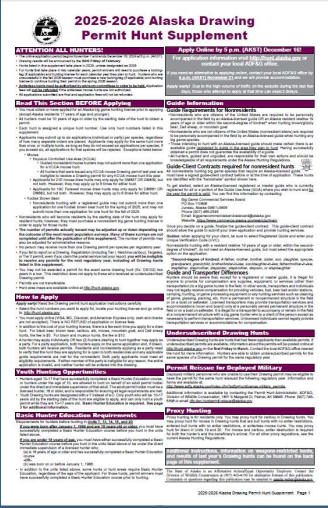
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Drawing Hunt Process

5 AAC 92.050

- Apply individually, or as a party (2 hunters together)
- Current or future year hunting license is required
- Bison and muskox - \$10, all others - \$5
- 6 applications per species, all 6 for 1 hunt
- Hunt level restrictions, species level restriction



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## Proposal 137

### Drawing Hunt Process

#### Hunt level restrictions:

- KCUA may only submit one application for a hunt
- KCUA If you received a drawing permit last year, you cannot win any of them this year
- 21E moose – Can only apply for DM837 or DM839, not both
- 19C Farewell moose – Can only apply for DM681 or DM682, not both
- Cannot win the same hunt 2 years in a row

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## Proposal 137

### Drawing Hunt Process

#### Species level restrictions:

- Only one permit per species
- Kodiak brown bear – guided nonresidents can only apply for one hunt, and may only submit one application per season
- Bison - Residents can only win one bison permit every 10 years, nonresidents can only win one bison permit per lifetime

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# Proposal 137

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## Drawing Hunt Process

Other restrictions:

- Sheep – Nonresident bag limit is 1 every 4 regulatory years
- Fortymile caribou youth hunt – only one caribou per lifetime
- 20D moose youth hunt – only one moose per lifetime

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## Drawing Hunt Process

### Popular hunts

Hunt	# applications received	# permits available	% drawn
DB376, Spring Unimak Island	837	8	1%
DC827, Delta	15,712	150	1%
DE702, Raspberry Island	3,726	6	<1%
DG006, Deer Mountain	3,178	23	1%
DI403, Delta Junction	32,868	65	<1%
DM410, Knik River	9,441	25	<1%
DS102, Tok	4,464	10	<1%
DX112, 26B East	9,003	4	<1%

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Drawing Hunt Process

Proposal is offering ideas for consideration:

- Increase waiting period(s) by species if successful in harvest and/or draw
- Reduce the # of application that can be submitted per species (increased from 3 per species and only 1 per hunt in 2016)
- Restrict applicants to applying for bison or muskox, caribou or elk, and/or sheep or goat
- Reduce resident bag limit for bison to once in a lifetime in harvest
- Increase opportunity for additional registration hunts with quotas as an alternative to drawing permit hunts

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Drawing Hunt Process

Other options considered:

- Bonus Point System
- Separate hunts for longtime applicants

Options rejected:

- Preference Points
- Once in a lifetime permits even if unsuccessful
- Longer waiting periods for moose drawing hunts

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Proposal 137

Drawing Hunt Process

Change the drawing permit award process

Recommendation: Neutral

Submitted by: Public

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Proposal 138

Muskox locking tags

Remove the requirement for a locking tag in subsistence hunts for muskox.

Department Proposal

Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 138

Muskox locking tags

AS 16.05.340(a) Fees for licenses, permits, and tags:  
(16) Resident big game tags  
...  
(B) Musk oxen, each.....\$500  
However, the Board of Game may, by regulation reduce or eliminate the resident big game tag and fee for musk oxen for all or a portion of a game management unit.

5 AAC 92.016. The resident tag fee for hunting musk oxen by registration permit on Nelson Island and on Nunivak Island is \$25. The Board of Game waives the resident tag fee for subsistence musk oxen hunting.

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Proposal 138

Muskox locking tags

5 AAC 92.016. The resident tag fee for hunting musk oxen by registration permit on Nelson Island and on Nunivak Island is \$25. **A resident tag is not required for taking musk oxen in subsistence hunts.** ~~The Board of Game waives the resident tag fee for subsistence musk oxen hunting.~~

RY24 – 73 Tier II muskox permits issued  
5 year average = 54 Tier II muskox permits

One subsistence registration hunt, RX110, 26B East of the DHCMA. 4 permits issued per year.

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Department Proposal

Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 188


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Public Proposal

Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404 (Delta bison) permits that were revoked to same recipients for RY26

Develop a plan with ADF&G to ensure late season changes do not impact hunters

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**



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This proposal would allow a permittee who had their Unit 20D bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024 to have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026 upon request

Additionally for consideration - absent the transfer of permits across regulatory years, the department would like the board to consider lifting the lifetime and 10-year loss of eligibility for those hunters that were awarded permits that were subsequently revoked, allowing those hunters to begin applying again.



**Proposal 188 – Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404 (Delta bison) permits that were revoked to same recipients for RY26**

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## CURRENT REGULATIONS

5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)

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- Occasionally scenarios where the department must retract permits or eliminate a hunt entirely
- Applicants are warned that hunts could be eliminated, and that application fees may not be refunded
- Delta bison hunt unique attributes:
  - highly sought after/very difficult to draw
    - 41,887 applications for 135 permits for RY24
  - lifetime or 10-year moratorium (depending upon residency) on re-applying after winning
- Unusual to win and then lose a permit like this




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**Proposal 188 – Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404 (Delta bison) permits that were revoked to same recipients for RY26**

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- The department adjusts permits and bag limits annually to manage for approximately 360 adults, post hunt
- By reducing the overall number of permitted hunters, the department has addressed the conservation concern
- The proposal addresses allocation of permits, but is only associated with current and future permit winners
- A novel circumstance, that requires timely action, if permits are to be deferred to a later regulatory year



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Proposal 188 – Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404  
(Delta bison) permits that were revoked to  
same recipients for RY26

If adopted, 5 AAC 92.050(a)(6) would therefore read:

(E) a permittee who had their Unit 20(D) bison permit revoked for regulatory year 2024 may, upon request, have the permit transferred to regulatory year 2026.




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Proposal 188 – Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404  
(Delta bison) permits that were revoked to  
same recipients for RY26

If permits not transferred, department requests the board to consider lifting the lifetime and 10-year loss of eligibility

Suggested new sub-subparagraph **(in bold text)** to 5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)(H): is as follows




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Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**



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Proposal 189 – Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404  
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If adopted this proposal would:

- Allow a permittee with a revoked RY24 Unit 20D  
bison permit to have that permit transferred to RY26  
(upon request), **or**;
- Remove the lifetime and ten-year loss of eligibility for  
those permittees with revoked RY24 Unit 20D bison  
permits




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**Proposal 189 – Transfer RY24 DI403 and DI404 (Delta bison) permits that were revoked to same recipients for RY26**

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- Low natural (non-hunting) mortality in the Delta bison herd
- When infrequent natural mortality events occur (e.g., historic winter of 2021/2022), permit numbers or hunt conditions must be changed
- The department is often unaware of the degree of mortality until after permits have been awarded
- Mortality event in the spring of 2024 also contributed to the potential for unsustainable harvest
- Summer 2024 post-calving surveys (May-June) - there was need to reduce number of permits, and have bulls only bag limit




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- If no action is taken, permit winners that had permits revoked (n = 55) will be unable to hunt, and may not have the chance again, even if allowed to reapply
- During pandemic bear hunts were authorized to be moved to future years
  - 549 impacted hunters, 428 transferred permits
  - Original hunts were for spring of CY2020, all transferred hunts concluded by spring of CY2022
- No other species were considered





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- Many hunters expressed a preference to hunt in a different year, rather than have hunt conditions drastically altered
- The department is considering advertising a more conservative number of permits in the drawing supplement, which may mitigate this issue moving forward
- Number of “new” permits for RY26 would be decreased if adopted





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Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**

