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Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: **NEUTRAL**




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The proposal would add wood bison to the list of game that can be taken by permit and used for teaching and preservation of historic or traditional Alaskan cultural practices, knowledge, and values.



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CURRENT REGULATIONS

5 AAC 92.034. Permit to take and use game for cultural purposes.

Species currently allowed under this permit:

- (1) deer;
- (2) moose;
- (3) caribou;
- (4) black bear;
- (5) mountain goat;
- (6) small game;
- (7) furbearers;
- (8) any migratory bird for which a federal permit has been issued; and
- (9) musk oxen in Unit 18




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- All individuals or groups are eligible – equal access.
- Requires instructors, minimum student attendance, subject matter, and standards for course completion.
- Issued for cultural education, not nutritional purposes.




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- Number of permits issued based on harvestable surplus and department’s discretion.
- No permit will be issued when the taking of game will result in a significant reallocation or reduction of other opportunities for harvest or when harvests can reasonably be accommodated under existing regulations.




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- No customary and traditional use finding for wood bison (5 AAC 99.025).
- No existing seasons or bag limits or wood bison.
- Wood bison have not been harvested in Alaska since statehood (100+ years).




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- One motivation for wood bison restoration in Alaska is the species historical presence.
- The wood bison planning teams have shown interest in reestablishing cultural connections to wood bison through education.
- This permit may provide that opportunity and has the potential to bring many individuals and interest groups together for a single hunt.



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