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Proposal 122

Department Proposal

Allow proxy hunting for plains bison statewide

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**




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The proposal would allow Alaska residents to proxy hunt on behalf of other qualified Alaska residents for all plains bison hunts statewide.




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CURRENT REGULATIONS

5 AAC 92.011. Taking of game by proxy.
(k) Proxy hunting under this section is only allowed for:
 (1) caribou;
 (2) deer;
 (3) moose in Tier II hunts, any-bull hunts, antlered-bull hunts without antler restrictions, and antlerless moose hunts;
 (4) emperor geese;
 (5) muskoxen in Tier II hunts; and
 (6) plains bison in Units 12, 19, and 20.




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- Only residents are eligible for proxy hunting (both proxy and beneficiary).
- Beneficiary must be blind, 70% or greater physically disabled, 65 years of age or older, or be developmentally disabled.
- No trophy destruction required for plains bison.





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- The number of permits are awarded based on annual surveys.
- A resident who is awarded a bison drawing permit is ineligible to apply for 10 years.
- A nonresident who is awarded a bison drawing permit can only win one permit per lifetime.





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- Negative customary and traditional use finding for bison in Units 11, 19(D) and 20(D) (5AAC 99.025(a)(1).
- Board adopted plains bison proxy hunting for Interior and Eastern Arctic Region in 2024.




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- This proposal seeks to allow proxy hunting for Chitina (Unit 11) and Copper River (Units 11 and 13D) bison herds.
- If adopted there would be consistency among the regulations regarding plains bison proxy hunting.
- All bison hunting is conducted by drawing permit; no expectation of a conservation concern.



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Proxy Hunting

• Residents only

• Only allowed for:

• Some bison

• Most caribou

• Most Deer

• Some moose

• Some muskox

• Emperor geese

• Antler destruction for both proxy and beneficiary

• Additional restrictions (once per season, etc.)

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- Would allow people to pay others to proxy hunt for them, by repealing 5 AAC 92.011(i)
- In place since 1993

Proxy Hunting

Year	Proxy Authorizations
2014	1088
2015	1267
2016	1658
2017	1558
2018	1271
2019	1379
2020	1405
2021	1134
2022	1039
2023	575
2024*	557

*Preliminary data for 2024

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Proxies issued by year, based on mailing address of the beneficiary.

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