

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM PERMIT

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND POLICY

Permit Conditions, Terms and Restrictions:

(a) Under authority of 5 AAC 92.034, the commissioner may issue a nontransferable, no-cost cultural education permit to harvest game to an applicant who proposes to operate a systematic program that provides for persons to engage in activities that emphasize traditional Alaskan cultural practices, knowledge, and values. 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.

(b) The cultural education program must have: instructors who are qualified to teach the subject matter, enrolled students, minimum attendance requirements, procedures for testing knowledge or proficiency of subject matter, and standards for successful completion of the course.

(c) A permittee who harvests game under authority of a cultural education permit must comply with all game licensing and regulatory requirements, unless otherwise specified on the permit. Upon request, a permittee will show the permit to a state enforcement officer.

(d) Permits are issued for cultural education, as opposed to nutritional, purposes. No more than one big game animal may be harvested under a cultural education permit. No more than one permit may be issued for each cultural education program. Species are limited to deer, moose, caribou, black bear, mountain goat, small game, and furbearers.

(e) Game meat harvested under a cultural education permit may be consumed by humans, and animal byproducts may be distributed for personal use. The salvageable meat may not be consumed by animals and the game may not be bartered, sold, or exchanged for anything of value.

Application:

An applicant for a cultural-education program permit shall submit an application, in writing, to the department no later than 30 days before the date the applicant proposes to begin the cultural education program. The applicant shall describe or identify:

- (1) the sponsoring and/or underwriting organization, community, or agency;
- (2) the purposes of the program;
- (3) a profile of students/participants that the program will serve;

- (4) the qualifications of program instructors and administrators;
- (5) a schedule of classes or training sessions;
- (6) the texts, equipment, teaching aids, and other materials that will be used in the program;
- (7) how students/participants will be tested for knowledge or proficiency gained through the program;
- (8) the standards for successful completion of the program and student/participant attendance requirements for classes or training sessions;
- (9) when game resources will be harvested, the species and numbers of game needed to fulfill the educational objectives of the program, and the name of the person who will take game, if other than the permittee; and
- (10) the location where the cultural education program will take place and the area where game will be harvested.

An applicant who is unable to provide all of the information requested above shall identify the information that the applicant is unable to provide and describe, in writing, the reasons why that information has been omitted or cannot be provided.

Reporting Requirements:

Within 30 days of the expiration date of the permit or by December 31 of the year the permit was issued, whichever comes first, the permittee shall submit a report to the department that includes the number of students/participants who successfully completed the program, objectives of the program that were achieved, problems encountered in the program, the date, sex and specific location of game that was harvested, the final disposition of harvested resources, and any other information that may be specified on the permit.

The department will not issue or renew a cultural education permit to a person who violates a condition or requirement of a cultural education permit that was previously issued or to a sponsor or permittee who failed to comply with the reporting requirements listed above.