

PROPOSAL 210

5 AAC 85.035. Hunting seasons and bag limits for elk.

5 AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 tags issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to one per household as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Return the 16 tags to the DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723 pool of permits and assign four registration tags from RE706 for in-person release in Ouzinkie and four registration tags from RE706 for in-person release in Port Lions.

Designate these tags for in-person release in Ouzinkie and Port Lions as one per household.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The allocation of 16 registration elk permits (RE752 and RE756) that can only be picked up in the extremely difficult and costly to access communities of Port Lions and Ouzinkie is excessive and negatively impacts highly competitive draw hunts for the rest of Alaska residents. The creation of RE753 and RE756 registration permits removed 16 tags from the DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723 draw hunts, reducing the overall number of draw tags by 9.4% for those areas.

Removing 9.4% of the total tags from the DE715, DE717, DE721, and DE723 pool of tags, which have a 2-3% draw success rate, is punitive to Alaskans who do not live in these communities.

This inequity to fellow Alaskans is heightened by the fact that a registration hunt for Alaska residents exists on Raspberry Island (RE706) which provides an abundant resource for subsistence elk hunting. Raspberry Island is closer by distance to both Ouzinkie and Port Lions in comparison to the current East Afognak and Remainder hunt areas.

In addition, RE752 and RE756 are not limited to one permit per household. This resulted in three households receiving two permits during the 2024 permit issuance.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

No

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