

Proposal 149

5 AAC 85.010. Hunting seasons and bag limits for bison.

Limit the Non-Resident permit allocation for the Unit 20 Bison drawing hunt DI403/404, to “Up To” 10% of the available permits as follows:

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

Limit the Non-Resident permit allocation for the Unit 20 Bison drawing hunt DI403/404, to “Up To” 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not available a Non-Resident permit will not be available.

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

Limit the number of tags that may be drawn by Non-Residents for Bison drawing hunt DI403/404.

There is currently no allocation cap on how many tags may be drawn by Non-Residents.

Non-Residents are drawing a consistently high proportion of the tags for high demand drawing hunts. Free Range Bison hunting in Alaska is one of only 6 states that have genetically pure Bison, making it a highly desirable opportunity. Meat value of a Bison is high and obtaining Bison permits is difficult. Both Residents and Non-Residents compete for the tags equally in the Big Game Drawing which means Alaska Residents receive no preference in the drawing. This is a particularly easy and affordable area to access off the road system and provides an affordable opportunity to local Alaskans to harvest a Bison.

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

No

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