

Proposal 43

5 AAC 92.062. Priority for subsistence hunting; Tier II permits.

Make the GMU 22 Musk ox Tier II permit a household permit as follows:

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

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(c) In the Tier II hunts in Unit 22, any person in the household of the successful applicant may harvest the muskox, and all members of the household must be listed on the application.

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

The Tier II muskox permits provide subsistence opportunities for Unit 22 residents, but that opportunity is limited to only a few individuals. I would like to see the Tier II muskox permits become household permits, where all members of the household are listed on the permit and any one of those members may legally fill the permit - similar to the household subsistence fishing and crabbing permits in the area. The hunter would be required to have a hunting license (unless under 18) and the household's permit with them at the time of hunt. The change would allow experienced hunters to pass their knowledge to other members of their household and would allow flexibility for other household members to fill the tag if a life event occurs during the permit period (e.g., child birth, cancer treatments, etc.).

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

I have discussed this idea with several other Tier II permit holders in Nome, all of whom see a different way this change would be beneficial. Some households would like their children to be able to shoot a muskox, while others have had life events occur during the hunting season that made it extremely difficult to fill the permit - but those events weren't major enough to qualify for proxy hunting.

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