

Findings for the Alaska Board of Game
2025-234-BOG
Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game
provided during the Statewide Regulations Meeting
March 27, 2025

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

A mortality event in the spring of 2024 and post-calving surveys completed in the summer of 2024 resulted in a need for the department to change the bag limit of all Unit 20D bison hunts to bulls only, and to revoke the permits of 55 permit holders. Those individuals are offered an opportunity, upon their request, to have their previously revoked permits transferred to regulatory year (RY) 2026 or RY 2027. To implement 5 AAC 92.050(a)(6)(E) to allow permittees who had their Unit 20(D) bison permit revoked for RY 2024 to transfer the permit to RY 2026 or RY 2027, the Board recommends the department take the following actions:

- For RY 2026, notify the next 28 permit holders, as determined by original allocation order, of their ability to be issued a permit for RY26. If the population allows for the harvest of cow bison, RY24 permit holders will be awarded permits reflecting the original bag limit for their revoked permit (cow or any sex).
- For RY 2027, notify the remaining 27 permit holders (as determined by original allocation order) of their ability to be issued a permit for RY27. If the population allows for the harvest of cow bison, RY24 permit holders will be awarded permits reflecting the original bag limit for their revoked permit (cow or any sex).

All permit holders who had their permits revoked for RY 24 should be notified of this plan in a timely manner, prior to the November/December 2025 drawing permit application period. The department recognizes there may be extenuating circumstances and may allow more permits to be transferred to RY26 if the population warrants the additional harvest.

In implementing this regulation, permit numbers in the drawing permit hunt supplement will be reduced, but not eliminated, for RY26 and RY27

Vote: 7-0
March 27, 2025
Anchorage, Alaska

/s/
Jake Fletcher, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game