

**PROPOSAL 135**

**5 AAC 92.050 (a)(4). Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.**

Allocate 10% of the big game permits to nonresidents as follows:

Nonresidents shall be guaranteed 10% of the available permits for each hunt as long as a hunt has at least 10 permits. If a hunt has less than 10 permits no nonresident tag will be issued. If the number of nonresident permits is not a round number, it shall be rounded down to the next round number.

This is consistent with most other Western states in the United States. This language shall not apply to hunts already allocated specifically to nonresidents either guided or unguided. In the case of drawing hunts with less than 10 permits the Department of Fish and Game shall have the authority to issue up to one permit specifically for nonresidents granted it does not take a resident permit away to meet the original permit quota. This language, because it would set aside permits for nonresidents would be less restrictive than many western states that allow UP TO 10% of the permits to be allocated to nonresidents.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Nonresident drawing permit allocation is uncapped in many drawing hunts. Currently there are many drawing hunts that have no nonresident allocation limits. Alaska residents are finding it increasingly difficult to draw permits. Nonresident allocations in the lower 48 have been drastically reduced in the last five years resulting in more interest by nonresidents to hunt and apply in Alaska. The current regulations are unit or hunt specific as it relates to nonresident allocation thus making it difficult and cumbersome to address in the usual regional proposal process.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory Committee?** No.

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