

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**  
**STAFF COMMENTS FOR PROPOSALS 86-89, 93-94, 109-111, 113-133, and 155-172**  
**SOUTHCENTRAL REGION REGULATIONS PROPOSALS**

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME MEETING**

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The following staff comments were prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for use at the Alaska Board of Game meeting, March 20-25, 2026 in Kodiak, Alaska, and are prepared to assist the public and board. The stated staff comments should be considered preliminary and subject to change, if or when new information becomes available. Final department positions will be formulated after review of written and oral testimony presented to the board.

**PROPOSAL 86 – 5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.** Limit nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 caribou hunt DC001, to up to 10% of the available permits, when 10 or more permits are available.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DC001 to up to 10% of total available permits. If less than 10 total permits are available, no nonresident permits would be awarded.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou**

|                                                                     | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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| (1)                                                                 |                                                                         |                                    |
| Unit 7 north of the Sterling Highway and west of the Seward Highway |                                                                         |                                    |
| 1 caribou by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued   | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20 (General hunt only)                                  | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20                 |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for caribou in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted nonresident hunters would not be allocated an opportunity if the number of permits available is less than 10. Currently, 5 permits are available.

**BACKGROUND:** Kenai Mountain caribou were reintroduced in 1965 and hunting first began in 1972. Since establishment, the number of permits issued has ranged from 5–250 permits, mirroring herd fluctuations. Table 86-1 shows number of permits available and percentage received by nonresident hunters, from 2017-2025, for DC001.

**Table 86-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DC001.

| <b>Reg. Year</b> | <b>Total # Apps.</b> | <b># NR Apps.</b> | <b>% NR Apps.</b> | <b># NR Winners</b> | <b>% NR Winners</b> | <b># Permits</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2017             | 2308                 | 156               | 7                 | 2                   | 9                   | 23               |
| 2018             | 2292                 | 156               | 7                 | 1                   | 4                   | 24               |
| 2019             | 2817                 | 179               | 6                 | 5                   | 20                  | 25               |
| 2020             | 2175                 | 156               | 7                 | 0                   | 0                   | 24               |
| 2021             | 2634                 | 207               | 8                 | 4                   | 18                  | 22               |
| 2022             | 2997                 | 287               | 10                | 1                   | 4                   | 24               |
| 2023             | 5047                 | 371               | 7                 | 3                   | 13                  | 24               |
| 2024             | 5433                 | 424               | 8                 | 0                   | 0                   | 14               |
| 2025             | 3967                 | 348               | 9                 | 0                   | 0                   | 5                |

A federal subsistence registration hunt is open to qualifying residents of Cooper Landing, Hope, and Moose Pass. Season dates extended beyond the state season (Aug. 10-Nov. 14). The 10-year average harvest from the federal hunt is 1 caribou.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 7 and 10% of the drawing applications for DC001 and have been awarded between 0 and 5 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 87 – 5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.** Limit nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 caribou hunt DC608, to up to 10% of the available permits, when 10 or more permits are available.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DC608 to up to 10% of total available permits. If less than 10 total permits are available, no nonresident permits would be awarded.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou**

|                                                                                                                        | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (9)                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                                    |
| Unit 15(B), that portion<br>south and west of Killey<br>River, within the Kenai<br>National Wildlife Refuge            |                                                                         |                                    |
| 3 caribou by drawing permit<br>only; however, only<br>one bull may be taken; up<br>to 150 permits may be<br>issued; or | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20<br>(General hunt only)                               | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20                 |

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This portion of Unit 15 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for caribou in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted this proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DC608 to up to 10% of total available permits. Additionally, nonresident hunters would not have an opportunity if the number of permits available is less than 10. Between 2017 and 2025, an average of 48 permits have been offered (Table 87-1).

**BACKGROUND:** Killey River caribou were reintroduced during three efforts in 1985 and 1986 and hunting first began in 1994. Since establishment, the number of permits issued has ranged from 20–158 permits, mirroring herd fluctuations. The department uses its discretionary authority to reduce the bag limit to one bull. Table 87-1 shows number of permits available and percentage received by nonresident hunters, from 2017-2025, for DC608.

**Table 87-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DC608.

| <b>Reg. Year</b> | <b>Total # Apps.</b> | <b># NR Apps.</b> | <b>% NR Apps.</b> | <b># NR Winners</b> | <b>% NR Winners</b> | <b># Pemrits Awarded</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 2017             | 1086                 | 102               | 9                 | 3                   | 7                   | 43                       |
| 2018             | 1240                 | 168               | 14                | 7                   | 16                  | 44                       |
| 2019             | 1837                 | 242               | 13                | 7                   | 16                  | 45                       |
| 2020             | 1712                 | 189               | 11                | 2                   | 4                   | 45                       |
| 2021             | 2274                 | 396               | 17                | 7                   | 15                  | 47                       |
| 2022             | 3051                 | 640               | 21                | 14                  | 31                  | 45                       |
| 2023             | 3852                 | 679               | 18                | 10                  | 19                  | 54                       |
| 2024             | 4360                 | 645               | 15                | 2                   | 4                   | 52                       |
| 2025             | 5227                 | 808               | 15                | 8                   | 15                  | 54                       |

A federal subsistence drawing hunt is open to qualifying residents of Cooper Landing, Hope, Nanwalek, Ninilichik, Port Graham, Seldovia, and Moose Pass. The 5-year average harvest from the federal hunt is less than one caribou.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 9 and 21% of the drawing applications for DC608 and have been awarded between 2 and 14 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 88 – 5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.** Limit nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 caribou hunt DC618, to up to 10% of the available permits, when 10 or more permits are available.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DC618 to up to 10% of total available permits. If less than 10 total permits are available, no nonresident permits would be awarded.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou**

|                                                                    | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (9)                                                                |                                                                         |                                    |
| Unit 15(C), that portion north of Fox River and east of Windy Lake |                                                                         |                                    |
| 1 caribou by drawing permit only; up to 30 permits may be issued   | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20<br>(General hunt only)                               | Aug. 10 – Sept. 20                 |

This portion of Unit 15(C) is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for caribou in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** This proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DC618 to up to 10% of total available permits. Additionally, nonresident hunters would not be allocated an opportunity if the number of permits available is less than 10. Between 2017 and 2025 an average of 48 tags have been available annually (Table 88-1).

**BACKGROUND:** Fox River caribou were reintroduced in 1986 and hunting first began in 1995. Since establishment, the number of permits issued has ranged between 10 to 15 permits, mirroring herd numbers. Minimum count numbers for this herd have rarely reached above 100 animals, and the department uses its discretionary authority to restrict the bag limit to bulls only. It is believed that this herd sometimes intermingles with the Killey River herd during the winter when minimum counts are conducted. Table 88-1 shows number of permits available and the percentage received by nonresident hunters, from 2017-2025, for DC618. Between 2017 and

2025 an average of 48 permits were available annually, and nonresidents have received 0-22% of available permits (Table 88-1).

**Table 88-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DC618.

| <b>Reg. Year</b> | <b>Total # Apps.</b> | <b># NR Apps.</b> | <b>% NR Apps.</b> | <b># NR Winners</b> | <b>% NR Winners</b> | <b># Permits Awarded</b> |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 2017             | 372                  | 60                | 16                | 2                   | 20                  | 10                       |
| 2018             | 391                  | 24                | 6                 | 1                   | 10                  | 10                       |
| 2019             | 420                  | 36                | 9                 | 1                   | 10                  | 10                       |
| 2020             | 367                  | 45                | 12                | 2                   | 20                  | 10                       |
| 2021             | 418                  | 62                | 15                | 2                   | 22                  | 9                        |
| 2022             | 461                  | 60                | 13                | 2                   | 20                  | 10                       |
| 2023             | 577                  | 78                | 14                | 1                   | 11                  | 9                        |
| 2024             | 683                  | 63                | 9                 | 0                   | 0                   | 9                        |
| 2025             | 812                  | 97                | 12                | 2                   | 22                  | 9                        |

A federal subsistence drawing hunt is open to qualifying residents of Cooper Landing, Hope, Nanwalek, Ninilichik, Port Graham, Seldovia, and Moose Pass. The 5-year average harvest from the federal hunt is less than one caribou.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 9 and 16% of the drawing applications for DC618 and have been awarded between 9 and 10 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 89 – 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 7.** Open an early season archery hunt for moose in Unit 7.

**PROPOSED BY:** Paul Forward

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would open a bow and arrow general season harvest ticket hunt in Unit 7 with season dates of Aug. 22–29, a bag limit of one bull moose with a spike on at least one side, 50-inch antlers, or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side and require participants to be certified bowhunters.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.045**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                               | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (6)                                                                                       |                                                                         |                                    |
| Remainder of Unit 7                                                                       |                                                                         |                                    |
| 1 bull with spike or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side; or | Sept. 1—Sept. 25<br>(General hunt only)                                 | Sept. 1—Sept. 25                   |
| 1 bull by drawing permit<br>...                                                           | Sept. 1—Sept. 25<br>(General hunt only)                                 | No open season                     |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** This proposal would create additional moose hunting opportunity by establishing a bow and arrow-only moose season in Unit 7.

**BACKGROUND:** Since 2023, all of Unit 15 has had an established bow season with the dates of Aug. 22–29. In this period, bow and arrow harvest has averaged 5% of the total harvest in Unit 15. This proposal would align moose seasons in the remainder of Unit 7 and Unit 15 and simplify moose hunting regulations for the Kenai Peninsula.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department **SUPPORTS** this proposal. Additional opportunity exists and adoption of the proposal will simplify regulations and is unlikely to have any meaningful impact on harvest because archery success rates are generally low, and animals taken during early archery seasons would have been vulnerable to harvest during the general season. Antler restrictions will ensure adequate bull moose numbers for breeding. The department is **NEUTRAL** on the allocative aspects of this proposal.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**Proposal 90-92**

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**PROPOSAL 93 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 15.**

Limit nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 antlerless moose hunt DM549, to up to 10% of the available permits, when 10 or more permits are available.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DM549 to up to 10% of total available permits. If less than 10 total permits are available, no nonresident permits would be awarded.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 15**

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| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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Unit 15(C), that portion from the mouth of Deep Creek easterly along the south bank of Deep Creek to N 59° 55.183', W 151° 8.155'; then southeasterly in a straight line to the unnamed creek at N 59° 54.342', W 151° 6.459'; and easterly down the south bank of this stream to Caribou Lake and easterly along the south shore to the outlet of Fox Creek, then south along the west bank of Fox Creek to the mouth of Fox Creek, and along the mean high tide line to the point of origin

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

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1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; the taking of calves, and females accompanied by calves, is prohibited; up to 100 permits may be issued in combination with the nonresident drawing hunt;

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Oct. 20—Nov. 20

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; the taking of calves, and females accompanied by calves, is prohibited; up to 100 permits may be issued in combination with the resident drawing hunt

Oct. 20—Nov. 20

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This hunt is completely within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted this proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DM549 to up to 10% of total available permits. Additionally, nonresident hunters would not be allocated a permit if the number of permits available is less than 10. Between 2017 and 2025 an average of 50 permits have been available, with 0-6% of permits awarded to nonresidents annually (Table 93-1).

**BACKGROUND:** The DM549 antlerless moose hunt was originally authorized by the board in 1995. Since then, 20-65 permits have been issued annually. This is a highly sought-after opportunity, with draw odds < 1% and average success rates of >80%. Table 93-1 shows number of permits available and percentage received by nonresident hunters, from 2017-2025, for DM549.

**Table 93-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM549.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 3127          | 24         | 1          | 0            | 0            | 48                |
| 2018      | 3496          | 42         | 1          | 0            | 0            | 50                |
| 2019      | 3405          | 47         | 1          | 1            | 2            | 48                |
| 2020      | 2674          | 25         | 1          | 0            | 0            | 48                |
| 2021      | 2776          | 59         | 2          | 0            | 0            | 47                |
| 2022      | 3085          | 55         | 2          | 2            | 4            | 45                |
| 2023      | 3458          | 93         | 3          | 1            | 2            | 48                |
| 2024      | 4051          | 133        | 3          | 1            | 2            | 49                |
| 2025      | 4806          | 136        | 3          | 4            | 6            | 63                |

A federal subsistence registration hunt open to qualifying residents Nanwalek, Ninilichik, Port Graham, Seldovia, also exists for this herd. The 5-year average harvest from the federal hunt is less than 1 moose

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 1 and 2% of the drawing applications for DM549, and have been awarded between 0 and 4 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 94 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in.** Limit nonresident permit allocation for Units 7&14C antlerless moose hunt DM210, to up to 10% of the available permits, when 10 or more permits are available.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would limit the nonresident permit allocation of DM210 to “up to 10%” of total available permits. If less than 10 total permits are available, no nonresident permits would be awarded.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Units 7 & 14C.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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| (5)                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                         |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                         |                                    |
| Unit 7, the Placer River drainages, and that portion of the Placer Creek (Bear Valley) drainage outside the Portage Glacier Closed Area, and that portion of Unit 14(C) within the Twentymile River drainage |                                                                         |                                    |

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 moose by drawing permit only; up to 60 permits for bulls will be issued in combination with nonresident hunts, and up to 70 permits for antlerless moose will be issued

Aug. 20—Oct. 10  
(General hunt only)

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by drawing permit only; up to 60 permits for bulls will be issued in combination with resident hunts

Aug. 20—Oct. 10

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This hunt is completely within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, this proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DM210 to up to 10% of total available permits. Additionally, nonresident hunters would not be allocated a permit if the number of permits available is less than 10. Between 2017 and 2025 an average of 34 permits have been available each year, with 0-6% of permits awarded to nonresidents annually (Table 93-1).

**BACKGROUND:** The DM210 antlerless moose hunt was originally authorized by the board in 1993. Since then, 20-40 permits have been issued annually. This is a highly desired hunt opportunity, with drawing odds  $\leq 1\%$  and average success rates  $\geq 50\%$ . Table 94-1 shows number of permits available and percentage received by nonresident hunters, from 2017-2025, for DM210.

**Table 94-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM210. NR = nonresident.

| Reg . Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # PermitsAwarded |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2017       | 3217          | 193        | 6          | 2            | 7            | 30               |
| 2018       | 3097          | 221        | 7          | 4            | 13           | 30               |
| 2019       | 4221          | 373        | 9          | 4            | 13           | 30               |
| 2020       | 3440          | 401        | 12         | 7            | 23           | 30               |
| 2021       | 4441          | 685        | 15         | 3            | 10           | 30               |
| 2022       | 4355          | 721        | 17         | 3            | 8            | 40               |
| 2023       | 4694          | 843        | 18         | 4            | 10           | 40               |
| 2024       | 5976          | 963        | 16         | 4            | 10           | 40               |
| 2025       | 5663          | 913        | 16         | 4            | 10           | 40               |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 6 and 18% of the drawing applications for DM210, and have been awarded between 2 and 7 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**Proposals 95-108**

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**PROPOSAL 109** – 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Limit nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 sheep hunt DS150, to up to 20% of the available permits, when 5 or more permits are available.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would limit the nonresident allocation of DS150 to up to 20% of total available permits. If less than 5 total permits are available, no nonresident permits would be awarded.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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Units 7 and 15(A), those portions east of Fuller Lake trail, south of Dike Creek, and a straight line from the source of Dike Creek, east through the divide south of Trout Lake, to Juneau Creek, west of Juneau creek, and north of the Sterling Highway; up to 10 permits may be issued



applications for DS150 and have been awarded between 0 and 1 of the permits available. Applications were not accepted for DS150 for RY26, and the hunt will not be held this year.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 110 – 5 AAC 85.040(3). Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Create a drawing permit hunt for goats in a portion of Unit 7.

**PROPOSED BY:** Brian Watkins

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to establish a drawing hunt in the Cooper Mountain (RG337) goat management area within Unit 7.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The current regulations as defined in

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
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| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15<br><br>1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited<br><br>... | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

Unit 7 is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** This proposal would create a new drawing hunt for goats in Unit 7 in an area currently managed through a registration permit. This change would have little effect on current goat management; permits for the RG337 hunt area are not currently being issued because of population levels below the minimum count threshold. If this proposal was adopted, minimum goat counts in this area would continue to limit permit issuance as either a drawing or registration hunt. No additional hunting or harvest opportunity will be created by the proposed change at this time.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2001, the Board of Game established the current hunt structure for mountain goats on the Kenai Peninsula with an early drawing permit season of Aug.10–Oct. 15 and a late season registration hunt of Nov. 1–Nov. 30. Registration hunts only open if harvest opportunity still exists after the closure of the early drawing season.

The Kenai Peninsula is divided into 35 discreet management areas in which hunts were established. The area requested to be opened is management area 337. Under current hunt management structure, a minimum of 50 goats must be observed during minimum count surveys for a specific hunt area to be opened to harvest. This management structure was established due to conservation concerns. Goat numbers have recovered in most management areas under this system. Since the inception of this management structure, mountain goat minimum count numbers in area 337 have never surpassed the 50-goat minimum (Table 110-1). Should the minimum threshold of 50 goats be reached in the future, harvest will be opened in this management area.

Table 110-1. RG337 hunt area mountain goat survey 2014-2024.

| Year | Adults | Kids | Total Goats | % Kids |
|------|--------|------|-------------|--------|
| 2014 | 23     | 6    | 29          | 21     |
| 2015 | 34     | 9    | 43          | 21     |
| 2016 | 16     | 2    | 18          | 11     |
| 2019 | 23     | 7    | 30          | 23     |
| 2022 | 18     | 4    | 22          | 18     |
| 2024 | 16     | 5    | 21          | 24     |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on issuing drawing permits instead of registration permits and **OPPOSES** opening a harvest opportunity in this management area until the minimum count of 50 goats is reached.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 111 – 5 AAC 85.040(3). Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Create an archery only registration hunt for goats in the remainder of Unit 7.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Bowhunters Association

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would create an archery-only registration hunt for mountain goats in Unit 7 with season dates of Aug. 16–31.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?**

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| 1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited |                                                                                 |                                    |

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Unit 7 is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** This proposal would establish a new registration archery-only goat hunt in the remainder of Unit 7 with season dates of August 16–31 and a bag limit of 1 goat. These dates overlap with the existing drawing permit season dates which do not have weapons restrictions. The legal animal would be either sex, taking of nannies with kids prohibited. If a nanny were taken, the hunter would be prohibited from taking mountain goats in Units 7 and 15 for 5 regulatory years.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2001, the board established the current hunt structure for mountain goats on the Kenai Peninsula with an early drawing permit season of Aug.10–Oct. 15 and a late season registration hunt of Nov. 1–Nov. 30. Registration hunts only open if harvest opportunity still exists after the closure of the early drawing season. A maximum of 500 permits may be issued.

The Kenai Peninsula is divided into 35 discreet management areas in which hunts were established. Under the current management structure 50 goats must be observed during minimum count surveys in order for an area to open Harvest is managed by area with the number of goat points available for harvest based on the most recent minimum count numbers, current population trends, unit accessibility, previous harvest, and the age of the current population data. Under this system, billy harvest is worth 1 goat point, nannies are worth 2 goat points, and harvest of unknown sex is worth 2 goat points. This management structure was established due to conservation concerns. Goat numbers have recovered in most management areas under this system.

From 2015 to 2024, 5 mountain goats (1% of the harvest) were taken by archery in Unit 7. The 10-year average proportion of nannies taken by archery (40%) is higher than the 10-year average proportion of nannies taken by other means (18%).

If this proposal was adopted, goat harvest points from the current drawing permit allocation would need to be re-allocated to the archery registration season for each unit, as harvest would occur concurrent to the established drawing permit season. This would likely reduce drawing permit availability; registration permit numbers may be limited and the season may be closed by emergency order if harvest is at or near management objectives. Additional harvest during the early season under both drawing and registration permits would reduce the chances of late season registration permits being issued.

Goat management area 352 falls within both Units 7 and 15, with approximately half of the area in each unit.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. As written, this proposal does not address the entirety of the existing hunt area (to include portions of the hunt area in both Unit 7 and Unit 15). If this proposal is adopted, new registration hunt boundaries should be established based on current mountain goat hunt areas.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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Proposal 112

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**PROPOSAL 113 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG332.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Gilpatrick Mountain goat hunt, DG332.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG332. DG332 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of Devils Creek, Juneau Creek, and Mystery Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 113-1.

Table 113-1. Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG332. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year* | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017       | 752           | 49         | 7          | 40           | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2018       | 767           | 35         | 5          | 25           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2025       | 1600          | 49         | 3          | 49           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 6                 |

\*Reg years 2019-2024 had zero permits available

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 3 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 3 and 7% of the drawing applications and have been awarded 0 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 114 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG334.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Mills Creek goat hunt, DG334.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| 1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited |                                                                                 |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |                                    |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no non-resident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG334. DG334 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of

Mills Creek, Canyon Creek, and Quartz Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 114-1.

Table 114-1. Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG334. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year* | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2020       | 891           | 75         | 8          | 26           | 3              | 1            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2021       | 1134          | 79         | 7          | 31           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2022       | 949           | 39         | 4          | 39           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2023       | 1269          | 80         | 6          | 80           | 6              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2024       | 1298          | 57         | 4          | 57           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2025       | 994           | 56         | 6          | 56           | 6              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |

\*Reg years 2017-2019 had zero permits available

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 6 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 4 and 8% of the drawing applications and have been awarded 1 permit.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 115 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG338.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Crescent Lake goat hunt, DG338.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

5 AAC 85.040(3) **Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG338. DG338 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of Crescent Creek, Carter Creek, and Dry Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 115-1.

**Table 115-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG338. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year* | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017       | 1249          | 31         | 2          | 29           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2018       | 1259          | 49         | 4          | 20           | 2              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2019       | 1593          | 35         | 2          | 27           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020       | 1407          | 29         | 2          | 29           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2021       | 1591          | 62         | 4          | 55           | 3              | 1            | 14           | 1                | 14               | 7                 |
| 2022       | 1497          | 17         | 1          | 17           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2023       | 1394          | 28         | 2          | 28           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2024       | 1735          | 34         | 2          | 34           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2025       | 1963          | 84         | 4          | 73           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 1 and 4% of the drawing applications and have been awarded 1 permit.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 116 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG339.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Grant Lake goat hunt, DG339.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| 1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited |                                                                                 |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |                                    |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG339. DG339 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes Grant Lake and the Falls Creek drainage. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 116-1.

**Table 116-1.** Resident and non-resident permit application and allocation, DG339. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year* | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2019       | 573           | 17         | 3          | 3            | 1              | 1            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2020       | 471           | 21         | 4          | 15           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2021       | 545           | 6          | 1          | 6            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2022       | 734           | 12         | 2          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2023       | 675           | 6          | 1          | 6            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2024       | 706           | 26         | 4          | 14           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2025       | 582           | 20         | 3          | 20           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |

\*Regulatory years 2017 & 2018 had zero permits

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 7 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 3 and 4% of the drawing applications, and have been awarded 0 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents..

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 117 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG342.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Lost Lake goat hunt, DG342.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| Units and Bag Limits<br>(3)        | Resident<br>Open Season<br>(Subsistence and<br>General Hunts)                   | Nonresident<br>Open Season        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30 |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG342. DG342 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of

Lost Creek, Martin Creek, and Boulder Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 117-1.

**Table 117-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG342. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 825           | 43         | 5          | 14           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2018      | 946           | 37         | 4          | 19           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2019      | 847           | 16         | 2          | 9            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2020      | 843           | 20         | 2          | 5            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2021      | 938           | 41         | 4          | 15           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2022      | 1055          | 17         | 2          | 11           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2023      | 1043          | 36         | 3          | 35           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2024      | 1229          | 34         | 3          | 34           | 3              | 2            | 25           | 2                | 25               | 8                 |
| 2025      | 1061          | 30         | 3          | 24           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 2 and 5% of the drawing applications, and have been awarded 2 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 118 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG343.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Victor Creek goat hunt, DG343.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG343. DG343 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of Victor Creek and Rocky Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 118-1.

**Table 118-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG343. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| <b>Reg.<br/>Year*</b> | <b>Total #<br/>Apps.</b> | <b># NR<br/>Apps.</b> | <b>% NR<br/>Apps.</b> | <b>NR-2DK<br/>Apps.</b> | <b>% NR-<br/>2DK<br/>Apps.</b> | <b># NR<br/>Winners</b> | <b>% NR<br/>Winners</b> | <b># NR-<br/>2DK<br/>Winners</b> | <b>% NR-<br/>2DK<br/>Winners</b> | <b># Permits<br/>Awarded</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2024                  | 748                      | 109                   | 15                    | 31                      | 4                              | 1                       | 30                      | 0                                | 0                                | 3                            |
| 2025                  | 270                      | 1                     | 0                     | 1                       | 0                              | 0                       | 0                       | 0                                | 0                                | 6                            |

\*Regulatory years 2017-2023 had zero permits

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 2 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 15% of the drawing applications, and have been awarded 0 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents..

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 119 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG344.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Nellie Juan Lake goat hunt, DG344.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

5 AAC 85.040(3) **Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15<br><br>1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited<br><br>... | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG344. DG344 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the Nellie Juan River drainage. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 119-1.

**Table 119-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG344. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 252           | 59         | 23         | 9            | 4              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2018      | 162           | 14         | 9          | 8            | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2019      | 258           | 49         | 19         | 4            | 2              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 203           | 42         | 21         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2021      | 308           | 32         | 10         | 2            | 1              | 1            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2022      | 228           | 30         | 13         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 6                 |
| 2023      | 311           | 78         | 25         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2024      | 190           | 16         | 8          | 12           | 6              | 1            | 13           | 1                | 13               | 8                 |
| 2025      | 393           | 30         | 8          | 12           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 8 and 25% of the drawing applications, and have been awarded 1 permit.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents..

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 120 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG345.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Whidbey Bay goat hunt, DG345.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG345. DG345 is in Unit 7, accessed through Resurrection Bay and includes areas north of Whidbey Bay and Cape Mansfield up to the Ellsworth and Excelsior Glaciers. Season dates are

Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 120-1.

**Table 120-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG345. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 464           | 95         | 20         | 7            | 2              | 8            | 27           | 1                | 3                | 30                |
| 2018      | 533           | 99         | 19         | 15           | 3              | 9            | 30           | 1                | 3                | 30                |
| 2019      | 532           | 113        | 21         | 5            | 1              | 7            | 23           | 0                | 0                | 30                |
| 2020      | 543           | 142        | 26         | 32           | 6              | 3            | 15           | 0                | 0                | 20                |
| 2021      | 539           | 91         | 17         | 19           | 4              | 3            | 15           | 0                | 0                | 20                |
| 2022      | 642           | 91         | 14         | 25           | 4              | 3            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 30                |
| 2023      | 653           | 96         | 15         | 18           | 3              | 2            | 7            | 0                | 0                | 30                |
| 2024      | 612           | 97         | 16         | 11           | 2              | 5            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 40                |
| 2025      | 646           | 116        | 18         | 5            | 1              | 8            | 23           | 2                | 6                | 35                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years the hunt was open, nonresidents have submitted between 14 and 26% of the drawing applications, and have been awarded between 2 and 9 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 121 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG346.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Resurrection Peninsula goat hunt, DG346.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| <p>1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited</p> <p>...</p> |                                                                                 |                                    |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG346. DG346 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of Sawmill Creek, Goodwin Creek, and Likes Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 121-1.

**Table 121-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG346. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 1314          | 50         | 4          | 47           | 4              | 2            | 4            | 2                | 4                | 45                |
| 2018      | 1651          | 52         | 3          | 29           | 2              | 2            | 4            | 0                | 0                | 45                |
| 2019      | 1509          | 63         | 4          | 60           | 4              | 2            | 6            | 2                | 6                | 35                |
| 2020      | 1674          | 59         | 4          | 59           | 4              | 3            | 9            | 3                | 9                | 35                |
| 2021      | 1938          | 37         | 2          | 37           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 28                |
| 2022      | 1984          | 49         | 2          | 33           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 40                |
| 2023      | 1959          | 40         | 2          | 22           | 1              | 1            | 2            | 1                | 2                | 45                |
| 2024      | 2424          | 87         | 4          | 80           | 3              | 3            | 7            | 3                | 7                | 45                |
| 2025      | 2462          | 100        | 4          | 73           | 3              | 3            | 7            | 0                | 0                | 45                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 2 and 4% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 3 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 122 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG347.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Seward goat hunt, DG347.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| 1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited |                                                                                 |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |                                    |

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG347. DG347 is in Unit 7, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of Spruce Creek and Tonsina Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 122-1.

**Table 122-1.** Resident and non-resident permit application and allocation, DG347. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 688           | 13         | 2          | 13           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 20                |
| 2018      | 747           | 11         | 1          | 11           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 22                |
| 2019      | 920           | 19         | 2          | 18           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 20                |
| 2020      | 907           | 12         | 1          | 12           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 16                |
| 2021      | 975           | 23         | 2          | 15           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2022      | 888           | 14         | 2          | 14           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2023      | 826           | 32         | 4          | 26           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2024      | 861           | 13         | 2          | 13           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 14                |
| 2025      | 1046          | 21         | 2          | 14           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 14                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 1 and 4% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 123 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 7 goat drawing hunt DG351.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Petrof Lake goat hunt, DG351.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

Unit 7 is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG351. DG351 is in Unit 7, accessed through the Nuka Passage and includes Petrof Lake north to Petrof Glacier. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 123-1.

**Table 123-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG351. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2018      | 87            | 8          | 9          | 8            | 9              | 1            | 10           | 1                | 10               | 10                |
| 2019      | 62            | 6          | 10         | 6            | 10             | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 123           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 12                |
| 2021      | 87            | 8          | 9          | 8            | 9              | 1            | 8            | 1                | 8                | 12                |
| 2022      | 138           | 7          | 5          | 7            | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 12                |
| 2023      | 111           | 7          | 6          | 7            | 6              | 1            | 7            | 1                | 7                | 14                |
| 2024      | 151           | 3          | 2          | 3            | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 14                |
| 2025      | 116           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 14                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 8 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 10% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 1 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 124 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG352.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Brown Mountain goat hunt, DG352.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| 1 goat by drawing permit only<br>in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season<br>(up to 500 permits will be is-<br>sued), or 1 goat by registration<br>permit only in the Nov.<br>1–Nov. 30 season; however, if<br>a nanny is taken in either sea-<br>son, the hunter is prohibited<br>from taking a goat on the Ke-<br>nai Peninsula for 5 regulatory<br>years; the taking of nannies<br>with kids is prohibited |                                                                                 |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                 |                                    |

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG352. DG352 is in Unit 15C, accessed through the Nuka passage and includes Brown Mountain and associated unnamed drainages. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 124-1.

**Table 124-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG352. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 220           | 25         | 11         | 7            | 3              | 2            | 8            | 2                | 8                | 25                |
| 2018      | 297           | 48         | 16         | 13           | 4              | 4            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 30                |
| 2019      | 310           | 33         | 11         | 15           | 5              | 4            | 13           | 1                | 3                | 30                |
| 2020      | 312           | 61         | 20         | 19           | 6              | 7            | 20           | 4                | 11               | 35                |
| 2021      | 451           | 56         | 12         | 25           | 6              | 4            | 17           | 0                | 0                | 24                |
| 2022      | 341           | 109        | 32         | 13           | 4              | 7            | 44           | 1                | 6                | 16                |
| 2023      | 332           | 60         | 18         | 18           | 5              | 4            | 20           | 2                | 10               | 20                |
| 2024      | 470           | 51         | 11         | 15           | 3              | 1            | 5            | 1                | 5                | 20                |
| 2025      | 388           | 55         | 14         | 13           | 3              | 3            | 12           | 0                | 0                | 25                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 11 and 32% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 1 and 7 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 125 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B goat drawing hunt DG354.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Skilak Glacier goat hunt, DG354.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

5 AAC 85.040(3) **Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

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Unit 15B is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG354. DG354 is in Unit 15B, accessed through Skilak River and Upper Russian Lake. It includes the drainages of the Russian River and Summit Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 125-1.

**Table 125-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG354. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year* | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2018       | 306           | 9          | 3          | 8            | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 6                 |
| 2019       | 204           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020       | 306           | 14         | 5          | 14           | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 6                 |
| 2021       | 310           | 1          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 17           | 0                | 0                | 6                 |
| 2022       | 276           | 7          | 3          | 7            | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2023       | 416           | 8          | 2          | 8            | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2024       | 392           | 12         | 3          | 12           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 6                 |
| 2025       | 448           | 33         | 7          | 33           | 7              | 1            | 17           | 1                | 17               | 6                 |

\*Regulatory year 2017 had zero tag

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 8 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 7% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 1 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents. .

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 126 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15B goat drawing hunt DG356.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Indian Creek goat hunt, DG356.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |
| <p>1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited</p> <p>...</p> |                                                                                 |                                    |

Unit 15B is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG356. DG356 is in Unit 15B, accessed from Tustumena Lake and includes the drainages of Indian Creek, Moose Creek, and Bear Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 126-1.

**Table 126-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG356. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 213           | 5          | 2          | 5            | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2018      | 219           | 12         | 5          | 12           | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2019      | 313           | 16         | 5          | 16           | 5              | 2            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2020      | 374           | 15         | 4          | 15           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2021      | 535           | 33         | 6          | 33           | 6              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 11                |
| 2022      | 451           | 23         | 5          | 23           | 5              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2023      | 565           | 25         | 4          | 25           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 6                 |
| 2024      | 493           | 13         | 3          | 13           | 3              | 1            | 9            | 0                | 0                | 11                |
| 2025      | 518           | 27         | 5          | 27           | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 11                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 2 and 6% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 127 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG357.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Tustumena Glacier goat hunt, DG357.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG357. DG357 is in Unit 15C, accessed from Tustumena Lake and includes the drainages of Clear Creek, Crystal Creek, and Truli Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 127-1.

**Table 127-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG357. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 175           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2018      | 176           | 10         | 6          | 10           | 6              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2019      | 163           | 6          | 4          | 6            | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 208           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2021      | 235           | 13         | 6          | 13           | 6              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2022      | 248           | 18         | 7          | 18           | 7              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2023      | 255           | 18         | 7          | 18           | 7              | 1            | 6            | 1                | 6                | 16                |
| 2024      | 343           | 9          | 3          | 9            | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 17                |
| 2025      | 329           | 22         | 7          | 22           | 7              | 2            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 16                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 7% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 128 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG358.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Fox River goat hunt, DG358.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG358. DG358 is in Unit 15C and includes areas south and east of the Fox River and north of Sheep Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 128-1.

**Table 128-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG358. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 82            | 1          | 1          | 1            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 12                |
| 2018      | 99            | 13         | 13         | 12           | 12             | 2            | 20           | 2                | 20               | 10                |
| 2019      | 128           | 2          | 2          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 113           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2021      | 128           | 1          | 1          | 1            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2022      | 104           | 8          | 8          | 8            | 8              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2023      | 101           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 18                |
| 2024      | 230           | 11         | 5          | 11           | 5              | 1            | 6            | 1                | 6                | 18                |
| 2025      | 314           | 40         | 13         | 16           | 5              | 2            | 11           | 1                | 6                | 18                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 13% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 129 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG359.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Bradley Lake goat hunt, DG359.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| Units and Bag Limits<br>(3)        | Resident<br>Open Season<br>(Subsistence and<br>General Hunts)                   | Nonresident<br>Open Season        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15 | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30 |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited

...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG359. DG359 is in Unit 15C, accessed via Bradley Lake and includes the Kachemak Creek drainage. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 129-1.

**Table 129-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG359. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 227           | 8          | 4          | 6            | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 24                |
| 2018      | 167           | 2          | 1          | 1            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 24                |
| 2019      | 225           | 30         | 13         | 12           | 5              | 3            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 24                |
| 2020      | 195           | 4          | 2          | 4            | 2              | 1            | 5            | 1                | 5                | 20                |
| 2021      | 374           | 17         | 5          | 17           | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 12                |
| 2022      | 278           | 7          | 3          | 7            | 3              | 1            | 4            | 1                | 4                | 28                |
| 2023      | 402           | 18         | 4          | 18           | 4              | 2            | 7            | 2                | 7                | 30                |
| 2024      | 442           | 15         | 3          | 15           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 30                |
| 2025      | 451           | 18         | 4          | 18           | 4              | 1            | 3            | 1                | 3                | 30                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 1 and 13% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 3 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 130 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG360.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Dixon Glacier goat hunt, DG360.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited  
...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG360. DG360 is in Unit 15C, accessed via Kachemak Bay and includes the drainages of Martin River and Battle Creek. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 130-1.

**Table 130-1.** Resident and non-resident permit application and allocation, DG360. NR = non-resident, NR-2DK = non-residents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 375           | 12         | 3          | 11           | 3              | 1            | 3            | 1                | 3                | 36                |
| 2018      | 506           | 24         | 5          | 20           | 4              | 1            | 2            | 1                | 2                | 42                |
| 2019      | 439           | 5          | 1          | 5            | 1              | 1            | 3            | 1                | 3                | 40                |
| 2020      | 632           | 15         | 2          | 15           | 2              | 1            | 3            | 1                | 3                | 40                |
| 2021      | 579           | 11         | 2          | 11           | 2              | 1            | 3            | 1                | 3                | 36                |
| 2022      | 674           | 43         | 6          | 19           | 3              | 1            | 3            | 1                | 3                | 36                |
| 2023      | 700           | 36         | 5          | 30           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 41                |
| 2024      | 765           | 68         | 9          | 62           | 8              | 2            | 4            | 2                | 4                | 45                |
| 2025      | 853           | 31         | 4          | 31           | 4              | 2            | 4            | 2                | 4                | 46                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 1 and 9% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 131 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG361.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Halibut Cove goat hunt, DG361.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited  
...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG361. DG361 is in Unit 15C, accessed via Kachemak Bay, and includes the Halibut Creek drainage. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 131-1.

**Table 131-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG361. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 428           | 6          | 1          | 5            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2018      | 496           | 9          | 2          | 9            | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2019      | 458           | 7          | 2          | 5            | 1              | 1            | 4            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2020      | 315           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2021      | 576           | 29         | 5          | 21           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2022      | 542           | 25         | 5          | 20           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 20                |
| 2023      | 497           | 18         | 4          | 18           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 22                |
| 2024      | 509           | 7          | 1          | 7            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 23                |
| 2025      | 433           | 21         | 5          | 19           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 24                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 5% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 1 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 132 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG362.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Sadie Cove goat hunt, DG362.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited  
...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient to for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for drawing goat hunt DG362. DG362 is in Unit 15C, accessed via Kachemak Bay and includes the areas south of the Wosnesenski River and North of Tutka Bay. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 132-1.

**Table 132-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG362. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 700           | 22         | 3          | 16           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 18                |
| 2018      | 802           | 40         | 5          | 40           | 5              | 2            | 9            | 2                | 9                | 22                |
| 2019      | 806           | 31         | 4          | 28           | 3              | 1            | 5            | 1                | 5                | 22                |
| 2020      | 850           | 45         | 5          | 45           | 5              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 16                |
| 2021      | 853           | 19         | 2          | 16           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 12                |
| 2022      | 877           | 30         | 3          | 12           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 12                |
| 2023      | 787           | 34         | 4          | 28           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 13                |
| 2024      | 928           | 66         | 7          | 63           | 7              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 14                |
| 2025      | 1141          | 67         | 6          | 61           | 5              | 1            | 5            | 1                | 5                | 20                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 2 and 7% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 133 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 15C goat drawing hunt DG363.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a nonresident permit allocation cap of “up to 20%” for the Port Dick goat hunt, DG363.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The department uses discretionary authority to divide the hunt area below into multiple drawing permit hunt areas.

**5 AAC 85.040(3) Hunting Seasons and bag limits for goat:**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits<br/>(3)</b> | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b>         | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 7 and Remainder<br>of Unit 15  | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only) | Aug. 10–Oct. 15<br>Nov. 1–Nov. 30  |

1 goat by drawing permit only in the Aug. 10–Oct. 15 season (up to 500 permits will be issued), or 1 goat by registration permit only in the Nov. 1–Nov. 30 season; however, if a nanny is taken in either season, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat on the Kenai Peninsula for 5 regulatory years; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited  
...

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for goat in Unit 15C, outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 7–10 goats.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, nonresident hunters would not be provided an opportunity to hunt if the number of permits available is insufficient for at least one nonresident hunter.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for the drawing goat hunt DG363. DG363 is in Unit 15C, accessed via Port Dick or Kachemak Bay and includes the areas east of Rocky River and south of the Tutka Bay Drainage. Season dates are Aug. 10–Oct. 15. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 133-1.

**Table 133-1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DG363. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 337           | 59         | 18         | 18           | 5              | 8            | 27           | 3                | 10               | 30                |
| 2018      | 375           | 64         | 17         | 7            | 2              | 5            | 14           | 1                | 3                | 36                |
| 2019      | 291           | 49         | 17         | 9            | 3              | 5            | 21           | 1                | 4                | 24                |
| 2020      | 403           | 106        | 26         | 4            | 1              | 7            | 25           | 0                | 0                | 28                |
| 2021      | 481           | 85         | 18         | 19           | 4              | 6            | 27           | 1                | 5                | 22                |
| 2022      | 513           | 142        | 28         | 16           | 3              | 7            | 30           | 0                | 0                | 23                |
| 2023      | 628           | 274        | 44         | 16           | 3              | 17           | 85           | 0                | 0                | 20                |
| 2024      | 618           | 230        | 37         | 2            | 0              | 10           | 48           | 0                | 0                | 21                |
| 2025      | 719           | 339        | 47         | 21           | 3              | 13           | 54           | 0                | 0                | 24                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 17 and 47% of the drawing applications and have been awarded between 5 and 17 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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Proposals 134-154

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**PROPOSAL 155 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special Provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG852.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a maximum number of permits that can be awarded to nonresidents of “up to 20%” for the East Fork Eklutna goat hunt DG852, when at least 5 or more permits are available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Goat hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

**5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                 | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (7)...                                                                                                      |                                                                         |                                    |
| Unit 14(C), the drainages of Eagle River, Bird Creek, Glacier Creek, and the East Fork of the Eklutna River | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)                                | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15                  |

1 goat by drawing permit only;  
up to 150 permits may be issued;  
the taking of nannies with kids  
is prohibited;

Unit 14(C) is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for mountain goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there would be no permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DG852 (less than 5); permit numbers are based on current population levels and are subject to change. Nonresident opportunity would not be offered if the number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation for the drawing goat hunt DG852. DG852 is in Unit 14C and includes the drainage of the East Fork of the Eklutna River. The last time at least 5 permits were issued was in 2016. Since then, only 3-4 permits have been issued each year. The numbers of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 155.1.

**Table 155.1.** Resident and nonresident permit applications and allocation (2017-2025), DG852.  
 NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 915           | 7          | 1          | 7            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2018      | 963           | 23         | 2          | 20           | 2              | 1            | 25           | 1                | 25               | 4                 |
| 2019      | 922           | 10         | 1          | 9            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2020      | 980           | 24         | 2          | 24           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2021      | 1095          | 20         | 2          | 20           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2022      | 1032          | 43         | 4          | 25           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2023      | 1338          | 26         | 2          | 25           | 2              | 1            | 33           | 1                | 33               | 3                 |
| 2024      | 1392          | 35         | 3          | 22           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2025      | 1389          | 20         | 1          | 20           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative in nature and will not create a biological concern. The department uses its discretionary authority to divide the hunt area in regulation into the three hunt areas DG852, DG854, and DG858. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 1 and 4% of the drawing applications, and have been awarded 0 to 1 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 156 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special Provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG854.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a maximum number of permits that can be awarded to nonresidents of “up to 20%” for the Eagle River goat hunt DG854, when at least 5 or more total permits are available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Goat hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

**5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b><br>(7)                                                                         | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Unit 14(C), the drainages of Eagle River, Bird Creek, Glacier Creek, and the East Fork of the Ekluna River | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)                                | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15                  |

1 goat by drawing permit only;  
up to 150 permits may be issued;  
the taking of nannies with kids  
is prohibited;

Unit 14(C) is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goats in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, a small number of nonresident permits may be available based on historical permit issuance for DG854 (10 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and are subject to change. If the total number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter, nonresident opportunity would not be offered. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation for the drawing goat hunt DG854. DG854 is in Unit 14C, in the Eagle River drainage upstream from and including Icicle Creek but excluding Raven Creek drainage. The numbers of eligible applicants and winners by residency are shown in Table 156.1.

**Table 156.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation (2017-2025), DG854.  
 NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 1135          | 88         | 8          | 4            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2018      | 1097          | 75         | 7          | 31           | 3              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2019      | 1410          | 56         | 4          | 33           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 1366          | 78         | 6          | 21           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2021      | 1506          | 69         | 5          | 44           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2022      | 1567          | 36         | 2          | 34           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2023      | 1634          | 128        | 8          | 38           | 2              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2024      | 1847          | 137        | 7          | 45           | 2              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2025      | 1977          | 216        | 11         | 53           | 3              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative in nature and will not create a biological concern. The department uses its discretionary authority to divide the hunt area in regulation into the three hunt areas DG852, DG854, and DG858. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 2 and 11% of the drawing applications and have been awarded 0 to 1 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 157 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special Provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG856.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a maximum number of permits that can be awarded to nonresidents of “up to 20%” for the Glacier Creek goat hunt DG856, when at least 5 or more total permits are available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Goat hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

**5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.**

| Units and Bag Limits<br>(7)                                                                                 | Resident<br>Open Season<br>(Subsistence and<br>General Hunts) | Nonresident<br>Open Season |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Unit 14(C), the drainages of Eagle River, Bird Creek, Glacier Creek, and the East Fork of the Eklutna River | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)                      | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15          |

1 goat by drawing permit only;  
up to 150 permits may be issued;  
the taking of nannies with kids  
is prohibited;

Unit 14(C) is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there would be no permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DG856 (5 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and are subject to change. A nonresident hunt would not be offered if the number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no non-resident allocation set for the drawing goat hunt DG856. DG856 is in Unit 14C, just northwest of the town of Girdwood, encompassing the drainages of Glacier Creek and Winner Creek. This is the smallest of the goat hunt areas in Unit 14C with goats moving back and forth into the California Creek (outside of the hunt area). The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 157.1.

**Table 157.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation (2017-2025), DG856.  
 NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 412           | 15         | 4          | 15           | 4              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2018      | 448           | 14         | 3          | 13           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2019      | 352           | 8          | 2          | 7            | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2020      | 311           | 24         | 8          | 24           | 8              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2021      | 488           | 1          | 0          | 1            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2022      | 444           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2023      | 360           | 4          | 1          | 3            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2024      | 465           | 3          | 1          | 3            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2025      | 405           | 7          | 2          | 7            | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative in nature and will not create a biological concern. The department uses its discretionary authority to divide the hunt area in regulation into the three hunt areas DG852, DG854, and DG858. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 8% of the drawing applications and have been awarded 0 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 158 – 5 AAC 92.057. Special Provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C goat drawing hunt DG858.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a maximum number of permits that can be awarded to nonresidents of “up to 20%” for the Bird Creek goat hunt, DG858, when at least 5 or more permits are available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Goat hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

**5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                | <b>Resident<br/>Open Season<br/>(Subsistence and<br/>General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident<br/>Open Season</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (7)                                                                                                        |                                                                         |                                    |
| Unit 14(C), the drainages of Eagle River, Bird Creek, Glacier Creek, and the East Fork of the Ekluna River | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)                                | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15                  |

1 goat by drawing permit only;  
up to 150 permits may be issued;  
the taking of nannies with kids  
is prohibited;

Unit 14(C) is within the Anchorage-MatSu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there would be no permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DG858 (5 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and are subject to change. A nonresident hunt would not be offered if the number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for the drawing goat hunt DG858. DG858 is in Unit 14C, accessed off the Seward Highway and includes the drainages of Bird and Penguin Creeks. The last time 5 permits were issued was in 2018. Since then, only 304 permits have been issued each year. The number of eligible applicants and winners by residency can be found in Table 158.1.

**Table 158.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation (2017-2025), DG858.  
 NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 916           | 8          | 1          | 8            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2018      | 1004          | 5          | 0          | 4            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 5                 |
| 2019      | 927           | 8          | 1          | 8            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2020      | 881           | 29         | 3          | 29           | 3              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2021      | 933           | 18         | 2          | 18           | 2              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2022      | 949           | 14         | 1          | 8            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2023      | 1062          | 7          | 1          | 6            | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 4                 |
| 2024      | 1010          | 14         | 1          | 14           | 1              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2025      | 1041          | 17         | 2          | 17           | 2              | 1            | 25           | 1                | 25               | 4                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative in nature and will not create a biological concern. The department uses its discretionary authority to divide the hunt area in regulation into the three hunt areas DG852, DG854, and DG858. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 3% of the drawing applications and have been awarded 0 permits.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 159 – 5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.** Create late-season archery only registration hunts for goat in Unit 14C.

**PROPOSED BY:** Paul Forward

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to establish late season, registration archery only goat hunts for the DG852, DG854, DG856, and DG858 hunt areas.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The current mountain goat hunt regulations for Game Management Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.040 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |
| Unit 14(C), the drainages of Eagle River, Bird Creek, Glacier Creek, and the East Fork of Eklutna River    |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 goat by drawing permit only; up to 150 permits may be issued; taking of nannies With kids is prohibited; | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15<br>(General hunt only)                          | Sept. 1 – Oct. 15              |
| ...                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for mountain goat in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, this would allow archery hunters to harvest the remaining available goat points for a specific hunt area with suggested season dates of Nov. 1–14. This is an increase in opportunity and could result in overharvest beyond the established harvest objective if the registration hunt cannot be closed by EO in a timely manner.

**BACKGROUND:** Drawing permit numbers are based on the number of goats seen during aerial surveys. From these overall numbers, the number of goat points available for each hunt area is determined, which can be seen in Tables 159.1-4. Average historic hunter success is also taken into consideration to provide as much opportunity as possible, because mountain goat harvest is managed by assigning points to both billie and nanny goats. Billie goats are assigned 1 goat point and nannies are assigned 2 goat points. Generally, the division provides 6 goat points per 100 mountain goats detected during aerial surveys of hunt areas.

**Table 159.1.** Number of permits and available goat points for the DG852 hunt area in East Fork Eklutna for regulatory years 2020–2024.

| Year | # of Permits | # of Goat Points taken | # of Goat Points available |
|------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020 | 3            | 1                      | 3                          |
| 2021 | 3            | 4*                     | 3                          |
| 2022 | 3            | 4*                     | 3                          |
| 2023 | 3            | 3                      | 3                          |
| 2024 | 3            | 1                      | 3                          |

- \*2 Nannies taken

**Table 159.2.** Number of permits and available goat points for the DG854 hunt area in the Eagle River drainage for regulatory years 2020–2024.

| Year | # of Permits | # of Goat Points taken | # of Goat Points available |
|------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020 | 10           | 6*                     | 5                          |
| 2021 | 10           | 3                      | 5                          |
| 2022 | 10           | 3                      | 5                          |
| 2023 | 10           | 3                      | 5                          |
| 2024 | 10           | 4                      | 5                          |

\*Nanny taken

**Table 159.3.** Number of permits and available goat points for the DG856 hunt area of Glacier Creek for regulatory years 2020–2024.

| Year | # of Permits | # of Goat Points taken | # of Goat Points available |
|------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020 | 5            | 1                      | 1                          |
| 2021 | 5            | 0                      | 1                          |
| 2022 | 5            | 1                      | 1                          |
| 2023 | 5            | 0                      | 1                          |
| 2024 | 5            | 0                      | 1                          |

**Table 159.4.** Number of permits and available goat points for the DG858 hunt area of Bird Creek from for regulatory years 2020–2024.

| Year | # of Permits | # of Goat Points taken | # of Goat Points available |
|------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2020 | 4            | 1                      | 1                          |
| 2021 | 4            | 1                      | 1                          |
| 2022 | 4            | 1                      | 1                          |
| 2023 | 4            | 0                      | 1                          |
| 2024 | 4            | 3*                     | 1                          |

\*Higher than average hunter success

Currently, the only late season goat hunts in Unit 14C are in the Lake George and 20-Mile goat hunt areas for residents only, when announced, with season dates of Nov. 1–Nov. 15 if additional harvest is warranted. The last time a late season goat hunt was opened was in 2011 in the 20-Mile area and no goats were harvested.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal. If adopted, the department would determine if the opening of a late season hunt is warranted based on the remaining number of goat points available for a given hunt. Additionally, the department suggests a season end date of November 15 instead of November 14 to be consistent with the other late season goat hunts in Unit 14C. The Department would need guidance on permit issuance (online, in-person, etc.) and up to language for the number of possible permits to issue for these last season hunts.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 160 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM422, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM422 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

Only certified muzzleloader hunters are eligible to apply for DM422.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open<br/>Season</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <p>...</p> <p>Unit 14(C), Joint Base<br/>Elmendorf-Richardson<br/>(JBER) Management Area</p>                                                                                       | <p>Sept. 1 – Mar. 31<br/>(General hunt only)</p>                  | <p>Sept. 1 – Mar. 31</p>           |
| <p>1 moose per regulatory year by<br/>drawing permit, and by<br/>muzzleloading blackpowder<br/>rifle or bow and arrow only;<br/>up to 185 permits may be<br/>issued</p> <p>...</p> |                                                                   |                                    |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage- Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, a small number of nonresident permits may be available based on historical permit issuance for DM422 (15 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. If the total number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter, the hunt would not be offered. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM422. DM422 is in Unit 14C, and located within the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) military installation. Season dates are Sept. 1 – Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 – Jan. 15. The number of eligible applications can be found in Table 160.1.

**Table 160.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM422. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 429           | 14         | 3          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2018      | 442           | 22         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 14                |
| 2019      | 661           | 27         | 4          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2020      | 563           | 23         | 4          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2021      | 748           | 44         | 6          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2022      | 609           | 29         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 7            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2023      | 593           | 48         | 8          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2024      | 880           | 60         | 7          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 8            | 0                | 0                | 13                |
| 2025      | 950           | 98         | 10         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 3 and 10% of the drawing applications for DM422 and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 161 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM423, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM423 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

Only certified muzzleloader hunters are eligible to apply for DM423.

For regulatory year 2026, the bag limit for DM423 is 1 antlerless moose (by discretionary permit authority).

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                          | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <p>...</p> <p>Unit 14(C), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Management Area</p> |                                                                   |                                |

1 moose per regulatory year by drawing permit, and by muzzleloading blackpowder rifle or bow and arrow only; up to 185 permits may be issued

Sept. 1 – Mar. 31  
(General hunt only)

Sept. 1 – Mar. 31

...

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there would be no permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DM423 (3 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. A hunt would not be offered if the number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter. Even if a year came to pass that nonresident permits would exist due to the adoption of this proposal, there would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is no nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM423. DM423 is in Unit 14C and located within the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) military installation. Season dates are Sept. 1 – Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 – Jan. 15. The number of eligible applications for DM423 can be found in Table 161.1.

**Table 161.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM423. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 249           | 7          | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2018      | 111           | 2          | 2          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2019      | 182           | 5          | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2020      | 123           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2021      | 144           | 1          | 1          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2022      | 108           | 11         | 10         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 67           | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2023      | 149           | 7          | 5          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2024      | 120           | 3          | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 2                 |
| 2025      | 151           | 1          | 1          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 2                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 10% of the drawing applications for DM423 and have been awarded between 0 and 2 of the permits available (0 permits were awarded to nonresidents in 8 out of the 9 years).

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 162 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM424, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM424 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

Only certified bowhunters are eligible to apply for DM424.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                |
| Unit 14(C), Joint Base<br>Elmendorf-Richardson<br>(JBER) Management Area                                                                     |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 moose per regulatory year by drawing permit, and by muzzleloading blackpowder rifle or bow and arrow only. up to 185 permits may be issued | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31<br>(General hunt only)                          | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31              |
| ...                                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, a small number of nonresident permits may be available based on historical permit issuance for DM424 (40 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. If the total number of permits available is insufficient to provide opportunity for at least one nonresident hunter, the hunt would not be offered. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM424. DM424 is in Unit 14(C) and located within the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) military installation. Season dates are Sept. 1 – Nov. 15. The number of eligible applications for DM424 can be found in Table 162.1.

**Table 162.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM424. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 1353          | 49         | 4          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 39                |
| 2018      | 1345          | 68         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 3            | 0                | 0                | 37                |
| 2019      | 1972          | 105        | 5          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 5            | 0                | 0                | 37                |
| 2020      | 1906          | 153        | 8          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 5            | 0                | 0                | 39                |
| 2021      | 1965          | 136        | 7          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 3            | 0                | 0                | 39                |
| 2022      | 2150          | 208        | 10         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 5            | 0                | 0                | 37                |
| 2023      | 2200          | 195        | 9          | 0            | 0              | 6            | 15           | 0                | 0                | 40                |
| 2024      | 2975          | 292        | 10         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 7            | 0                | 0                | 28                |
| 2025      | 2529          | 203        | 8          | 0            | 0              | 6            | 21           | 0                | 0                | 28                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 4 and 10% of the drawing applications for DM424, and have been awarded between 0 and 6 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 163 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM427, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM427 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups. The department uses discretionary authority to split the hunt area below into an early season (DM446) and a late season (DM447) hunt.

Only certified bowhunters are eligible to apply for DM427.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open<br/>Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                   |                                    |
| Unit 14(C), Joint Base<br>Elmendorf-Richardson<br>(JBER) Management Area                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                    |
| 1 moose per regulatory year by<br>drawing permit, and by<br>muzzleloading blackpowder<br>rifle or bow and arrow only;<br>up to 185 permits may be<br>issued | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31<br>(General hunt only)                          | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31                  |

...

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, a small number of nonresident permits may be available based on historical permit issuance for DM427 (25 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM427. DM427 is in Unit 14C and located within the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) military installation. Season dates are Dec. 15 – Jan. 15. The number of eligible applications for DM427 can be found in Table 163.1.

**Table 163.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM427. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 752           | 20         | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2018      | 569           | 18         | 3          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 9            | 0                | 0                | 23                |
| 2019      | 958           | 46         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 8            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2020      | 792           | 37         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 4            | 0                | 0                | 24                |
| 2021      | 731           | 12         | 2          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2022      | 823           | 25         | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2023      | 1038          | 73         | 7          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 8            | 0                | 0                | 25                |
| 2024      | 990           | 68         | 7          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 7            | 0                | 0                | 15                |
| 2025      | 1126          | 53         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 2            | 13           | 0                | 0                | 15                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 3 and 7% of the drawing applications for DM427, and have been awarded no more than 2 of the permits available in any given year.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 164 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM428, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM428 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups. The department uses discretionary authority and guidance from the board to split the hunt below into multiple drawing permits hunts (DM421-DM430).

Only certified bowhunters are eligible to apply for DM428.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the 2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| Units and Bag Limits                                                                                                                                               | Resident Open Season<br>(Subsistence & General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ...<br>Unit 14(C), Joint Base<br>Elmendorf-Richardson<br>(JBER) Management Area                                                                                    | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31<br>(General hunt only)              | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31       |
| 1 moose per regulatory year by<br>drawing permit, and by<br>muzzleloading blackpowder<br>rifle or bow and arrow only;<br>up to 185 permits may be<br>issued<br>... |                                                       |                         |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there may be no permits or a very small number of permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DM428 (10 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM428. DM428 is in Unit 14C, and located within the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) military installation. Season dates are Sept. 1 – Sept. 30. The number of eligible applications for DM428 can be found in Table 164.1.

**Table 164.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM428. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 390           | 22         | 6          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2018      | 306           | 12         | 4          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2019      | 475           | 20         | 4          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 395           | 32         | 8          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2021      | 450           | 51         | 11         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 22           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2022      | 368           | 61         | 17         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2023      | 484           | 63         | 13         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2024      | 559           | 65         | 12         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2025      | 618           | 60         | 10         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 14           | 0                | 0                | 7                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 4 and 17% of the drawing applications for DM428, and have been awarded 2 permits in one (2021) of the nine years, and 0 or 1 permits in the other 8 years.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 165 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM430, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM430 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups. The department uses discretionary authority and guidance from the board to split the hunt below into multiple drawing permits hunts (DM421-DM430).

Only certified bowhunters are eligible to apply for DM430.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the 2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                   |                                |
| Unit 14(C), Joint Base<br>Elmendorf-Richardson<br>(JBER) Management Area                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 moose per regulatory year by<br>drawing permit, and by<br>muzzleloading blackpowder<br>rifle or bow and arrow only;<br>up to 185 permits may be<br>issued | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31<br>(General hunt only)                          | Sept. 1 – Mar. 31              |
| ...                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                   |                                |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there would be no permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DM430 (less than 10); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM430. DM430 is in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) military installation. Season dates are Oct. 15 – Nov. 15. The number of eligible applications for DM430 can be found in Table 165.1.

**Table 165.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM430. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 253           | 13         | 5          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2018      | 142           | 5          | 4          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2019      | 246           | 8          | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2020      | 218           | 19         | 9          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 33           | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2021      | 187           | 14         | 7          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2022      | 193           | 5          | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2023      | 256           | 24         | 9          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2024      | 201           | 33         | 16         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2025      | 285           | 45         | 16         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 3 and 16% of the drawing applications for DM430 and have been awarded 1 permit in one year (2020) of this nine year period.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 166 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM446, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM446 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups. The department uses discretionary authority to split the hunt area below into an early season (DM446) and a late season (DM447) hunt.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the 2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |
| Unit 14(C), that portion of the Ship Creek drainage upstream of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Management Area |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 moose by drawing permit only; up to 50 permits may be issued; or                                                         | Sept. 1 – Sept. 30<br>(General hunt only)                         | Sept. 1 – Sept. 30             |
| ...                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 bull by registration permit only                                                                                         | Oct. 1 – Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only)                           | Oct 1. – Nov. 30               |
| ...                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there may be no permits or a very small number of permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DM446 (10 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM446. DM446 is in Unit 14C, in the Ship Creek drainage. This hunt is accessed via several locations spanning from South Fork Eagle River valley to Indian Pass. Season dates are Sept. 1 – Sept. 15. The number of eligible applications for DM446 can be found in Table 166.1.

**Table 166.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM446. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 320           | 42         | 13         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2018      | 235           | 8          | 3          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2019      | 404           | 78         | 19         | 0            | 0              | 4            | 50           | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2020      | 395           | 89         | 23         | 0            | 0              | 3            | 33           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2021      | 513           | 141        | 27         | 0            | 0              | 3            | 43           | 0                | 0                | 7                 |
| 2022      | 330           | 64         | 19         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 22           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2023      | 470           | 78         | 17         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2024      | 516           | 58         | 11         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2025      | 563           | 77         | 14         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 3 and 27% of the drawing applications for DM446, and have been awarded between 0 and 4 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 167 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM447, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM447 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups. The department uses discretionary authority to split the hunt area below into an early season (DM446) and a late season (DM447) hunt.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the 2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |
| Unit 14(C), that portion of the Ship Creek drainage upstream of the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Management Area |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 moose by drawing permit only; up to 50 permits may be issued; or                                                         | Sept. 1 – Sept. 30<br>(General hunt only)                         | Sept. 1 – Sept. 30             |
| ...                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 bull by registration permit only                                                                                         | Oct. 1 – Nov. 30<br>(General hunt only)                           | Oct 1. – Nov. 30               |
| ...                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there may be no permits or a very small number of permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DM447 (10 or less); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM447. DM447 is in Unit 14C in the Ship Creek drainage. This hunt is accessed via several locations spanning from South Fork Eagle River valley to Indian Pass. Season dates are Sept. 16 – Sept. 30. The number of eligible applications for DM447 can be found in Table 167.1.

**Table 167.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM447. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 424           | 45         | 11         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2018      | 348           | 35         | 10         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2019      | 539           | 137        | 25         | 0            | 0              | 3            | 30           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2020      | 506           | 116        | 23         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 11           | 0                | 0                | 9                 |
| 2021      | 706           | 165        | 23         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 8                 |
| 2022      | 632           | 168        | 27         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 20           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2023      | 661           | 150        | 23         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 20           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2024      | 820           | 158        | 19         | 0            | 0              | 2            | 20           | 0                | 0                | 10                |
| 2025      | 810           | 165        | 20         | 0            | 0              | 1            | 10           | 0                | 0                | 10                |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 10 and 27% of the drawing applications for DM447 and have been awarded between 0 and 3 of the permits available.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 168 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.** Limit the nonresident permit allocation for the Unit 14C moose drawing hunt DM448, to “up to” 10% of the available permits.

**PROPOSED BY:** Craig Van Arsdale

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to limit nonresident permit allocation for drawing hunt DM448 to up to 10% of the available permits. If at least 10 permits are not issued, a nonresident permit will not be available.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** Moose hunts in Unit 14C are currently open to nonresidents and residents equally, with no allocation between the residency groups.

Only certified bowhunters are eligible to apply for DM448.

The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the 2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| Units and Bag Limits                                                                               | Resident Open Season<br>(Subsistence & General Hunts) | Nonresident Open Season   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <p>...</p> <p>Unit 14(C), that portion known as the Birchwood Management Area</p>                  | <p>Sept. 1 – Sept. 30<br/>(General hunt only)</p>     | <p>Sept. 1 – Sept. 30</p> |
| <p>1 moose by drawing permit, by bow and arrow only; up to 25 permits may be issued</p> <p>...</p> |                                                       |                           |

Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, there would be no permits available for nonresident hunters based on historical permit issuance numbers for DM448 (less than 10); permit numbers are based on current population levels and may change in the future, either up or down. The last time 10 permits were issued was in 2007. There would likely be no change in overall harvest.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, there is not a nonresident allocation set for the drawing moose hunt DM448. DM448 is in Unit 14C in the Birchwood Management Area. This hunt is accessed by the Glenn Highway. Season dates are Sept. 1 – Sept. 30. The number of eligible applications for DM448 can be found in Table 168.1.

**Table 168.1.** Resident and nonresident permit application and allocation, DM448. NR = nonresident, NR-2DK = nonresidents applying under second degree kindred.

| Reg. Year | Total # Apps. | # NR Apps. | % NR Apps. | NR-2DK Apps. | % NR-2DK Apps. | # NR Winners | % NR Winners | # NR-2DK Winners | % NR-2DK Winners | # Permits Awarded |
|-----------|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017      | 77            | 3          | 4          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2018      | 57            | 9          | 16         | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2019      | 100           | 2          | 2          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2020      | 64            | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 2                 |
| 2021      | 82            | 4          | 5          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2022      | 52            | 1          | 2          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 2                 |
| 2023      | 65            | 4          | 6          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2024      | 107           | 7          | 7          | 0            | 0              | 1            | 33           | 0                | 0                | 3                 |
| 2025      | 110           | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0                | 0                | 2                 |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative. In the last 9 years, nonresidents have submitted between 0 and 16% of the drawing applications for DM448, and only 1 nonresident has been awarded a permit (2024) during this time period.

If the board adopts this proposal, the hunts will be assigned individual hunt numbers for residents and nonresidents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 169 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose and 5 AAC 92.530(2) Management Areas.** Create a moose drawing permit hunt within the Eagle River Management Area in Unit 14C, by bow and arrow only with season dates of Sept. 15 – Oct. 15.

**PROPOSED BY:** Brian Watkins

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a drawing hunt for bull moose in the Eagle River Management Area with season dates of Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, restricted to bow and arrow only.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The current moose hunting regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045, 5 AAC 92.530, and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045 (12)** – No season or bag limit exists for moose in the Eagle River drainage.

**5 AAC 92.530**

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(2) the Eagle River Management Area:

(A) the area consists of the Eagle River drainage upstream from the Glenn Highway in Unit 14(C);

(B) the area is closed to hunting, except

(i) sheep hunting by permit;

(ii) black and brown bear hunting by permit; before hunting a bear, a person wishing to hunt must complete a hunter safety course for which a certification of completion is issued;

...

Unit 14C is located entirely within the Anchorage- Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, this would create new moose hunting opportunities in the Eagle River Management Area, an area that has been closed to moose harvest for decades. A likely result would be an increase moose harvest. Eagle River is a heavily used area for non-consumptive users and creating a new hunt in the valley may increase reports of user conflicts.

**BACKGROUND:** In the proposed hunt area (South of Eagle River Road, North of Highland loop road, southeast of the confluence of the south fork of Eagle River and Eagle River) there is currently a black bear registration hunt, RL450. This hunt has season dates of Sept. 1 – May 31 and is restricted to bow and arrow, crossbow, and muzzleloader only and no successful harvest has been reported to date.

Access on the South Fork Eagle River side is extremely limited with two primary access points, both of which have very limited parking on residential streets. These access points are utilized by a large number of other user groups to access hikes and other viewing areas. Access from the mainstem Eagle River side requires use of a boat to cross mainstem Eagle River and a difficult hike across the valley floor.

The department has not conducted aerial moose surveys in the Eagle River Valley because the area is closed to the harvest of moose. Survey efforts are directed toward those areas in Unit 14C of high moose harvest and consumptive use.

Moose hunting under general season is open north of the Eagle River Management area from Sept. 1 – Sept. 30. The average yearly harvest under general season in Unit 14C is 30 antler restricted bulls.

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal. It is important to note that moose hunting has been closed in this drainage for many years. If adopted, the department would like the Board to consider “up to” language for the number of permits to be issued and that an exception for moose hunting be added to the Eagle River Management Area, similar to bear. This would give the department the ability to use its discretionary authority to create a hunt area in cooperation with Chugach State Park, likely following the current RL450 hunt area. Additionally, the department asks the board to consider aligning the season dates with the rest of Unit 14(C) moose which take place from September 1 - September 30 and aligning the bag limit to an antler restricted bull: spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side for consistency. Little is known about the population status of moose in this drainage or the current population trend. Additionally, all of the land in the Eagle River Management Area outside of private in-holdings is Chugach State Park land. Park regulation 11 AAC 12.190 prohibits the discharge of weapons within the Eagle River drainage; this hunt would require a special use permit for the discharge of weapons.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 170 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Close the Eklutna Lake Management Area archery-only registration moose hunt RM445 to nonresidents.

**PROPOSED BY:** Paul Forward

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to close the RM445 moose hunt in Unit 14C to nonresidents.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                      | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ...                                                                              |                                                                   |                                |
| Unit 14(C), the Eklutna Lake Management Area                                     |                                                                   |                                |
| 1 bull by registration permit, by bow and arrow only; up to 6 bulls may be taken | Sept. 1 – Oct. 20<br>(General hunt only)                          | Sept. 1 – Oct. 20              |

...  
Unit 14(C) is located entirely within the Anchorage- Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, this proposal would have little to no impact on overall harvest as nonresident hunters harvest an average of 1 bull annually in this hunt.

**BACKGROUND:** RM445 is a registration any-bull archery hunt, Sept. 1 – Oct. 20. Historically, this hunt is closed by Emergency Order after a quota of 4 bulls have been harvested and generally occurs prior to the codified season end date. Residents take the majority of harvest in RM445 with nonresidents averaging 1 bull moose a year. This harvest can be seen in Table 170.1. This hunt is primarily accessed by the ATV trail along Eklutna Lake, starting near the campground.

**Table 170.1.** Number of RM445 permits issued and harvest for residents and nonresidents in Unit 14C, for regulatory years 2021 – 2024.

|                  | <b>2020</b>  |         | <b>2021</b>  |         | <b>2022</b>  |         | <b>2023</b>  |         | <b>2024</b>  |         |
|------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                  | # of Permits | Harvest |
| <b>Resident</b>  | 273          | 9       | 208          | 5       | 185          | 7       | 213          | 3       | 215          | 3       |
| <b>Non Res</b>   | 4            | 1       | 8            | 1       | 7            | 1       | 12           | 1       | 6            | 0       |
| <b>% Non Res</b> | 1%           | 10%     | 4%           | 17%     | 4%           | 13%     | 5%           | 25%     | 3%           | 0%      |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal. Removing nonresidents from this hunt will shift a small amount of the moose harvest quota to residents.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 171 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna.

**PROPOSED BY:** Paul Forward

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal seeks to create a new registration archery moose hunt in Unit 14C, East Fork Eklutna.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The current moose hunt regulations for Unit 14C can be found in 5 AAC 85.045 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

| <b>Units and Bag Limits</b>                                                                                                            | <b>Resident Open Season<br/>(Subsistence &amp; General Hunts)</b> | <b>Nonresident Open<br/>Season</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ...                                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                    |
| Remainder of Unit 14(C)                                                                                                                |                                                                   |                                    |
| 1 moose per regulatory year,<br>only as follows;                                                                                       |                                                                   |                                    |
| ...                                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                    |
| 1 bull with spike-fork antlers or<br>50-inch antlers or antlers with 3<br>or more brow tines on one side,<br>by bow and arrow only; or | Aug. 22 – Aug. 29<br>(General hunt only)                          | Aug. 22 – Aug. 29                  |
| 1 bull with spike-fork<br>antlers or 50-inch<br>antlers or antlers with 3 or<br>more brow tines on one side; or                        | Sept. 1 – Sept. 30<br>(General hunt only)                         | Sept 1. – Sept. 30                 |
| ...                                                                                                                                    |                                                                   |                                    |

Unit 14C is located entirely within the Anchorage- Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** This proposal would add additional hunters into the East Fork of Eklutna. East Fork of Eklutna is a relatively small hunt area. Issues to consider include hunter crowding and use of the area by both consumptive and non-consumptive users. Eklutna is a popular backpacking, camping, and day use area for all user groups. Additionally, Eklutna has one of the few trails that allows the use of ATV's into Chugach State Park land. Creation of a new hunt will likely result in additional harvest from the drainage. The additional harvest from this proposal combined with the existing

hunts in the drainage on a relatively small population could result in reduced numbers of animals available in subsequent years.

**BACKGROUND:** The Eklutna drainage was impacted with the rest of Unit 14C by the deep snow and late winters of 2022 and 2023, resulting in the loss of a number of short yearling moose. Moose minimum count survey numbers can be found in Table 171.1.

Currently, the area of East Fork Eklutna is considered part of the Remainder of Unit 14C for moose hunting. The current general season hunt is antler restricted and open to all weapons from Sept.1 – Sept. 30. There is also an Aug. 22 – Aug. 29 antler restricted, archery only hunt for Unit 14C Remainder. Over the past 5 years, 3 antler-restricted bulls have been reported harvested from the East Fork specifically. If adopted, this would create two moose hunts in the same area with different season end dates, weapons restrictions, legal animal and different permit types. Given the relatively small population of moose in the drainage and the existing harvest levels, no additional harvest is warranted in this drainage.

**Table 171.1.** Number of moose observed during minimum count surveys in the Eklutna drainage in Unit 14C from 2011 – 2023.

| Survey Area                | Year | Bulls | Cows | Calves | Total | Bulls :<br>100<br>Cows | Calves :<br>100<br>Cows |
|----------------------------|------|-------|------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Eklutna/Thunderbird</b> | 2011 | 18    | 50   | 12     | 80    | 36                     | 24                      |
| <b>Eklutna</b>             | 2021 | 11    | 41   | 8      | 63    | 27                     | 20                      |
| <b>Eklutna</b>             | 2023 | 8     | 62   | 5      | 75    | 13                     | 8                       |

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal. This proposal would add a layer of regulatory complexity to an area already open under the general season. If hunters want to use archery equipment in the East Fork Eklutna they can do so during the existing general season moose hunt. If adopted, the board should consider how the registration permit would be issued, if permit numbers would be limited, and resident and nonresident allocations.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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**PROPOSAL 172 – 5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to Bag Limit.** Include wounded moose to count toward bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C.

**PROPOSED BY:** Colette Brandt, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson

**WHAT WOULD THE PROPOSAL DO?** This proposal would require hunters to count a wounded moose toward their bag limit in any of the Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) Management Area drawing moose hunts (DM421–DM424, DM426–DM428, and DM430) in Unit 14C.

**WHAT ARE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS?** The current wounding regulations can be found in 5 AAC 92.130 and in the *2025-2026 Alaska Hunting Regulations*.

### **5 AAC 92.130**

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(f) In Units 1-5 and Unit 8, a black or brown bear wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the bear is taken. However, in Unit 1 – 5 and Unit 8, a brown bear wounded by a person does not count against that person's one bear every four regulatory years bag limit established in 5 AAC 92.132.

(g) In Unit 8, an elk wounded by a person counts against that person's bag limit for the regulatory year in which the elk is taken

(h) In this section, "wounded" means there is a sign of blood or other sign that the animals has been hit by a hunting projectile.

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Unit 14C is located entirely within the Anchorage- Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area, therefore there are no customary and traditional use findings for moose in this area.

**WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT IF THE PROPOSAL WERE ADOPTED?** If adopted, hunters may place more emphasis on making a lethal shot, that hopefully reduce the potential for hunters to wound other moose prior to successfully harvesting an animal. Also, military training areas and hunting areas overlap on JBER. There is a potential for wounded moose dying and attracting bears into areas where military training operations may occur. Bears attracted to moose carcasses on military training areas can lead to bear-human conflicts. If including a wounded moose to count toward a bag limit were to be adopted, and if a result of this regulation was reduced wounding of moose and therefore reduced failure to recover wounded moose in this area, this could potentially contribute to minimizing bear-human conflicts in this area that are associated with bears being attracted to carcasses.

**BACKGROUND:** The JBER moose hunts represent a large portion of the moose harvested in Unit 14C annually (Table 172.1). The department recognizes that wounding does happen, however the reporting of wounded animals is not required and as a result there is not an accurate report of how often this happens for moose or any other species. As part of the requirements for military base access, JBER does track this specifically for the JBER Management Area and reports an average of 8 moose woundings occurring annually, with many of these being unrecovered.

**Table 172.1.** The number of harvested moose taken from the JBER Management Area in Unit 14(C) for regulatory years 2020 – 2024.

| Regulatory Year   | # of Moose Harvested |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 2020              | 51                   |
| 2021              | 53                   |
| 2022              | 53                   |
| 2023              | 56                   |
| 2024 <sup>A</sup> | 28                   |

<sup>A</sup> Permit numbers reduced due to winter kill

**DEPARTMENT COMMENTS:** The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal and can continue to manage the moose population with the existing regulations. The department **SUPPORTS** efforts to reduce wounding loss. Anecdotal reports of unrecovered moose throughout Unit 14C and JBER are received on a yearly basis; however, there is no requirement to report on wounded but unrecovered moose. As mentioned by the proposer, a moose that is injured and then dies near an urban interface has the potential of creating a public safety issue as a bear attractant.

**COST ANALYSIS:** Adoption of this proposal would not result in additional costs for the department.

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