

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM
2017-2018 Meeting Cycle
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BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS

Game Management Unit (GMU) _____

Hunting Subsistence
 Trapping Other _____

Resident Nonresident

Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?

Central & Southwest Region (GMUs 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 & 17) **Statewide Regulations** – 5 AAC Ch. 92 provisions & 98.005 (see list on page 4).

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5

AAC:

Regulation Book Page No:

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

Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy

We ask that the Board of Game review and revise the 2007-173-BOG Finding that sets policy on how the Board will allocate draw permits to nonresidents. The current language in the Finding states that: *"Allocations will be determined on a case by case basis and will be based upon the historical data of nonresident and resident permit allocation over the past ten years."*

This policy does not state if harvest data or participation data will be used, and is unclear what takes place for a new draw permit hunt where we have not had any previous "permit allocation" data.

Another concern is that if it is the Board's intent to use past historical harvest and/or participation data to determine nonresident allocations for future draw-permit hunts, in many cases – for Dall sheep, for example – nonresidents would end up receiving the majority of the permits.

In Unit 19C, the Board has allowed unlimited nonresident sheep hunting opportunity for the past ten years, and nonresident hunters have taken up to 80% of the annual sheep harvest and make up more than half of all hunters. The current Policy, if the Board should ever put nonresidents on a draw-only permit hunt in Unit 19C, would give nonresidents a priority.

There was a moose draw permit hunt instituted in 2008 by the Board (DM 809,810,811) in which nonresidents receive 50 percent of the permits. Should a proposal be submitted from resident hunters to reduce that nonresident allocation, the Board's current Policy only ensures that unfair allocation to nonresident hunters be kept in place.

We would like the Board of Game to institute a new Finding and Policy on nonresident permit allocations that stipulates that residents will always receive a definitive harvest and participation priority over nonresidents.

3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)

Possible new language: *"Allocations to nonresident hunters will be based on a subunit by subunit basis so that resident hunters always have a definitive hunting and harvest priority."*

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