

PROPOSAL 180

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

5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose and caribou drawing permit hunts.

Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A as follows:

Rescind action taken by the board on Proposal 146 in 2020 that guaranteed nonresident allocation of 25% of all DC827 permits.

OR

Establish an allocation of DC827 permits whereby residents receive 90% of the permits and nonresidents up to 10 percent of the permits.

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

DC 827 permit allocation to nonresidents

At the 2020 Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting, the Board of Game deliberated on Proposal 146, which requested that the allocation for the DC827 caribou hunt be set to a firm 90/10 resident/nonresident allocation. We brought up that hunt bookers were flooding the permit pool with application and as it was an open draw for all that nonresidents were now getting 25% of the permits.

The board amended Proposal 146 to completely change it 180 degrees, to permanently grant nonresidents 25 percent of the DC827 permits, which passed and became regulation.

Subsequently a request was sent to the Board of Game referring to the Board of Fisheries policy that prohibits amendments to proposals that completely change the intent, asking the board to institute that same policy. These kind of amendments that change a proposal from the complete opposite of what was intended should not be allowed. The board voted not to adopt such a policy.

What the board did in 2020 with Proposal 146 was wrong. The issues we still have with hunt bookers flooding the application pools continues for other permit hunts that are open to both residents and nonresidents equally.

Any draw-permit hunt in the state, no matter what species, is based on there not being enough animals for everyone to have the opportunity to hunt. Every draw permit in the state should have a 90/10 resident/nonresident percentage allocation and provide a clear priority for Alaskan hunters.

PROPOSED BY: Resident Hunters of Alaska

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