

**PROPOSAL 104**

**5 AAC 92.061. Special provisions for brown bear drawing permits.**

Allow residents to return Kodiak brown bear drawing permits in advance of the hunting season to be reissued to residents as follows:

One tag every four years should be based on opportunity, not harvest; create an alternate list to encourage every tag being hunted.

The Kodiak brown bear bag limit of one every four years should be based on opportunity, not harvest. If someone draws a coveted tag, he or she will be unable to hunt for Kodiak brown bear again for four years regardless of harvest. However, the permit holder should be able to return the tag at least three months prior to the hunt without being penalized. This would allow the individual an opportunity to draw a tag the following year.

An alternate list will be created for each permit number so Alaskan residents can hunt all of the limited, coveted tags issued. This will provide more opportunities for Alaska residents.

Amend 5 AAC 92.061:

(2) the department shall enter, in a resident drawing, each application from a resident and each application from a nonresident accompanied by a resident relative who is within the second degree of kindred; for each season, the department shall issue a maximum of four permits to nonresident hunters accompanied by a resident relative who is within the second degree of kindred; however, the department may not issue, within one calendar year, more than one of these permits per individual hunt, as described in the permit hunt guide published each year by the department;

**(A) after the successful resident applicants have been selected by drawing, the department shall create an alternate list by drawing the remaining names of applicants for a specific hunt and placing the names on the alternate list in the order in which the names were drawn;**

**(B) if a successful resident applicant cancels the hunt at least three months before the hunt start date, the person whose name appears first on the alternate list for that hunt shall be offered the permit; if an alternate applicant cancels the hunt at least three months before the hunt start date, the permit shall be offered in turn to succeeding alternate applicants until the alternate list is exhausted;**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** There are too many resident Kodiak brown bear permits going un-hunted. This even further expands the lack of resident priority.

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