

Note: The Americans with Disabilities Act requires the State of Alaska to make reasonable modifications when the modifications are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of disability, unless the modification would fundamentally alter the nature of the program or activity.

PROPOSAL 92

5 AAC 92.104. Authorization for methods and means disability exemptions.

Allow methods and means disability exemptions within the Delta Controlled Use Area as follows:

(f) The department will not deny applicants who are otherwise qualified under (a) and (b) of this section, an exemption to participate in hunt RC835 within the Delta Controlled Use Area based on a determination that motorized access on the last two days of the hunt provides meaningful access.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Specifically allow methods and means disability exemptions in the Delta Controlled Use Area (DCUA) for registration caribou hunt RC835 for hunters who are permanently wheelchair bound or similarly disabled.

The Delta Advisory Committee disagrees with the Department of Fish and Game’s current position that allowing motorized vehicles on the last two days of this hunt provides meaningful access. These two days are not guaranteed as this is a registration hunt and may be closed prior if harvest goals are met. These two days represent less than 12% of the total season for this hunt. A person applying for this exemption may not have the time or ability for short notice. The “last two days” are unlikely to allow for a quality hunt, as there is extreme competition and overcrowding in a concentrated area during this time. The Delta AC request the department review the current statistics within DCUA with regards to current and past applicants/awardees of this application before considering the condemnation of ALL applicants.

PROPOSED BY: The Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-109)
