

## RESIDENT HUNTERS OF ALASKA – Proposal 237 explanation

Proposal 237 as amended (to remove the transfer of permits portion) asks to require guided nonresident Kodiak brown bear hunters and the Department to comply with the regulations under 5AAC 92.061.

Nothing in our proposal is asking to take away the ability of the Department to provide permits for any **real** undersubscribed hunts.

What we are asking is that guides stop abusing the regulation by taking on clients outside the draw permit process, then saying they are undersubscribed hunts because no one applied, which allows the client to skip the permit process entirely and pick up an over-the-counter permit in Kodiak.

Here is an example:

***“EXCLUSIVE! NO DRAWING KODIAK BROWN BEAR HUNT – GIANTS OF KODIAK ISLAND, ALASKA. SKIP THE PERMIT DRAWING PROCESS AND HUNT THE WORLD’S LARGEST BROWN BEARS!***

*We have a few openings for the ultimate bear hunt – Kodiak Island brown bears – and if you book with this outfitter, **you can bypass the permit drawing process and start planning your trip now.**”*

These permits actually go to the guide with the exclusive concession area to allocate as they wish. Some guides don’t use the permits awarded to their area. Some guides donate permits to be auctioned off to the highest bidder before the draw results even come out for that application period. Some nonresident hunters are able to hunt every four years after harvesting a bear, as we have shown, until they get their trophy 10-foot bear.

### **Alaska Administrative Code**

#### **Title 5 - Fish and Game**

#### **5 AAC 92.061 - Special provisions for brown bear drawing permit hunts**

(a) In the Unit 8 general brown bear drawing permit hunt, the department shall issue permits, and a hunter may apply for a permit, as follows:

(1) the department shall issue a maximum of 40 percent of the drawing permits to nonresidents and a minimum of 60 percent to residents; each guide may submit the same number of nonresident applications for a hunt as the number of permits available for that hunt;

(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;

(3) the department **shall** enter, in a guided nonresident drawing, each complete application from a nonresident who will be accompanied by a guide; the department may enter an application and issue a drawing permit for the general hunt only to a successful nonresident applicant who presents proof at the time of application that the applicant will be accompanied by a guide, as required under AS 16.05.407 or 16.05.408;

(4) the following provisions apply to a guided nonresident drawing under this section:

(A) an applicant for a guided nonresident drawing permit may apply for one such permit for all hunts and one such permit for spring hunts;

(B) after the successful 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;

(C) if a successful applicant cancels the guided hunt, the person whose name appears first on the alternate list for that hunt shall be offered the permit; if an alternate applicant cancels the guided hunt, the permit must be offered in turn to succeeding alternate applicants until the alternate list is exhausted;

(D) if a guided nonresident drawing permit is available, but the alternate list is exhausted, the permit becomes available, by registration at the Kodiak ADF&G office, to the first applicant furnishing proof that the applicant will be accompanied by a guide;