

# STATE OF ALASKA

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### **Call for Proposals for Auction or Raffle of Big Game Harvest Permits**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is pleased to solicit proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations to auction or raffle big game harvest permits for the fall 2014 - spring 2015 hunting season. Proceeds from these auctions and raffles benefit both state wildlife management programs and the sponsoring organization. Alaska offers three separate auction programs: 1) Big Game, 2) Delta Bison, and 3) Etolin Island Elk. The rules governing which organizations are eligible, the species and number of permits that are available, and disbursement of the proceeds differ for each program. Differences are described below. If you are applying to hunt bison from the Delta herd, you must specify under which program (Big Game or Delta Bison) you are applying on the application form.

#### **Big Game Program**

Under AS 16.05.343(c) and 5 AAC 93.080, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fish and game law enforcement, management of hunted game species, or use of game populations for hunting may apply to auction a big game permit. Up to two permits per species may be donated for auction under this program each year. Big game species available under this program are: Dall's sheep, bison (including Delta bison), musk ox, brown/grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and wolf.

Organizations awarded permits under this program may retain an amount equal to administrative costs plus up to 10% of the net proceeds of the auction/raffle; the remainder must be remitted to ADF&G to fund state wildlife management programs. In addition to the permit, a complimentary Governor's hunting/fishing license and big game tag will be provided to auction/raffle winners.

Under this program if ADF&G offers a permit for any species to an organization based outside of Alaska, we must offer the second permit for that species to an organization based in Alaska. If a national organization has an Alaska Chapter, both the National and Alaska Chapter may submit proposals for the same or different species. If the Alaska Chapter is awarded a permit, that permit may be auctioned at the National organization's banquet.

**Qualified organizations may request a permit for any drawing hunt in the state with an open season for nonresidents.** Drawing hunt information can be found on the Division of Wildlife Conservation website at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction\\_overview](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction_overview).

**You must request a specific draw hunt (e.g. Tok Management Area sheep hunt - DS 102);** general requests such as "any bear" or "any moose" cannot be considered. The department, at its discretion, may choose not to offer a permit for a specific population/hunt during any given year. Permits will be awarded as follows:

- You may request up to five permits; however, no more than three will be awarded to a single organization.
- Only one harvest permit per species will be awarded to an organization.
- In most cases only one permit will be awarded for a particular wildlife population, i.e., not more than one Delta bison permit, one Tok sheep permit, or one Unimak Island brown bear permit will be awarded under this program each year.

**Note** - We are pleased to now offer a Raspberry-Afognak Island brown bear permit, DB 263/293. This permit may only be awarded to an Alaska resident hunter.

### **Delta Bison Program**

To apply for the Delta bison permit under the Delta bison program, an organization must have been **"established to promote fish and game law enforcement"**. Only one permit is available each year. Up to 100% of the auction or raffle proceeds may be retained by the organization. The winner of this permit is not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

Organizations that do not qualify to auction/raffle a Delta bison permit under the Delta Bison Program may apply for the Delta bison permit under the Big Game program. However, the department will only donate one permit from this herd each year.

### **Etolin Elk Program**

Under AS 16.05.343(b), any nonprofit organization based in Alaska and dedicated to fish and game management of hunted species, translocation of species, or use of fish and game populations for hunting and fishing may apply to auction an Etolin Island Elk permit. Up to four permits are available each year. Up to 100% of the auction or raffle proceeds may be retained by the organization. Winners of this permit are not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

For all programs, if more than one organization requests the same permit, the Director will select the organization to receive the permit based on expected event attendance and revenue, previous experience with auctions or raffles and revenue generated, organization involvement in wildlife conservation activities, planned use of proceeds generated by the auction or raffle, and proposed marketing and advertising strategy. If the applications are rated similarly, permits will be alternated among qualified organizations. If you are applying for a Dall's sheep, Delta bison, or Unimak brown bear tag, you are strongly encouraged to submit supplementary materials to aid the department in making its decision. Organizations with a limited track record under this program are also encouraged to apply for less competitive species including moose, caribou, and musk ox.

To be eligible for this program, your organization must submit: **1) a complete application form, 2) current articles of incorporation and 3) current proof of non-profit status.** Organizations that have previously submitted articles of incorporation to ADF&G need not submit them again. If your organization qualifies and is interested in obtaining a permit for raffle or auction, please complete the attached application, sign and date it, and mail or e-mail the completed application with current proof of non-profit status and any supporting materials to the address on the form. Completed applications must be received at ADF&G headquarters by 5:00 pm Monday May 13, 2013. Successful applicants will be notified of the results by Friday May 31, 2013.

For complete auction information and updates, or to download an application form, please visit the auction program webpage at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction\\_overview](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction_overview). If you have any questions about the program, application procedures, or eligibility requirements, please contact Tom Schumacher [(907) 465-4148 [dfg.dwc.permits@alaska.gov](mailto:dfg.dwc.permits@alaska.gov)] at department headquarters.

Sincerely,



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