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State House Representative
Benjamin Nageak
State Capitol, Room 126
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Dear Representative Nageak,

I am a longtime Alaska resident and an avid hunter. As a representative to the Alaska State Legislature, I strongly encourage you to **support HB137**, an act to raise fees related to sport fishing, hunting, or trapping.

I feel that wildlife in Alaska is a hugely important resource for the State. It is important to properly manage this resource and this costs the State money. Given current oil prices and the fact that Alaska is so dependent on oil to fund State government, I want to make you aware of what I believe should be another funding source for managing Alaska's wildlife.

I hunt big game in several states outside of Alaska. For this reason, I am familiar with the costs associated with hunting license and big game tag fees in other states. For some time, I have felt that Alaska's big game licensing and tag fees were grossly disparate compared to other states. Big game licensing and tag fees in Alaska are cheap. Below is a table that demonstrates this fact.

State	NR Hunt License	Sheep Tag	Moose Tag	Deer Tag	Black Bear Tag	Elk Tag	Mount. Goat Tag
Alaska	85	425	400	150	225	300	300
Montana		750	750	75	350	826	750
Idaho	155			301	186	417	
Wyoming		2252	1402	312	362	577	2152
Nevada	142	1200		300		1200	1200
Colorado		2009	2009	364	354	604	2009
Arizona	160	1815		315	165	665	
New Mexico		3173		368	260	773	

I believe it is time to increase hunting license and big game tag fees for both residents and non-residents...especially non-residents. Non-resident hunters come to Alaska and spend a great deal of money to hunt big game. Brown bear, Dall sheep and mountain goat all require a non-resident hunter to hire a guide and these

guided hunts typically cost between \$10,000 and \$30,000. If non-resident hunters have the ability to pay this kind of money for guided hunts in Alaska, they are likely able to pay a lot more money for hunting license and big game tag fees. Some big game species cannot be hunted any place in the world other than Alaska and this fact should be leveraged to get more hunting license and big game tag fees from non-resident hunters. Also, I believe that many resident hunters value the wildlife resources we have and would pay at least a little more toward the management of this resource.

I would like to see non-resident tag fees for brown bear, caribou, goat, moose and sheep increased at least (6X) relative to current tag fees. I would also like to see other non-resident and resident hunting licenses and big game tag fees increased substantially.

Thank you for representing me in the Alaska State Legislature.

Best regards,

Wade Schock