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Alaska Legislature State Capitol Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Re: SCI-AK Support for Senate Bill 97 BIG GAME PERMIT PROGRAM

Honorable members of the Senate Finance Committee,

The Safari Club International Alaska Chapter offers support for Senate Bill 97 BIG GAME PERMIT PROGRAM which is a redraft of Senate Bill 253 DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM/PILOT PROJECT, that passed the 33rd Legislature last year.

Our prior comments on SB 253, contained in the committee packet under Combined Historical Documents, still stand. We applaud the Senate Finance Committee for taking steps to ensure that guided Alaska hunts provide a quality experience for hunters, both resident and non-resident, while simultaneously protecting the wildlife resource. We urge the legislature to, again, consider and pass this bill.

Thank you.

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