

HB 161

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Problems

- Removes permits coveted by residents such as sheep, bison, caribou, moose and brown/grizzly
- Increases conflicts between residents for limited permits
- Exasperates conflicts between rural and urban users
- No long term control over where the money is spent
- Coveted permits for bison and sheep in category where 100% goes to ngo
- No legislative oversight of 100% permit revenue
- Most of coveted permits going to non-residents
- Doesn't solve financial problem for Division – need license increase badly
- Decreases support for license increase
- Aren't using permits that are presently available
- Requires Wildlife Conservation to set up costly monitoring program to assure compliance with the M of A: this is counter-productive
- Total of 8 permits for elk - unreasonable

Compromise Solution

- Leave 4 elk in category where 100% of revenue goes to the ngo
- Place sheep and bison (now in 100% category) into subsection where fish and game fund gets 70%
- Prefer that total number of sheep, bison, moose, caribou and brown/grizzly not be increased but this is not the highest priority for change
- Placing revenue in fish and game fund provides legislative oversight through appropriation