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House Bill 137: Limit Nonresident Taking of Big Game

Sponsor Statement

House Bill 137 makes a simple one-word change to state law to help ensure that Alaska residents are given a preference to hunt big game over nonresidents during times of shortages. By approving the bill, the Alaska Legislature would mandate that Alaskans be first in line for the opportunity to hunt big game while still allowing nonresident hunters the opportunity to participate in a permit system for hunting opportunities.

Under current law, when game populations decline and restrictions to resident hunters are necessary, the Alaska Board of Game may limit the taking of big game by nonresidents so that resident needs are met. HB 137 changes the more permissive word “may” to the more stringent word “shall,” so that the Board of Game would be required to place the burden of new hunting restrictions on nonresidents when faced with a shortage of game.

HB 137 does not change the authority of the Board of Game to make wildlife allocation decisions, and the bill would leave in place the current allocation of nonresident hunting opportunities available for all big game hunts across Alaska.

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