

**HOUSE BILL NO. 161**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES GATTIS, Neuman, Hughes, Johnson, Costello, Muñoz, Millett, Holmes,  
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**Introduced: 3/11/13  
Referred: Resources**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to auctions or raffles for big game harvest permits and to the selection**  
2 **of nonprofit organizations to conduct auctions and raffles for the Department of Fish**  
3 **and Game."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05.343(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The department may donate [ONE BISON] harvest permits [PERMIT]  
7 each year for one [A] bison and one Dall sheep [FROM THE DELTA BISON  
8 HERD] for a competitive auction or raffle. The donation may be made only to a  
9 nonprofit corporation established to promote outdoor and conservation programs in  
10 partnership with the department [FISH AND GAME LAW ENFORCEMENT],  
11 subject to the terms of a memorandum of understanding developed by the department.

12 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.343(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may  
14 issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to four [TWO] harvest permits each

1 year for each of the following big game species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or  
2 grizzly bear, **black bear**, moose, caribou, **goat, elk**, and wolf. Notwithstanding  
3 AS 36.30, the department may authorize a qualified organization **selected under (e) of**  
4 **this section** to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the department. If the  
5 department does authorize a qualified organization to conduct an auction or raffle for a  
6 big game species, the department shall make available to a qualified organization  
7 [BASED IN THE STATE] at least one harvest permit for that species. If the auction or  
8 raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the organization may retain an amount  
9 from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle equal to the administrative cost of the  
10 auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed **25** [10] percent of the net proceeds. The  
11 **percent of the** proceeds from the auction or raffle of a big game harvest permit  
12 **retained by the organization** may **be used only to support conservation projects**  
13 **and conservation education programs approved by the department** [NOT BE  
14 USED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL  
15 OFFICE OR TO ANY ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING BALLOT  
16 PROPOSITIONS OR TO PAY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH LOBBYING THE  
17 LEGISLATURE OR ADMINISTRATION]. All proceeds from the auction or raffle of  
18 the big game harvest permit less the amount that is retained by a qualified organization  
19 under this subsection shall be deposited in the fish and game fund under  
20 AS 16.05.100. **Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a** [A] person who is  
21 issued a big game harvest permit under this subsection shall receive upon the person's  
22 request a complimentary hunting license and a big game tag for the big game species  
23 for which the big game harvest permit is issued. A hunting license issued under this  
24 subsection must bear the inscription "Governor's license" or a similar designation. A  
25 person who receives a big game harvest permit, hunting license, or big game tag under  
26 this subsection may exercise the privileges conveyed by the permit, license, or tag  
27 only in accordance with **conditions set by the commissioner** [APPLICABLE LAW].  
28 in this subsection, "qualified organization" means **an organization selected under (e)**  
29 **of this section** [A NONPROFIT CORPORATION ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE  
30 FISH AND GAME LAW ENFORCEMENT OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS  
31 ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE MANAGEMENT OF HUNTED GAME SPECIES

1           AND USE OF GAME POPULATIONS FOR HUNTING AND THAT COMPLIES  
2           WITH APPLICABLE LAWS GOVERNING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS  
3           SUBSECTION].

4       \* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.343 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5                   (e) The department may select a nonprofit organization that conducts outdoor  
6           and conservation programs and supports wildlife research and management projects to  
7           conduct auctions or raffles for the department under (c) of this section. An  
8           organization selected under this subsection is a qualified organization if it

9                               (1) is incorporated in the state as a nonprofit; and

10                              (2) in the judgment of the department, demonstrates support for the  
11           North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

12       \* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.343(b) is repealed.