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House Education Committee

Chair

Sponsor Statement

HB 161

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) operates several programs where big game permits for auction or raffle are donated to nonprofit sporting groups to support state wildlife management. Three separate auction programs are authorized in statute: Delta Bison, Etolin Elk and Big Game and the rules governing which organizations are eligible to operate the raffle or auction, the species and number of permits that are available, and disbursement of the proceeds differ for each program. Currently, the statutory framework governing the two most important programs – Delta Bison and Big Game - are so dated - groups have become ambivalent about participating.

HB 161 proposes changes to better align the programs with the objectives of the department and the nonprofit partners. As well, the bill increases the financial incentive for the Big Game program so that the outdoor or conservation groups approved to operate the auctions are able to recoup administrative fees and retain 25% of the net profits.

Nurturing and improving these public/private partnerships is foundational to the department's resource conservation scheme. This resource management model is based on set of principals known as the North American Model of Wildlife Management, which among numerous tools is a user-pay system of licensing fees. Around these principles, resource managers, sportsmen and women support wildlife and habitat conservation. Using science as a management tool, the hunting community work with in partnership with state agencies to set limits in order to protect what they love, foster ethical and competent hunting skills training and assume responsibility for the stewardship of the natural resources..

From this history the department established the donation of big game permits to empower to hunting and fishing groups with some ownership of the cost of stewardship. HB 161 updates the programs to ensure that these public/private partnerships thrive into the future.

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Sectional Analysis

HB 161 updates provisions for several programs where the department donates big game harvest permits in support of outdoor and conservation programs.

Section 1. Amends AS 16.05.343(a) which authorizes the Department of Fish & Game to donate harvest permits to nonprofit corporations for a competitive auction or drawing. These entities work to promote the mission of the department.

Section 1 authorizes the department to donate a harvest permit for one bison and adds the donation of one Dall sheep harvest permit for a competitive auction or raffle. The donation may be made to a nonprofit corporation established to promote outdoor and conservation programs in partnership with the department.

Section 1 amends the primary focus of the nonprofit group receiving the donation *from* one that "promotes fish and game law enforcement" in favor of one that "promotes outdoor and conservation programs". As it turns out, there are no groups described in the original law operating or who are interested in conducting these auctions or raffles. Recently, the department concluded it couldn't continue making these donations to groups that applied because their focus was not law enforcement as stated in statute. For the program to continue, the law must be updated.

By modifying the statute several objectives are achieved:

- 1) Donations are made to entities established to promote outdoor and conservation programs that fully cooperated with the department's mission.
- 2) Under the program in this section, the nonprofit outdoor and conservation group retains 100% of the proceeds from the competitive auction or raffle for its programs according to terms of a memorandum of understanding developed by the department.
- 3) Entities that apply may be national conservation organizations but they are required to have a state chapter operating thereby ensuring the donations benefit Alaskans.
- 4) The donation program will be healthier as its appeal has broadened.

Section 2. Amends AS 16.05.343(c) –which authorizes the Department of Fish & Game is to issue harvest permits for competitive auction or raffle to a qualified organization to raise money that support the conservation mission. If the department elects to use a qualified organization to conduct the auction or

raffle on its behalf, qualifications are established. Individuals who obtain a permit under this subsection may also receive a complimentary “Governor’s license” in lieu of having to purchase the necessary hunting license separately.

Section 2 changes current law by increasing the number of harvest permits that may be issued from two (2) to four (4) permits per big game species, and three (3) species (black bear, goat, and elk are added to the list of big game species that include Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, moose, caribou and wolf.

Section 2 increases the percentage that the qualified organization retains from the gross proceeds. If the auction or raffle is conducted, the qualified organization retain a portion of the proceeds equal to administrative costs and 25% of the net proceeds for its own programming. This is an increase from current law which authorizes administrative costs and 10% of the net proceeds. The remaining proceeds are deposited in the Fish and Game Fund for use by the department.

Section 2 adds the stipulation that the proceeds retained by the organization may be used only to support conservation projects and conservation education programs approved by the department.

Section 2 redefines a “qualified organization” which is found under (e) of the this section.

Section 3. Section 3 adds a new subsection (e) that establishes the definition of “a qualified” organization who may conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the department. The department may select

- 1) a nonprofit organization that conducts outdoor and conservation programs and supports wildlife research and management projects to conduct auctions or raffles on behalf of the department; and
- 2) in the judgment of the department, demonstrates support for the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

Section 4. Current law exempts auctions and raffles of harvest permits authorized by AS 16.05.343 from Chapter 15.05 – Games of Chance and Contests of Skills. This is repealed.



Fiscal Note

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2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 161
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: HB161-DFG-WCD-04-10-13
Title: AUCTIONS FOR BIG GAME HARVEST PERMITS
Sponsor: GATTIS
Requester: House Resources Committee

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Wildlife Conservation
Allocation: Wildlife Conservation
OMB Component Number: 473

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2014 Request	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2014	FY 2014					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version

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Approved By:	Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner	Date:	04/09/13
	Alaska Department of Fish and Game		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

**STATE OF ALASKA
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. HB 161 W

Analysis

The administrative costs related to managing agreements for big game harvest permits should not require a dedicated position or additional fiscal needs. While staff time for several current division employees may be impacted to comply with the intent of this bill, we do not expect this to be substantial given we already administer this program. The Division Director will be required to lead division staff to comply with Section 2.

Any net revenue to the Fish & Game Fund cannot be accurately predicted. An increase in the number of permits and increased bids for permits due to awardee incentives will most likely offset the lower return to the Fund due to greater revenue sharing with permit awardees.

Past revenue from 2009 to the current year from this program is summarized below:

Year	Organization	Species	Winning Bid	To ADFG
2009-10	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Caribou	\$ 600	\$ 540
2009-10	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Moose	\$ 0	\$ 0
2009-10	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Brown bear	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800
2009-10	Conklin Foundation	Dall sheep	\$ 18,000	\$ 16,200
2009-10	Wild Sheep Foundation	Brown bear	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,000
2010-11	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Musk ox	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,610
2010-11	Wild Sheep Foundation	Brown bear	\$ 16,000	\$ 14,400
2010-11	Grand Slam Club/Ovis Inc.	Dall sheep	\$ 52,000	\$ 46,800
2011-12	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Bison	\$ 10,250	\$ 9,225
2011-12	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Moose	\$ 0	\$ 0
2011-12	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Musk ox	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,440
2011-12	Wild Sheep Foundation	Brown bear	\$ 27,500	\$ 24,750
2011-12	Wild Sheep Foundation	Dall sheep	\$ 41,000	\$ 36,900
2012-13	Sportsmen For Fish and Wildlife	Moose	\$ 21,000	\$ 18,900
2012-13	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Musk ox	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,610
2012-13	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Dall sheep	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,250
2012-13	Wild Sheep Foundation	Brown bear	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,000
2013-14	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Bison	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,750
2013-14	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	Musk ox	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,850
2013-14	Sportsmen For Fish and Wildlife	Brown bear	\$ 35,000	\$ 31,500
2013-14	Wild Sheep Foundation	Dall sheep	\$180,000	\$171,000
2013-14	SCI - Foundation	Caribou	Not yet sold	
2013-14	SCI - Foundation	Bison	Not yet sold	
		Total	\$479,750	\$441,525

HB 161 – “Big Game Auctions” Permit List

The work draft of HB161 (version Y) allows for the following hunting permits to be issued for auction by qualifying Non-profit Organizations:

4 elk (Etolin Island)

1 bison

1 Dall sheep

100% of proceeds from these permit sales go to the organization

2 Dall Sheep

2 Bison

4 Musk ox

4 Brown or Grizzly bear

4 Black bear

4 Moose

4 Caribou

4 Goat

4 Elk

4 Wolf

30% of the proceeds from the sales of these permits go to the organization and the other 70% goes to the Dept.

Up to **42** permits per year are issued under HB161. Currently, AS 16.05.343 allows for **19** permits per year.

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ADF&G drawing hunt permits for 2014-2015

Bison – 116

Caribou – 1580

Elk – 406

Mountain Goat – 689

Musk Ox – 35

Sheep – 126

Brown Bear – 673

Black Bear – 549

Trevor Fulton

From: Wayne Heimer <weheimer@alaska.net>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 4:00 PM
To: Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Wes Keller
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. John Coghil; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Eddie Grasser
Subject: HB 161 requires fiscal note

To the House Resources Committee, Rep. Lynne Gattis, the Interior delegation, and Eddie Grasser:

On last Wednesday, I testified in opposition to HB 161, *An Act relating to auctions or raffles for big game harvest permits and to the selection of nonprofit organizations to conduct auctions and raffles for the Department of Fish and Game*. I was opposed to the bill, but did not testify very well. For that I apologize.

One of the things I failed to mention was that **the bill may well require an attached fiscal note**. It will create an additional administrative burden for the Department of Fish and Game. I assume that the Department's employees are already working at capacity so identifying the "winning" non-governmental organization (NGO), drafting cooperative agreements, administering and enforcing the agreements, and managing a four-fold increase in permits for auction will require more work. I estimate a very efficient worker would require more than "quarter time" employment. The requirement might be as much as half time. I estimate an additional cost to ADF&G to do this administratively required work at approximately \$50,000 per year should HB 161 become law.

Additionally, Section 1 of the bill would deprive the Department's Fish and Game Fund of at least \$100,000 annually which would not be available for Pittman-Robertson match funding at a three dollars to one ratio. Hence, the bill would make at least \$400,000 per year unavailable for expenditure by ADF&G.

I am not certain whether this sort of foregone income should be included in a fiscal note, but the amount of money "lost" to ADF&G will be huge, primarily because a Dall sheep auction permit is included in the *"direct-to-the-NGO at 100% list"* in Section 1 of the bill. Section 2 of the bill would increase the "incentive" for NGOs to market these permits for ADF&G from 10% (which I consider reasonable) to 30% (which I consider userous). The amount of money at risk of never entering the Fish and Game Fund for the Pittman-Robertson "match" is immense, and should be fully recognized.

Paradoxically, an earlier version of this bill intended to codify the "North American Wildlife Management Model" in Alaska law. That provision has been deleted with the realization that said model is already conceptually enshrined in our constitution. The paradox is that the present bill would turn that very model "on its head," by reversing the flow of conservation dollars from "user-to-agency" so it would become "agency-to-user." Administering the "agency to user" money would create the need for administrative expense, hence my suggestion of a fiscal note of at least \$50,000.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. I hope to be able to bring this to your attention in Committee hearing on Monday.

Respectfully,

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Dall Sheep Biologist/Manager-retired from ADF&G but still active
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BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS AND ANGLERS ALASKA CHAPTER



February 24, 2014

To: House Resources Committee
RE: HB 161

We oppose HB 161, including the amended Version Y. There are many aspects of this proposed legislation we find troubling, and this action would set alarming precedent for tag disbursement in Alaska.

We do not want to see Alaska become another Utah, where resident opportunity has taken a back seat to the misguided practice of selling or gifting a resource that truly belongs to the residents of the state.

We are aware that the Division of Wildlife Conservation does not have the funding to carry out the numerous programs and projects it oversees. For the last 8 years now we have been pushing an increase in hunting license and tag fees for both residents and nonresidents. The last increase was in 1993 and Alaska, where costs run so much higher than the lower 48, charges by far the least amount among all the western states to residents and nonresidents alike for hunting licenses and tags.

We are pleased that the legislature has taken note of funding shortfalls and wants to see more monies go into wildlife conservation. However, this bill is not the way to accomplish that goal.

It is a telling fact that mention of the North American Model of Wildlife Management (NAM) was struck from this legislation. NAM is all about democracy in hunting. The resource belongs to all equally. Wealthy hunters should not get a preference.

This legislation would add a new sheep tag to *donate* to an organization to auction off. It also gives the ADFG Commissioner the authority to hold that hunt outside normal seasons. Think about how much such a tag and hunt would sell for at auction. What uber-wealthy sheep hunter would not be willing to pay a half million dollars to go on an Alaskan sheep hunt on August 1st, ten days before the normal season, the entire mountain and any

legal rams all to himself? In addition, since this new sheep tag is donated, the organization that auctions it off gets to keep 100% of those funds. How does that remotely help our Fish and Game coffers?

This legislation is the slipperiest of slippery slopes. It will undeniably take opportunities away from resident hunters. It started just this way in Utah. Non-profit hunting organizations saw how much money it could bring in to them and so they pushed for more tags to be allocated. Now over 200 tags are allocated and auctioned off in Utah.

It was mentioned by the sponsor of this bill that from 2009 – 2013, 460,000 dollars in revenue from governor's tags was generated. That's great and we certainly don't oppose the way we currently allocate those tags or the 10% profits that 501c3 orgs are allowed to keep.

We have attached with this letter a copy of the Alaskan Auction and Raffle Permits 2014-2015. As far as we can tell, every single governor's tag offered under current statute will be up for auction at various venues by non-profit hunting and conservation organizations. Comments that that there isn't interest, or that these organizations need a larger cut of the proceeds, doesn't seem to jibe with reality.

Let's not set this precedent and allocate more tags for the wealthy while disavowing the North American Model of Wildlife Management. We don't need to change anything about the current statutes relating to governor's tags.

Sincerely,

Alaska Chapter Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
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Alaska Auction and Raffle Permits 2014-15

Auction Tag	Organization and Contact	Event Location and Date
<i>Big Game Program</i> Bison (Copper River DI454)	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (Eastern) Jim Wilson (717) 435-8023	23rd Annual Hunting and Outdoor Expo Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, PA February 14-16, 2014
Bison (Delta DI405)	Alaskan Bowhunters Association (Alaska) Gary Keller	36th Annual Awards Banquet & Fundraiser Coast International Inn, Anchorage, AK April 5, 2014
Brown bear (Nome DB685-690)	Ruffed Grouse Society (South Central Alaska Chapter) Mike Griffin (907) 257-9499	22nd Annual RGS Sportsman's Banquet Anchorage Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK March 30, 2014
Brown bear (Unimak Island DB375-376)	Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (Utah) Byron Bateman (801) 479-1604	Western Hunting and Conservation Expo Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, UT February 13 - 16, 2014
Caribou (Kenai, Fox River DC618)	Alaska Trappers Association Keith Bayha (907) 223-1993	Bistro 36, Golden Lion Hotel Anchorage, AK October 26, 2013
Dall sheep (Tok Mgt Area DS102)	Alaskan Bowhunters Association (Alaska) Gary Keller	36th Annual Awards Banquet & Fundraiser Coast International Inn, Anchorage, AK April 5, 2014
Dall sheep (Western Chugach DS123)	Wild Sheep Foundation (National) Gray Thornton (307) 527-6261	2014 Sheep Show Reno-Sparks Convention Center, Reno, NV January 22-25, 2014
Moose (Fairbanks 20A DM769)	Alaskan Bowhunters Association (Alaska) Gary Keller	36th Annual Awards Banquet & Fundraiser Coast International Inn, Anchorage, AK April 5, 2014
Moose (Koyukuk CUA DM823-830)	Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (Utah) Byron Bateman (801) 479-1604	Western Hunting and Conservation Expo Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, UT February 13 - 16, 2014

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Auction Tag

Musk ox (Nunivak Island DX001-003)

Organization and Contact

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (Eastern)
Jim Wilson (717) 435-8023

Event Location and Date

23rd Annual Hunting and Outdoor Expo
Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, PA
February 14-16, 2014

Musk ox (Nunivak Island DX001-003)

Ruffed Grouse Society (South Central Alaska Chapter)
Mike Griffin (907) 257-9499

22nd Annual RGS Sportsmen's' Banquet
Anchorage Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK

Auction Tag***Delta Bison Program***

Bison (Delta D1405)

Organization and Contact

Outdoor Heritage Foundation of Alaska
Eddie Grasser (907) 745-0358

Event Location and Date

SCI Alaska - Hunter's Expo and Sportsmen's Banquet
Dena-ina Convention Center, Anchorage, AK
February 22, 2014

Auction Tag***Etolin Elk Program***

Elk (Etolin Island DE318-323)

Organization and Contact

Devil's Thumb Archers (Alaska)
Dan McMahon (907) 772-3584

Event Location and Date

Annual Banquet
Jack Hicks Memorial Archery Range, Petersburg, AK
July 15, 2014



Representatives Eric Feige and Dan Saddler
Alaska State House
Juneau, AK 99801

February 24, 2014

Dear Representatives Feige and Saddler:

Thank you for chairing the committee that is reviewing HB 161 regarding big game auctions and raffles. This is a letter in support of that bill. I currently serve as the president of the Devils Thumb Archers, a non-profit organization in Petersburg, Alaska. You've heard previous testimony about this bill from some large national organizations; in contrast, Devils Thumb Archers membership hovers between 30-40 individuals and their families, and we are all Alaskans. Most members are from Petersburg, but we do have members from Wrangell, Edna Bay and Prince of Wales Island.

The Devils Thumb Archers have applied for and received an elk tag from the Etolin Island herd to be used as a fund raiser for over 10 years under present state law. The proceeds from the tag represent the main annual income for our organization. Funds generated from the tag are used to purchase youth bows and arrows, targets, and trail construction and maintenance materials. Funds raised with this tag are generally in the \$1000 to \$2000 range per year. I support HB 161 because it retains the opportunity for up to 4 Etolin elk tags to be donated to a non profit, and allows the non profit to keep 100% of the proceeds from the auction or raffle.

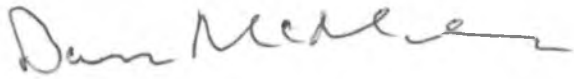
Though our organization is small it does some big things. Our members include ADF&G hunter safety volunteer instructors for both firearms and archery certification. The bowhunter certification field test takes place at our field facility. Annually, our members guide visitors along the 1 mile long boardwalk and provide basic archery instruction using equipment purchased with funds from this tag. Boy scouts, girl scouts, elementary, middle and high school students visit our range and course annually, and are guided and instructed by members in the basics of archery. After safety, educating visitors in the outdoor tradition of archery is the primary objective of our volunteers when guiding these groups.

During the 10+ years that our organization has been raffling the elk tag, each year the tag has been awarded to an Alaskan resident. We don't exclude non-residents from the raffle, and we have had inquiries about the tag from as far away as Texas and Pennsylvania and New York, but our primary sponsors have been Alaskans. Winners of the tag have come from Ketchikan, Prince of Wales Island, Edna Bay, Wrangell, Petersburg, Kupreanof and Fairbanks.

I support HB 161 regarding the opportunities for auctions and raffles and Etolin Island elk. I also support HB 161 because it provides a way to fund small non-profit organizations that are interested in outdoor traditions, conservation and wildlife.

If there are any questions, or if there is anything I can do to help in the passage of this bill please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan McMahon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



REPRESENTATIVE GERAN TARR

February 24, 2014

House Resources Committee

RE: HB 161 Governor's License Permit Program 18 Year Trends

Dear members of the committee,

Please find attached a list of permit tags reserved by organizations through the Governor's License Permit Program. This list was provided by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Noteworthy trends of the program from the 1997 – 2015 permit years:

- 342 total tags reserved for the program
- 160 tags purchased through the program
- 46% of the tags allotted were utilized
- 182 tags left unused from 1997 – 2015

Application Year	Name	Tag
1997-98	FNAWS - Alaska	14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
	FNAWS - Alaska	Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
	Petersburg Rod and Gun Club	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
1998-99	FNAWS - Alaska	14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
	FNAWS - Alaska	Delta Bison (DI405)
	ABA	Farewell Bison (DI351-352)
	RMEF - National	Kodiak Island Brown bear (DB101-293)
	RMEF - National	Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
	RMEF - Cook Inlet	Turnagain Arm Moose (DM210)
	Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard	Delta Bison (DI405)
	FNAWS - Alaska	Killey River Caribou (DC608)
	Petersburg Rod and Gun Club	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
1999-00	FNAWS - Alaska	14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
	RMEF - National	Kodiak Island Brown bear (DB101-293)
	FNAWS - Alaska	Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
	ABA	Farewell Bison (DI351-352)
	Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard	Delta Bison (DI405)
	Petersburg Rod and Gun Club	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	ABA	Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
2000-01	FNAWS - Alaska	14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
	FNAWS - Eastern	Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)
	RMEF - National	Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
	FNAWS - Alaska	Delta Bison (DI405)
	Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard	Delta Bison (DI405)
	RMEF - National	Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
	Devil's Thumb Archers	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	Petersburg Rod and Gun Club	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
2001-02	FNAWS - National	14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
	RMEF - National	Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)
	ABA	Farewell Bison (DI351-352)
	RMEF - National	Killey River Caribou (DC608)
	Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard	Delta Bison (DI405)
	Devil's Thumb Archers	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	ABA	Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
	ABA	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	Ducks Unlimited	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
2002-03	FNAWS - National	14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
	RMEF - National	Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)

FNAWS - National
SCI - Kenai Peninsula
ABA
Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard
RMEF - National
ABA
Devil's Thumb Archers
Nome Brown bear (DB685-690)
Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
Delta Bison (DI405)
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Killey River Caribou (DC608)
Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
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2003-04 FNAWS - National
FNAWS - California
ABA
RMEF - National
FNAWS - California
RMEF - National
Devil's Thumb Archers
RMEF - Sitka
Territorial Sportsmen, Inc.
14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
Delta Bison (DI405)
Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)
Alaska Range Caribou (DC827)
Killey River Caribou (DC608)
Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
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2004-05 FNAWS - National
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FNAWS - California
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14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
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Alaska Range Caribou (DC827)
Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
Killey River Caribou (DC608)
Farewell Bison (DI351-352)

2005-06 FNAWS - California
FNAWS - Washington
FNAWS - California
RMEF - National
RMEF - National
RMEF - Sitka
Devil's Thumb Archers
14C Dall sheep (DS111-141)
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2006-07 Conklin Foundation
Boone & Crockett Club
FNAWS - National
SCI - Alaska
SCI - Alaska
FNAWS - California
Devil's Thumb Archers
RMEF - Sitka
Western Chugach Dall sheep (DS123)
Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)
Kodiak Mountain goat (DG471-479)
Farewell Bison (DI351-352)
Nome Brown bear (DB685-690)
Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
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FNAWS - National
FNAWS - California
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Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)
Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
Delta Bison (DI405)

	ABA	Farewell Bison (DI351-352)
	FNAWS - National	Kodiak Mountain goat (DG471-479)
	Devil's Thumb Archers	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	ABA	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
2008-09	Conklin Foundation	Western Chugach Dall sheep (DS123)
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	FNAWS - National	Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
	FNAWS - National	Chitina River Bison (DI450)
	FNAWS - California	Kenai 15B Moose (DM531-539)
	FNAWS - Eastern	Delta Bison (DI405)
	FNAWS - California	Seward Peninsula Musk ox (DX097)
2009-10	FNAWS - Alaska	Western Chugach Dall sheep (DS123)
	WSF	Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
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	RMEF - Fairbanks	Fairbanks 20A Moose (DM769)
	RMEF - Fairbanks	Nunivak Island Musk ox (DX001-003)
	FNAWS - California	Alaska Range Caribou (DC827)
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	WSF	Unimak Island Brown bear (DB375-376)
	SCI - Kenai Peninsula	Tok Mgt. Area Dall sheep (DS102)
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2011-12	Devil's Thumb Archers	Etolin Island Elk (DE318-323)
	SFH	Koyukuk CUA Moose (DM823-830)
	SFH	Alaska Range Caribou (DC827)
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	SFW-Utah	Koyukuk CUA Moose (DM823-830)

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Auction Permits Information

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The Alaska Department of Fish and Game began offering big game harvest permits for auction or raffle in 1997. Since then, over 40 different nonprofit organizations have participated in the program, generating over a million dollars for state wildlife management projects. The funding generated by the program is deposited, along with all other hunting license and tag fees, into the Fish and Game Fund. The Fish and Game Fund is used as match to the federal Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration program. Auction revenue leverages more funding, largely for big game projects.

Auction Programs

Alaska offers three auction programs: big game, Delta bison, and Etolein elk. The rules governing which organizations are eligible to participate, the species and number of permits that are available, and disbursement of the proceeds differ for each program and are described below.

Big Game

Under AS 16.05.343(c), any nonprofit organization dedicated to fish and game law enforcement, management of hunted game species, or use of game populations for hunting may apply to auction a big game permit. Up to two permits per species per year may be auctioned under this program. Big game species include Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. An amount equal to administrative costs plus up to 10% of the net proceeds may be retained by the organization; the remainder is used to fund state wildlife management programs. A complimentary hunting license and big game tag will be provided to winners of these permits.

Qualified organizations may request a permit for any draw hunt in the state with an open season for nonresidents. Draw hunt information can be found on our website at the [Alaska Drawing Permits](#) page. You must request a specific draw hunt (e.g., Tok Management Area sheep hunt DS 102); general requests such as "any bear" or "any moose" will not be considered. The department, at its discretion, may choose not to offer a permit for a specific population/hunt during any given year. Permits will be awarded as follows:

- You may request up to five permits; however, a maximum of three will be awarded to any one organization.
- No more than one harvest permit per species will be awarded to any one organization.
- Only one permit will be awarded for a particular wildlife population, i.e., not more than one Delta bison permit, one Tok sheep permit, or one Unimak brown bear permit will be awarded under this program each year.
- Final decisions on awarding permits are made by the Director, ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation.

Delta Bison

Under AS 16.05.343(a), any nonprofit organization dedicated to fish and game law enforcement may apply

to auction a Delta bison permit. Only one permit is available each year. Up to 100% of the auction or raffle proceeds may be retained by the organization. The winner of this permit is not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

Etolin Elk

Under AS 16.05.343(b), any nonprofit organization based in Alaska and dedicated to fish and game management of hunted species, transplantation of species, or use of fish and game populations for hunting and fishing may apply to auction an Etolin elk permit. Up to four permits are available each year. Up to 100% of the auction or raffle proceeds may be retained by the organization. Winners of this permit are not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

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March 5, 2013

Call for Proposals for Auction or Raffle of Big Game Harvest Permits

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is pleased to solicit proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations to auction or raffle big game harvest permits for the fall 2014 - spring 2015 hunting season. Proceeds from these auctions and raffles benefit both state wildlife management programs and the sponsoring organization. Alaska offers three separate auction programs: 1) Big Game, 2) Delta Bison, and 3) Etolin Island Elk. The rules governing which organizations are eligible, the species and number of permits that are available, and disbursement of the proceeds differ for each program. Differences are described below. If you are applying to hunt bison from the Delta herd, you must specify under which program (Big Game or Delta Bison) you are applying on the application form.

Big Game Program

Under AS 16.05.343(c) and 5 AAC 93.080, a nonprofit organization dedicated to fish and game law enforcement, management of hunted game species, or use of game populations for hunting may apply to auction a big game permit. Up to two permits per species may be donated for auction under this program each year. Big game species available under this program are: Dall's sheep, bison (including Delta bison), musk ox, brown/grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and wolf.

Organizations awarded permits under this program may retain an amount equal to administrative costs plus up to 10% of the net proceeds of the auction/raffle; the remainder must be remitted to ADF&G to fund state wildlife management programs. In addition to the permit, a complimentary Governor's hunting/fishing license and big game tag will be provided to auction/raffle winners.

Under this program if ADF&G offers a permit for any species to an organization based outside of Alaska, we must offer the second permit for that species to an organization based in Alaska. If a national organization has an Alaska Chapter, both the National and Alaska Chapter may submit proposals for the same or different species. If the Alaska Chapter is awarded a permit, that permit may be auctioned at the National organization's banquet.

Qualified organizations may request a permit for any drawing hunt in the state with an open season for nonresidents. Drawing hunt information can be found on the Division of Wildlife Conservation website at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction_overview.

You must request a specific draw hunt (e.g. Tok Management Area sheep hunt - DS 102); general requests such as “any bear” or “any moose” cannot be considered. The department, at its discretion, may choose not to offer a permit for a specific population/hunt during any given year. Permits will be awarded as follows:

- You may request up to five permits; however, no more than three will be awarded to a single organization.
- Only one harvest permit per species will be awarded to an organization.
- In most cases only one permit will be awarded for a particular wildlife population, i.e., not more than one Delta bison permit, one Tok sheep permit, or one Unimak Island brown bear permit will be awarded under this program each year.

Note - We are pleased to now offer a Raspberry-Afognak Island brown bear permit, DB 263/293. This permit may only be awarded to an Alaska resident hunter.

Delta Bison Program

To apply for the Delta bison permit under the Delta bison program, an organization must have been “**established to promote fish and game law enforcement**”. Only one permit is available each year. Up to 100% of the auction or raffle proceeds may be retained by the organization. The winner of this permit is not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

Organizations that do not qualify to auction/raffle a Delta bison permit under the Delta Bison Program may apply for the Delta bison permit under the Big Game program. However, the department will only donate one permit from this herd each year.

Etolin Elk Program

Under AS 16.05.343(b), any nonprofit organization based in Alaska and dedicated to fish and game management of hunted species, translocation of species, or use of fish and game populations for hunting and fishing may apply to auction an Etolin Island Elk permit. Up to four permits are available each year. Up to 100% of the auction or raffle proceeds may be retained by the organization. Winners of this permit are not eligible for a complimentary hunting license or big game tag.

For all programs, if more than one organization requests the same permit, the Director will select the organization to receive the permit based on expected event attendance and revenue, previous experience with auctions or raffles and revenue generated, organization involvement in wildlife conservation activities, planned use of proceeds generated by the auction or raffle, and proposed marketing and advertising strategy. If the applications are rated similarly, permits will be alternated among qualified organizations. If you are applying for a Dall’s sheep, Delta bison, or Unimak brown bear tag, you are strongly encouraged to submit supplementary materials to aid the department in making its decision. Organizations with a limited track record under this program are also encouraged to apply for less competitive species including moose, caribou, and musk ox.

To be eligible for this program, your organization must submit: **1) a complete application form, 2) current articles of incorporation and 3) current proof of non-profit status.** Organizations that have previously submitted articles of incorporation to ADF&G need not submit them again. If your organization qualifies and is interested in obtaining a permit for raffle or auction, please complete the attached application, sign and date it, and mail or e-mail the completed application with current proof of non-profit status and any supporting materials to the address on the form. Completed applications must be received at ADF&G headquarters by 5:00 pm Monday May 13, 2013. Successful applicants will be notified of the results by Friday May 31, 2013.

For complete auction information and updates, or to download an application form, please visit the auction program webpage at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.auction_overview. If you have any questions about the program, application procedures, or eligibility requirements, please contact Tom Schumacher [(907) 465-4148 dfg.dwc.permits@alaska.gov] at department headquarters.

Sincerely,



Dale Rabe
Deputy Director



**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
APPLICATION
For
2014-15 AUCTION OR RAFFLE PERMITS**

Applicant Information		
Name:	Title:	
Organization:		
Chapter:	Non-profit status or Tax ID:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:	Cell:	

Administrative contact (if different from above):	Hunter contact (for interested bidders):
Name:	Name:
Phone:	Phone:
Email:	Email:

Event Information	
Event:	
Venue Name:	
Address:	
City:	State:
Date(s):	
Expected Attendance:	% of net proceeds to ADFG:

Permits Requested (please list in order of preference)			
Species	Population Name	Hunt No. (i.e. DS 102)	Type (check one)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Auction <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle
			<input type="checkbox"/> Auction <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle
			<input type="checkbox"/> Auction <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Auction <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle

Please describe any additional services (if any) your organization will provide in addition to the harvest permit:

Please describe your organization's previous experience with auctions or raffles, including attendance and revenue generated:

Briefly describe your organization's involvement in wildlife conservation activities, including planned uses for proceeds generated by the auction or raffle:

Please describe your proposed advertising and marketing strategy, including how you plan to advertise outside your own membership:

I certify that all statements entered on this application are true and that I will abide by all conditions and restrictions of a permit if awarded.

(Signature)

(Date)

Your complete application should include the following:

1. Application form
2. Articles of incorporation (new applicants only)
3. Proof of non-profit status (new applicants only)
4. Supplemental materials (optional)

Please send application materials to:

Tom Schumacher
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Division of Wildlife Conservation
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Questions? Please call Tom Schumacher at (907) 465-4148



Legislative Outdoor Caucus Advisory Committee
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April 3, 2013

Representative Dan Saddler, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Saddler:

The members of the Legislative Outdoor Heritage Caucus (LOHC) Advisory Council are solidly behind HB 161 and would encourage you to consider co-sponsoring this legislation. HB 161 would amend current statute governing the issuance of big game tags as Governor's Permits and would regulate how they are used. The proposed changes would enhance the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's funding, as well as those non-profits engaged in the wildlife conservation related to hunting and trapping.

The Advisory Council (AC) was formed a couple of years ago as part of an initiative by the National Assembly of Sportsman's Caucuses to form support for the various state caucuses. In Alaska the AC consists of major supporters of the Outdoor Heritage Foundation which supports the LOHC through various means such as its sponsorship of the recent Legislative Shoot. The current members are SCI Alaska Chapter, SCI Kenai Chapter, Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc., Ruffed Grouse Society, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Rifle Assoc. and the Alaska Bowhunters Assoc. The Chair is the sitting President of the Outdoor Heritage Foundation.

Member groups of the AC are strong supporters of the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation and believe that the provisions in HB 161 will greatly afford the State, the Department and many sportsmen's groups an opportunity to further strengthen the relationship between hunters and the ADF&G as proscribed by the Model. The AC would very much appreciate your serious consideration of this legislation and are hopeful that you will join fellow Caucus Members Representatives Mark Neuman, Mia Costello, Lindsey Holmes, Shelley Hughes, Craig Johnson, Charisse Millett, Cathy Munoz and Peggy Wilson in co-sponsoring this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration on our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eddie Grasser".

Eddie Grasser
Chair



PO Box 2988 ♦ Soldotna, AK 99669

April 10, 2013

The Honorable Dan Saddler, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Saddler:

This is a letter in support of HB 161. The Kenai Peninsula Chapter of Safari Club International is in full support of HB161. We are a group of Alaskan's that want to promote conservation in Alaska. We have a history of supporting numerous ADF&G projects for many years. The current Governor's tags are limiting our ability to raise money for the conservation of wildlife in our great state of Alaska.

While we appreciate the opportunity to receive the Governor's tags we feel that the current 90/10 split is limiting our abilities to market these tags for maximum revenue for both the nonprofit and the ADF&G. The proposed 75/25 split would allow us to maximize the value of these tags and would let us help ADF&G at a higher level than is now possible.

A good example of this is a few years ago we took the Tok sheep tag to our annual convention in Reno. We placed that tag in a day auction instead of premiering it in a much more lucrative evening auction. We sold that tag for \$16,000. Recently similar sheep tags have gone for over \$40,000. And some over \$100,000. The increase in the split and the number of tags will be a great way to help finance the wildlife that so many Alaskan's value so much.

There is no question that proper wildlife management strategies such as the North American Model are important but expensive. Safari Club and other like minded hunter/conservation organizations across the state will be ready to take the ball and run. We look forward to teaming up with ADF&G in the future to help raise funds that will promote conservation and our great hunting heritage across Alaska. This is a win-win for our wildlife and the citizens in Alaska

Sincerely,

Mike Crawford

President Alaska's Kenai Peninsula chapter of Safari Club International

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[907-262-2048](tel:907-262-2048)

cc: Members of the House Resources Committee



April 9, 2013

The Honorable Dan Saddler, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Saddler:

It has come to our attention that you may be holding a hearing on HB 161 related to the Governor's Big Game Tags. This bill is a priority for the member groups of the Legislative Outdoor Heritage Caucus Advisory Council which consists of representatives from Safari Club International Alaska and Kenai Chapters, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Ruffed Grouse Society, the NRA, the Kenai River Sportfishing Association and the Outdoor Heritage Foundation.

All of the above organizations along with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Public Safety have been working together to craft a good piece of legislation to make this program work better for the user public and the ADF&G. After much discussion, the bills sponsor agreed to an amended bill that includes the agreed upon changes. It is our understanding that the bill you will hear in the Resources Committee will be the original bill and not the proposed committee substitute. We would encourage you to adopt the CS so that those wishing to testify would be given the opportunity to do so on language that everyone worked so hard to produce.

We realize that this bill will in all likelihood not be acted on this year; however, having the latest language gives us the best opportunity to continue working toward a final piece of legislation that will have the greatest amount of support. Please consider adopting the proposed committee substitute that Rep. Lynn Gattis has produced which was the result of much discussion and deliberation.

Thank you for your time and consideration on our request.

Sincerely,

Reuben Hanke
Chair

Trevor Fulton

From: Jerry Hall <halldixn@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 8:34 PM
To: Jerry Hall
Subject: HB 161

Dear Representative's,

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 161. It's time for a change to allow qualifying non-profit organizations a little more profit for the Governors Big Game permits. At present the non-profit only gets 10% and the State 90%. The proposed 25% to the non-profit and 75% to the State would be a better split so the non-profit might be able to market the permit more seriously.

My organization, typically does not encourage their members to get into political actions so as an Individual I'm asking for your support on HB 161

Thanks for your consideration,

Jerry R. Hall

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March 23, 2013

Bill Iverson, President
Alaska Outdoor Council
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Dear Mr. Iverson,

I am responding to your request related to membership in the Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) for the Alaska Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI AK Chapter). I regret to inform you that the Board's decision was negative toward purchasing a club membership at this time.

This decision wasn't made lightly and there ensued a lengthy discussion regarding membership in the AOC. We realize that for much of the past several decades, the AOC was a major player in the advocacy of our outdoor rights. However, recent events going back to the behavior of some AOC leaders during the wolf initiative in 2008 and the way in which AOC has chosen to pursue outcomes for their choices for Board of Game members has caused concern among SCI AK Chapter Board Members.

As you may know, it was SCI leaders who prosecuted winning strategies in the last two ballot initiatives related to black bear hunting and wolf management. Our national office has also begun implementing a state affairs division under the auspices of the SCI National Governmental Affairs Committee. Our regional rep. was selected to chair that effort and we have been successfully building a nationwide team of chapters in each state dedicated to preserving the freedom to hunt.

Although we appreciate the accomplishments AOC has produced in the past, we felt that our efforts to establish SCI as a leading hunting advocacy group in Alaska have reached a point where a membership in AOC didn't make sense for us. At this point we would like to see where our investments and actions will lead. It may be in a few years we will have reason to reconsider our decision in this matter.

We wish you good luck in your endeavors and look forward to working with AOC where we can to forward the interests of hunters here in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Gearhart', written in a cursive style.

Gary Gearhart
President

SCI's Top Gun Chapter



HB 161 Governor's Permits

Bill Iverson - AOC <bill@alaskaoutdoorcouncil.com>

Fri, Apr 5, 2013 at 6:36 PM

Reply-To: bill@alaskaoutdoorcouncil.com

To: Eddie Grasser <eddie@aksafariclub.org>

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Eddie,

We are currently having a productive discussion about the bill, among the AOC board, via email. No decisions have been made. We do expect to have constructive feedback.

Several board members have concerns with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and feel that it should be left out (or at least modified).

It would be best if we could have this discussion at our annual meeting with as many of our board members, delegates, and stakeholders as possible.

We want to work together to make this bill a good one that will not come back to haunt us in the future.

All our member clubs must be considered, so therefore we cannot rush to a decision until all factors are considered.

You only brought this to my attention a short time ago and we need time to evaluate what will be best for Alaskans on this.

I wish this had been brought into this earlier, like the other clubs you mentioned, so our concerns would have helped in the crafting of this bill.

I am alarmed to learn that you perceive our Executive Director and Lobbyist to be working against the bill as no

HB 161 CS proposed language amendments:

Page 1, line nine - “**..outdoor and conservation programs or wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department..**”

Page 2, line 2 - “**...goat, elk, deer...**”

Page 3, line 9 -11

- (1) is incorporated in the state as a nonprofit; or
- (2) is a non-profit corporation with active representation in the State of Alaska; and
- (3) in the judgment of the department, demonstrates support for the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation

Page 3, line 12 – Definition section:

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation is defined by a set of guiding principles recognized among conservation groups and professional biologists as follows:

- 1) Fish and Wildlife are held in public trust and belong to all people. Management of fish and wildlife and their habitats for fishing, hunting and trapping under sustained use principles is a trust responsibility of state agencies.
- 2) Large scale commercial sale of wildlife or their parts should be discouraged to ensure sustainability of wildlife populations.
- 3) Laws governing the management of fish and wildlife will be created through a public process open to the people for the development of regulations governing the conservation and use of fish and wildlife resources.
- 4) The freedom to fish, hunt and trap under sustained use principles is the right of all people.
- 5) In North America fish and wildlife may be harvested for legitimate purposes such as food, fur or recreational pursuits.
- 6) Because fish and wildlife migrate freely across boundaries between states, provinces, and countries, the state, the nation, and foreign governments should work together to coordinate wildlife and habitat management strategies.
- 7) Sound science is essential to managing and sustaining fish and wildlife and the habitats upon which they depend.
- 8) The Wildlife Restoration Act and Sport Fish Restoration Act are important components of a user supported conservation strategy that encompasses the traditions of fishing and hunting. Education programs within state agencies are essential to the long term viability of these acts and should be encouraged.



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April 10, 2013

Representative Dan Saddler, Co-Chair
Representative Eric Feige, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room #104
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representatives Saddler and Feige,

I understand the House Resources Committee will be hearing House Bill 161, Auctions for Big Game Harvest Permits, and would like to inform the committee of the Board of Game's intent to submit comments on the proposed legislation.

During its recent meeting in Kenai, the Board discussed HB 161 and unanimously agreed to submit written comments to the Legislature. The letter is forthcoming; however, it will not be finalized prior to today's committee hearing. The Board would like the committee to have an opportunity to review the letter prior to final committee action on HB 161.

Additionally, if substitute language is considered, the Board would also appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on those changes prior to HB 161 being moved out of committee.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ted Spraker/KT".

Ted Spraker, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

cc: Representative Lynn Gattis