



Alaska Association of Student Government

Resolution #9

Youth Draw Hunting Tags

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Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) draw hunt supplement to transfer tags from non-resident tags to youth Alaska hunters tags:

1. **Whereas**, the Maryland Fish and Hunt article “The Importance of Young Hunters” states that Hunting helps to develop positive life skills such as discipline, patience, learning to deal with changes, and accepting disappointment ³;
2. **Whereas**, taking youth hunting will provide them with a foundational knowledge of firearm safety ²;

3. **Whereas**, according to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in 2017 there were 20 different youth draw tags available, with 219 total tags ¹;
4. **Whereas**, this year, the Alaska drawing permit hunt supplement only included 4 different youth tags with 65 total tags ¹;
5. **Whereas**, based on the ADFG draw hunt supplement in 2017, the average chance of drawing a youth tag was 10.9% ¹;
6. **Whereas**, based on the ADFG draw hunt supplement in 2025, the average chance of drawing a youth tag is 1% ¹;
7. **Whereas**, current tag allocations limit opportunities for Alaskan resident youth hunters due to significant portions being issued to non-residents ¹;
8. **Whereas**, the 2018-2019 Alaska drawing permit hunt supplement provided 0 youth Unit 13 moose tags, 15 resident-only Unit 13 moose tags, and 120 nonresident-only Unit 13 moose tags ¹;
9. **Whereas**, lowering moose numbers since 2018 has caused fewer tags to be given out in Unit 13 ⁴;
10. **Whereas**, in the 2025-2026 Alaska drawing permit hunt supplement, the amount of resident moose hunting tags decreased by 80% since 2018, with only 3 tags available, while the nonresident tags have only decreased by 4%, leaving 115 available tags ¹;
11. **Whereas**, in 2024, 2,365 Alaska residents applied for the Unit 13 bull tag, leaving only a 0.126% chance to draw this tag ¹;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments stands up for the future youth hunters of Alaska by pushing for more youth draw hunting permits, and fewer out-of-state draw hunting permits, for moose in unit 13.

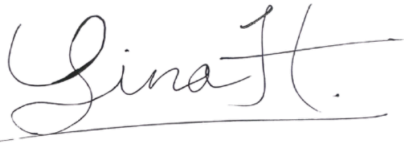
Action Statement: If passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution should be sent to the Alaska State Legislature and the Board of Game to propose that fewer tags should be given to nonresidents, and in their place, more Alaska resident youth tags be given.

Sources:

1. "Draw Hunt Supplement." *Alaska Department of Fish and Game*, ADFG, www.adfg.alaska.gov/. Accessed 23 Oct. 2025.
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The resolution passes with noted opposition

Passed by the Fall 2025 General Assembly of AASG

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AASG Vice President, Lina Hischer

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AASG Executive Director, Cassandra Mirosh