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Designated Hunter Permits

If you are a Federally qualified subsistence user (**recipient**), you may designate another Federally qualified subsistence user (**designated hunter**) to take deer, moose, and caribou (and goat in Units 1-5, and muskox in Unit 22) on your behalf. The Designated Hunter permit applies to Federally qualified subsistence users on Federal public lands only.

Permits are Required

Both the designated hunter and the recipients must have a current state hunting license and any State or Federal permits required for the hunt. If no permits are required, the recipient/designated hunter must have a state harvest ticket for the reporting of take.

The designated hunter must get a designated hunter permit and return a completed harvest report(s). Quick turnaround of harvest reports will help protect resources for future generations.

Other Requirements

- Those who use the designated hunter permit must comply with any applicable Federal/State regulations, including State registration permits for hunts on Federal public lands, and any permit conditions.
- The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients, but may have no more than two harvest limits in his/her possession at any one time, with the following exceptions:
 - For goats in Units 1-5, designated hunters may have no more than one harvest limit in possession at any one time.
 - For musk ox in Unit 22E only, a resident of Wales or Shishmaref may have no more than four harvest limits.

Check with your local Federal land manager and Federal unit-specific regulations for any updates or changes prior to hunting.

- Designated hunters must promptly deliver the harvest to the recipient, and may not charge the recipient for their services, nor claim the meat or any part of the harvested wildlife for themselves. The recipient may in turn share with others.

- Unless otherwise provided in unit-specific regulations, any person who gives or receives wildlife must furnish, upon a request made by a Federal or State agent, a signed statement describing the following: Names and addresses of persons who gave and received wildlife; the time and place that the wildlife was taken; and identification of species transferred. Where a qualified subsistence user has designated another qualified subsistence user to take wildlife on his or her behalf, the permit can be furnished in place of a signed statement.
- Unit-specific regulations may preclude or change the use of the designated hunter system or allow the harvest of additional species by a designated hunter. Designated hunter requirements may change if you are a member of a community operating under a community harvest system.
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Who to contact:

Information on state hunting licenses and state hunt permits can be found at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=huntlicense.main> or through the local vendor in your community.

Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land manager listed in the directory at the end of the *Federal Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands in Alaska* booklet, found at: <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/wildlife>.

You may also contact the Office of Subsistence Management with any questions, at: (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or subsistence@fws.gov.

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