



Federal Subsistence Board Informational Flyer



Designated Hunter Permits

Designated hunter permits allow a federally qualified subsistence user (**recipient**) to designate another federally qualified subsistence user (**designated hunter**) to hunt on their behalf. Generally, the designated hunter permit allows for the take of deer, moose, and caribou statewide, and goats in Units 1-5. Some unit specific regulations restrict or change the use of the designated hunter system or allow the harvest of additional species by a designated hunter.

Hunting License and Permits are Required

Both the designated hunter and the recipient must meet current State hunting license requirements. The recipient must have any State or Federal permits or State harvest tickets required for the hunt. The designated hunter must have the designated hunter permit and a copy of the recipient's required permits/harvest ticket in their possession while hunting. The designated hunter must return a completed harvest report(s). The timely return of harvest reports will help protect resources for future generations.

Other Requirements

- Designated hunters and recipients must comply with applicable Federal or State regulations and permit conditions.
- The designated hunter may hunt for any number of recipients but may have no more than two harvest limits in their possession at any one time. See exceptions in Unit specific regulations.
- 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 federally qualified subsistence user has designated another federally 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. **Check with your local Federal land manager and Federal unit-specific regulations for any updates or changes prior to hunting.**

Who to Contact

Federal designated hunter permits are available from the local Federal land managers 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@ios.doi.gov.