

PROPOSAL 9

5 AAC 85.015. Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear.

Change the nonresident black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general season hunts as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 1(B) RESIDENT HUNTERS: 2 bears, not more than 1 of which may be a blue or glacier bear	Sept. 1—June 30 (General hunt only)	
[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS WITH GUIDE: 1 BEAR]		[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]
[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS WITHOUT GUIDE: 1 BEAR BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 40 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED]		[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]
<u>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</u> <u>1 bear</u>		<u>Sept. 1—June 30</u>
Units 1(C), north of Taku Inlet and the north bank of the Taku River		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 2 bears, not more than 1 of which may be a blue or glacier bear; however, a white-colored bear may not be taken	Sept. 1—June 30 (General hunt only)	
[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: WITH GUIDE: 1 BEAR; HOWEVER, A WHITE-COLORED BEAR MAY NOT BE TAKEN]		[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]
[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS WITHOUT GUIDE: 1 BEAR BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 30 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED; HOWEVER, A WHITE-COLORED BEAR MAY NOT BE TAKEN]		[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]

NONRESIDENT HUNTER:
1 bear; however, a white-colored bear may not be taken

Sept. 1—June 30

Remainder of Unit 1(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
2 bears, not more than 1
of which may be a blue or glacier
bear; however, a white-colored
bear may not be taken

Sept. 1—June 30
(General hunt only)

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
WITH GUIDE: 1 BEAR; HOWEVER,
A WHITE-COLORED BEAR MAY
NOT BE TAKEN]

[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS WITHOUT
GUIDE:
1 BEAR BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY;
UP TO 30 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;
HOWEVER, A WHITE-COLORED BEAR
MAY NOT BE TAKEN]

[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bear; however, a white-colored bear may not be taken

Sept. 1—June 30

Unit 1(D)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
2 bears, not more than 1
of which may be a blue or glacier
bear; however, a white-colored
bear may not be taken

Sept. 1—June 30
(General hunt only)

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
WITH GUIDE: 1 BEAR; HOWEVER,
A WHITE-COLORED BEAR MAY
NOT BE TAKEN]

[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS WITHOUT
GUIDE:
1 BEAR BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY;
UP TO 20 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED;

[SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]

HOWEVER, A WHITE-COLORED BEAR
MAY NOT BE TAKEN]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bear; however, a white-colored
bear may not be taken

Sept. 1—June 30

Remainder of Unit 3

RESIDENT HUNTERS: Sept. 1—June 30
2 bears, not more than 1 of which (General hunt only)
may be a blue or glacier bear

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS WITH [SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]
GUIDE: 1 BEAR]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS [SEPT. 1—JUNE 30]
WITHOUT GUIDE:

1 BEAR BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY;
UP TO 50 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 bear

Sept. 1—June 30

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal would remove drawing permit requirements for Unit 1B (DL017), Unit 1C north of Taku River (DL019), Unit 1C Remainder (DL020), and Unit 1D (DL021), creating general season harvest hunts for nonresidents in the above listed units.

In 2010, the Alaska Board of Game (board) required nonresident black bear hunters without a guide to have a drawing permit. During the 2010 board cycle, the board received numerous black bear proposals due to conservation concerns in multiple game management units. The primary conservation concerns are found in the following units: Unit 2, Unit 3 Kuiu Island, Unit 3 Kupreanof Island, and Unit 1C south of the Taku River to Cape Fanshaw. Due to the proximity and ease of access of the remaining Southeast units, the Department of Fish and Game (department) proposed implementing drawing permit requirements to all Southeast units with nonresident black bear seasons except for Unit 5, where the department had no conservation concerns.

In addition to drawing permit requirements, the board, working cooperatively with big game guides, the department, and the U.S. Forest Service established individual guide black bear harvest levels for the period regulatory years (RYs) 2012–2014. Those levels were based on guided black bear harvest data from RYs 2007–2009. The combined effort to require unguided nonresident black bear hunters to have a drawing permit and maintaining guided hunter harvest

levels at RY 2007–2009 achieved the department’s goal of reducing the black bear harvest in Southeast Alaska.

This proposal will not change unguided nonresident drawing hunt requirements for Unit 1C south, Unit 2, Unit 3 Kuiu Island, or Unit 3 Kupreanof Island. As noted above, those units were the original areas of conservation concern, and the department continues to believe harvest by unguided nonresidents in those areas is best managed through drawing permits.

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