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## **Advisory Announcement**

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### **Regulation changes in effect for deer hunting near Juneau**

(JUNEAU) — The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reminds Juneau based hunters that new Sitka black-tailed deer hunting regulations will be in effect for the 2019 season which begins Aug. 1. Specifically, these changes target Douglas and Admiralty Island.

On Douglas Island (Unit 1C), the bag limit for does during the any deer portion of the season (Sept. 15 to Dec. 31) has been reduced to one. Apparent declines in the deer population on Douglas prompted this conservative action. According to ADF&G Area Biologist Roy Churchwell, “Limiting the doe harvest on Douglas Island is an attempt to increase fawn production and in turn, grow the deer herd on Douglas. You can still harvest four deer on Douglas, but only one of them can be a doe.”

All other regulations for the rest of Unit 1C remain unchanged from last year.

On nearby Admiralty Island (Unit 4), ADF&G is seeing the opposite situation, a robust population that can sustainably support additional harvest. In response, the bag limit has been increased from four to six deer.

“Unit 4, and particularly Admiralty Island, consistently has the highest deer densities anywhere in Southeast Alaska. We wanted to give hunters the ability to take advantage of that,” Churchwell said. “Hopefully, this will offset some of the lost opportunity hunters are facing on Douglas.”

Bag limits for Northeast Chichagof Island remain unchanged.

“Regardless of where you hunt, it’s important to always check the regulations for the area you are going,” Churchwell said.

For more information about deer hunting in the Juneau area, contact the Douglas ADF&G office at 907-465-4265. Hunters interested in Unit 4 can also contact the Sitka Area Office at 907-747-5449.

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