

**PROPOSAL 123**

**5 AAC 84.070. Hunting seasons and bag limits for unclassified game.**

Open a year-round season with no bag limit for unclassified game in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C as follows:

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) proposes to have the current regulation for unclassified game in Area 1: JBER for Unit 14C changed to: **No limit. No closed season.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In the hunting regulations, on page 142, unclassified game (shrew, mouse, and porcupine) for Units 1–26 are identified as “no limit and no closed season” except for special area restrictions in Unit 14C. Area 1 (JBER) is listed as one of the special area restrictions identified as “no open season.” JBER Conservation Law Enforcement Officers have been receiving information on damage to equipment, targets and electronics (including antennas and transmitter electrical wires) being done by porcupines. Many of these areas cannot be fenced or shielded due to the types of items being damaged and their purpose, causing the potential to interfere with training or national security issues. If JBER hunting areas are opened to allow for unclassified game species, this will provide for more hunt opportunity, be consistent with Units 1–26, as well as potentially help reduce the issues being caused by certain species listed under unclassified game.

**PROPOSED BY:** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

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