

PROPOSAL 85

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

Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15 as follows:

Black Bear

Unit 7 south of the city limits of Seward at 60° 04' 58" N. latitude, and Unit 15 south of the Bradley River, Bradley Lake and Kachemak Creek.

Two bears: one between January 1 – May 31, one between June 1 – December 31

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The area described was managed under this regulation prior to adoption of the three-bear anytime bag limit in 2011.

Since that time there has been increasing pressure both from transported and resident hunters and an anecdotal decrease in bear sightings in both spring and fall.

As this area is primarily hunted by residents looking for meat and nonresident trophy hunters (who are already limited to one bear), we feel that a more conservative harvest strategy would benefit both user groups.

PROPOSED BY: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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