Kodiak Area – Unit 8

PROPOSAL 93
5 AAC 85.030. Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer.
Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 as follows:

Everything in the regulations would stay the same as they are now except the total limit. That would change to five deer. Then add subject to change by emergency order.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to change the deer harvest limit on Kodiak Island. What I am proposing would make the limit more responsive to the up and down population fluctuations. What I would like is a five deer limit with an emergency order to reduce it if necessary. With the high population in 2016–17, we could have had a larger harvest without harm to the overall population. I was told you can only lower the limit, not raise it by emergency order. The way it is now it takes too long when the population rises. I know this would put more work on local Department of Fish and Game personnel, but I think it would make a better use of the resource with the unpredictable population swings of our deer herd.

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