



Regionwide & Multiple Unit Proposals

Region 2- Southcentral Alaska



Proposal 54



Allow **crossbows** in restricted-weapons hunts in the Southcentral Region

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendations:

<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>
Anchorage: 9 0 0	Homer: 0 15 0
Kenai/ Soldotna: 9 0 1	
Mat Valley: 9 0 0	



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What would the proposal do?

Allow crossbows

- In all weapons-restricted hunts
- Including weapon restrictions in
 - Management areas
 - State refuges
 - Specific weapons-restricted hunts



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Discussion

- Allow in hunts open to muzzleloader, shotgun, or bow and arrow.
- Still illegal in bow and arrow only hunts
- Originated as a statewide proposal, being addressed regionally on a hunt by hunt basis
- No conservation issues



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Weapons-restricted Management Areas

Kodiak Road System Youth Hunt Management Area (Unit 8)

Youth aged 10 to 17

Deer hunting by bow and arrow or muzzleloader only

One deer: Nov. 16 Dec. 31



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Specific Weapons-Restricted Hunts

Unit 8, Remainder

- Mountain Goat (RG478/479), bow and arrow only

Unit 14C

- Mountain goat (DG888, RG878/879), bow and arrow only
- Moose (DM444), bow and arrow only
- Sheep (DS140/240), bow and arrow only

Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson

- Black bear (DL455), shotgun only
- Moose (DM421/422/423 muzzleloader only, DM423/424/426/427/428/430 bow and arrow only)



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Specific Weapons-Restricted Hunts (cont.)

Unit 14C, Eagle River Management Area

- Black bear (RL450), bow and arrow or muzzleloader only

Unit 14C, Eklutna Lake Management Area

- Black bear (general season), bow and arrow only
- Brown bear (DB468), bow and arrow only
- Moose (RM445), bow and arrow only
- Sheep (DS141/241), bow and arrow only

Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area

- Moose (DM666), shotgun or muzzleloader only



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Specific Weapons-Restricted Hunts (cont.)

Unit 15A, Remainder

- Moose (general season), bow and arrow only: Aug 22 Aug 29

Unit 15A, Skilak Loop Management Area

- Small game, falconry or bow and arrow only: Oct 1 Mar 1
- Small game youth hunt, .22 caliber rimfire or shotgun only: limited dates

Unit 15B, Remainder

- Moose (general season), bow and arrow only: Aug 22 Aug 29

Unit 15C

- Targeted moose hunt (AM550), shotgun or bow and arrow only



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Other considerations

The Department uses permit conditions to restrict allowable weapons in certain hunts. If adopted, additional conversations will be needed with land managers to determine if crossbow use will be allowed in specific hunts.



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Oppose

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Proposal 55

Remove the restriction on the use of **aircraft** for spotting Dall sheep in Units 7 and 14

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendations:

Support

Anchorage: 8 1 0
Mat Valley: 6 3 0

Oppose

Homer: 1 12 2
Kenai/ Soldotna: 0 10 0



Proposal 55

Existing regulation:

- August 10- September 20
- Aircraft may not be used to locate sheep or direct hunters to sheep.
- Current regulations were adopted by the BOG as Proposal 207 at the Region 2 meeting in 2015.

What would the proposal do?

- Allow aircraft use to locate and evaluate sheep during the hunting season



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Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendations:

Support

Anchorage: 8 1 0
Mat Valley: 6 3 0

Oppose

Homer: 1 12 2
Kenai/ Soldotna: 0 10 0



Proposal 56

Prohibit **nonresident hunting** of moose and caribou under intensive management in the Southcentral Region until harvest or population objectives are met.

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Support

Anchorage: 8 1 0

Oppose

Homer: 5 6 4
Kenai/ Soldotna: 2 8 0
Mat Valley: 0 9 0



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What would the proposal do?

Eliminate nonresident hunting seasons for the target prey species, specifically moose and caribou, in any area that has a current active Intensive Management (IM) Predation Control Program until the minimum IM objectives for the target prey species population size or harvest are being met.



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Effect

- Base nonresident seasons only on IM population and harvest objectives in 92.108
- Eliminate nonresident opportunity regardless of:
 - Harvestable surplus
 - Impact of nonresident seasons



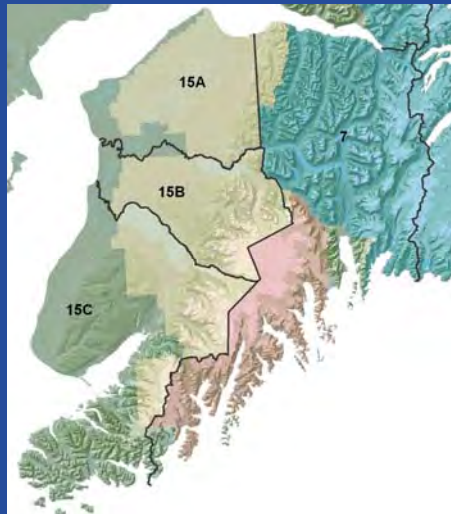
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Discussion

- The majority of populations with a positive IM finding in 92.108 do not have a formal IM program.
- Of the 3 IM species, only moose are located in the areas with plans currently in regulation for Region 2.
- Two areas in the Southcentral Region have IM plans in regulation
 - Unit 15A (expired)
 - Unit 15C (inactive)



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Unit 15A

- Expired plan
- No open nonresident moose season since 2011

Unit 15C

- Inactive plan
- Nonresident moose season: Sept 1–Sept 25, 50" or 4BT, general season harvest ticket
- Non-res season was closed 2011-14, and reopened in RY2015



