Proposal 1

Allow the use of crossbows in restricted weapons hunts in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Craig AC: Oppose

Discussion

- Allow in hunts open to muzzleloader, shotgun or bow and arrow.
- Still illegal in archery only hunts
- Currently no weapons restricted hunts in SE
- Originated as statewide proposal, being addressed regionally on hunt by hunt basis
- No conservation issues
Proposal 1
Allow the use of crossbows in restricted weapons hunts in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Craig AC: Oppose

Proposal 2
Allow food plotting on private property for feeding and harvesting deer in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Craig AC: Oppose
Discussion

- Allow intentional feeding of deer for the purpose of hunting
- Gardening (legal) vs. food plots, what’s the difference?
- SE not conducive to food plots such as seen on popular outdoors TV

Risk of Disease

- Focal provision of food affects numerous population processes increasing risk

- Specific examples:
  - Bovine TB in Michigan (transmittable to humans)
  - Bovine Brucellosis in GYA
  - Chronic Wasting Disease in Colorado
  - Mange in Wyoming & Maine
  - Non-infectious from incompatible food in Saskatchewan
Discussion

Proposal 2
Allow food plotting on private property for feeding and harvesting deer in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Craig AC: Oppose
Proposal 3
Modify the salvage requirements for deer in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation: Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Craig AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose

Discussion
- Salvage of rib meat optional
- Would differ from GMU’s 6 & 8
- Out of alignment with federal salvage requirements
Proposal 3
Modify the salvage requirements for deer in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Craig AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose

Proposal 4
Allow the harvest of big game from boats in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose
Discussion

- Illegal since RY1972
- 1987: ADFG requests repeal, not approved
- Some confusion with federal regs
- RY2003 became illegal in PWS for bears
- Shoot from boat permits for disabled

Discussion

- Localized over harvest
- Wounding loss issues
- Public safety concerns
- Would apply to mt. goats and bears as well as deer
**Proposal 4**

Allow the harvest of big game from boats in Units 1-5

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:  
**Neutral**

**AC Recommendation:**
- Petersburg AC: Support
- Wrangell AC: Oppose
- Sitka AC: Oppose
- Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
- Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
- Ketchikan AC: Oppose
- East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose
Proposal 5
Shorten season and change bag limits for moose in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Wrangell AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose

Discussion
- Change all moose seasons to Oct. 1-15
- Change all moose bag limits to “Any Bull”
- Most SE moose populations are small, discrete and require differing season lengths to maintain objectives
Current Southeast Moose Hunts

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<th>Dates</th>
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<td>1A Unuk River</td>
<td>RM022</td>
<td>Sept 15 – Oct 15</td>
<td>Any Bull</td>
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<td>1B, 1C &amp; 3</td>
<td>RM038</td>
<td>Sept 15 – Oct 15</td>
<td>SF50, 3BT or 2x2</td>
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<td>DM041</td>
<td>Sept 15 – Oct 15</td>
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<td>RM046</td>
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<td>1D Haines</td>
<td>TM059</td>
<td>Sept 15 – Oct 7</td>
<td>SF50 or 3BT</td>
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<td>5A Nunatak Bench</td>
<td>RM059</td>
<td>Nov 15 – Feb 15</td>
<td>Any Moose</td>
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<td>5A Yakutat Forelands</td>
<td>RM061</td>
<td>Oct 15 – Nov 15</td>
<td>Any Bull</td>
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<td>5B Malaspina Forelands</td>
<td>RM062</td>
<td>Sept 1 – Dec 15</td>
<td>Any Bull</td>
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Discussion

- Result in reductions to season lengths.
- Possibly limit opportunities for subsistence.
- Department estimates 7 day season for RM038 to reach harvest of 100.
- Less hunting opportunity w/o antler restrictions.
**RM038 Moose Harvests**

**Sub-Legal Bulls**

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<td>RM038 (Petersburg Area)</td>
<td>8% (2003-2018)</td>
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<td>RM049 (Gustavus)</td>
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<td>TM059 (Haines)</td>
<td>9% (2013-2018)</td>
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<td>Kenai Peninsula (Units 15 &amp; 7)</td>
<td>21% (2011-2018)</td>
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Discussion

- **Pros**
  - Easy to identify legal animal
  - Fewer illegal bulls
  - Less wanton waste

- **Cons**
  - Derby style 5-7 day season
  - Less opportunity

**Proposal 5**

Shorten season and change bag limits for moose in Units 1-5

Public Proposal

**Department Recommendation:**

**Neutral**

**AC Recommendation:**

- Petersburg AC: Oppose
- Wrangell AC: Oppose
- Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
- Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
- Ketchikan AC: Oppose
**Proposal 6**

Change Black Bear Salvage Requirements in Units 1-5

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

**AC Recommendation:**
- Petersburg AC: Oppose
- Sitka AC: Oppose
- Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
- Ketchikan AC: Oppose
- East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose

**Discussion**

- Require residents to salvage black bear meat year-round
- Hide salvage optional for residents
- No change to non-resident requirements
- Edibility of fall bear meat is personal values issue
# Current Salvage Requirements

Black bear salvage requirements (page 28, 2018-2019) Alaska Hunting Regulations No. 59

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<th>Unit</th>
<th>Jan 1 – May 31</th>
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<td>1-7</td>
<td>Meat, Hide, Skull</td>
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### Region I Black Bear Harvest

**RY2012-2017**

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<td>2013</td>
<td>166</td>
<td>224</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>191</td>
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<td>217</td>
<td>215</td>
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Proposal 6
Change Black Bear Salvage Requirements in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose

Proposal 7
Eliminate Black Bear Sealing Requirements for Residents in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose
Discussion

- Eliminate black bear sealing for residents
- No change to non-resident requirements
- Biological and hunt info collected
- Tooth for aging, DNA from tissue/hair samples
- Beginning RY2009, harvest tickets required

Harvest Ticket Data
RY2012-2017

- Harvest tickets = 2,130 bears
- Sealing = 2,742 bears
- 612 bear difference (approx. 25%)
Region I Black Bear Harvest
RY2012-2017

Black Bear Harvest By Residency
2012-2017
Proposal 7
Eliminate Black Bear Sealing Requirements for Residents in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose

Proposal 8
Eliminate the Guided Nonresident General Season Black Bear Hunt in Units 1-3
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose
Discussion

- Eliminate guide option for nonresident black bear hunters (general season)
- Require all nonresident black bear hunting be by draw permit only
- Where and how will harvest will be limited to maintain sustainability?

Unit 2 Black Bear Harvest
1990-2017

Proposal 8
Discussion

- Draw hunts initiated RY2012
- Have been successful in bringing harvests down to sustainable levels
- Proposal 9 (department proposal) to eliminate some draw hunts

Black Bear Harvest By Residency
Units 1-3 (2008-2011)
Black Bear Harvest By Residency
Units 1-3 (2012-2017)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Residents</th>
<th>Nonresidents</th>
<th>Average 2012-2017</th>
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Proposal 8
Eliminate the Guided Nonresident General Season Black Bear Hunt in Units 1-3
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
East Prince of Wales AC: Oppose
Proposal 9
Change NR black bear draw hunts in Units 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D to General Seasons

Department Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Sitka AC: Support
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Support

Discussion
Replace the following draw hunts with a general season:
- DL016 (1A)
- DL017 (1B)
- DL019 (1C N. of Taku)
- DL020 (1C Remainder)
- DL021 (1D)
- DL031 (3 Remainder)
Discussion

Will not change hunt requirements for:

- DL018 (1C S. of Taku)
- DL027 (2 Fall)
- DL028 (2 Spring)
- DL029 (3 Kuiu)
- DL030 (3 Kupreanof)

Discussion

- Draw hunts initiated RY2012
- Have been successful in bringing harvests down to sustainable levels
- “Domino” effect never occurred
- Identified hunts chronically undersubscribed
### Undersubscribed Permits

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<th>Hunt No.</th>
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<td>57 (40-71)</td>
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<td>30</td>
<td>21 (11-27)</td>
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<td>DL019</td>
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<td>7 (2)</td>
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<td>DL020</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>12 (5)</td>
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<td>DL021</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>5 (4)</td>
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<td>DL031</td>
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<td>33%</td>
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### Proposal 9

**Change NR black bear draw hunts in Units 1A, 1B, 1C and 1D to General Seasons**

**Department Proposal**

**Department Recommendation:**

Neutral

**AC Recommendation:**

- Petersburg AC: Support
- Sitka AC: Support
- Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
- Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
- Ketchikan AC: Support
Proposal 49
Increase “up to number” for Black Bear Draw Hunt DL029 (Kuiu Island)
Department Proposal

Department Recommendation:  
Neutral

AC Recommendation:  
Petersburg AC: Support

Discussion

- Increase maximum number of draw permits for DL029 from 50 to 75 permits
- Department is currently issuing max permits
- Additional opportunity if there is an increased harvestable surplus
## 2010 BOG History

### Proposed Black Bear Harvest and Unguided Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation

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<td>64</td>
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### Mean Annual Black Bear Harvest By User Group Pre and Post Draw Hunt

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### DL029 Results

**Black Bear Drawing Hunt DL029, Kuiu Is.**

**Hunter Effort and Success (2012-2017)**

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<td>40</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>15 (54%)</td>
<td>93</td>
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<td>40</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>12 (41%)</td>
<td>92</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>11 (50%)</td>
<td>73</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>73</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>25 (83%)</td>
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**Average 2012-17**

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<td>40-50</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>87</td>
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### Proposal 49

**Increase “up to number” for Black Bear Draw Hunt DL029 (Kuiu Island)**

**Department Proposal**

**Department Recommendation:**

Neutral

**AC Recommendation:**

Petersburg AC: Support
**Proposal 50**
Increase “up to number” for Black Bear Draw Hunt DL030 (Kupreanof Island)
Department Proposal

**Department Recommendation:**
Neutral

**AC Recommendation:**
Petersburg AC: Support

**Discussion**
- Increase maximum number of draw permits for DL030 from 100 to 125 permits
- Department is currently issuing max permits
- Additional opportunity if there is an increased harvestable surplus
2010 BOG History

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Mean Annual Black Bear Harvest By User Group Pre and Post Draw Hunt

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### DL030 Results

#### Black Bear Drawing Hunt DL030, Kupreanof Is.

**Hunter Effort and Success (2012-2017)**

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<td>80</td>
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<td><strong>29 (50%)</strong></td>
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### Proposal 50

**Increase “up to number” for Black Bear Draw Hunt DL030 (Kupreanof Island)**

**Department Proposal**

**Department Recommendation:** Neutral

**AC Recommendation:** Petersburg AC: Support
Proposal 10

Require Coyote Sealing in Units 1-5
Upper Lynn Canal AC Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support

Discussion

- Coyote season extended in 2013
- No population, distribution or harvest information available
- Anecdotally population increasing.
Proposal 10

Require Coyote Sealing in Units 1-5
Upper Lynn Canal AC Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support

Proposal 11

Extend Beaver Trapping Season
in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Craig AC: Support
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Support
Petersburg AC: Support
Discussion

- Extend season from April 30 to May 15
- Prior to RY2011 was Dec 1 to May 15
  - BOG changed to Nov. 10 to April 30
- Over all pressure is light
- No conservation concerns

Discussion

- Average harvest was 303/yr.
- November = approx. 10%
- May = approx. 5%
- Department expects 5% increase in harvest
2004-2017 Annual Beaver Harvest
Units 1-5

[Graph showing annual harvest data for Units 1-5 from 2004 to 2017, with bars indicating May and November harvests, and remainder.

Region 1 Average Annual Beaver Harvest
2008-2017

[Pie chart showing percentages of harvest by region 1, with regions 2, 3, 4, 5A, 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D represented.

Proposal 11

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Proposal 11

Extend Beaver Trapping Season in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Craig AC: Support
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Support
Petersburg AC: Support

Proposal 12

Extend Beaver Trapping Season in Unit 1
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Discussion

- Change to no closed season
- Overall pressure is light
- No conservation concerns

Discussion

- Average harvest approx. 310
- Nuisance removal permits available
- Department expects little increase in harvest due to lack of interest in sub-prime pelts
Region 1 Average Annual Beaver Harvest 2008-2017

Proposal 12
Extend Beaver Trapping Season in Unit 1
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Proposal 13
Require Trap Identification Tags in Units 1-5
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation: Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Craig AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Support
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Oppose

Discussion
- BOG required region wide trap marking in 2007 (passed by one vote).
- Much of SE is federal land, FSB matched State regs in 2018.
- BOG rescinded in 2016, FSB promptly followed suit.
Discussion

Pros
- Aids enforcement.
- Allows ADFG to contact trappers.

Cons
- Lay persons might discover trapper’s name.

Proposal 13
Require Trap Identification Tags in Units 1-5

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:
- Craig: Oppose
- Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
- Ketchikan AC: Oppose
- Petersburg AC: Oppose
- Sitka AC: Support
- Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
- Wrangell AC: Oppose
Proposal 14

Require Trap Identification Signs in Units 1-5
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Craig AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Petersburg AC: Oppose
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Wrangell AC: Oppose

Discussion

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Discussion

Pros
- Aids enforcement.
- Allows ADFG to contact trappers.
- Warns others that trapping is occurring in the area.

Cons
- Lay persons might discover trapper’s name.
- Extra effort required by trappers.

 Proposal 14

Require Trap Identification Signs in Units 1-5

Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Craig AC: Oppose
Juneau-Douglas AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Wrangell AC: Oppose
Proposal 15

Expand Waterfowl Season in Southeast Alaska
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose

Discussion

- Extend waterfowl season to January or February (specific dates not given)
- Wide range of hunter preference
  - September migrants vs. wintering resident
- Proposal is out of conformity with the State’s authority within USFWS waterfowl regulations framework.
Federal Waterfowl Framework

- USFWS has waterfowl management authority
- Current state authority to structure seasons:
  - Uniform across zone
  - Date range: Sept 1 – Jan 26
  - Maximum season length: 107 days
- Future options
  - Proposals to split the zone or to split season are eligible for consideration every five years (next in 2020)

Splitting Season or Zone

- These changes require federal approval and must be justified on the basis of creating equitable opportunity – not just higher harvest
- Rationale should illustrate differences in migration paths, migration timing, habitat conditions, and weather/climate patterns.
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- Two question survey:
  - Preference of starting dates
    - Sept 1 – Dec 16 (current season)
    - Sept 16 – Dec 31 (two weeks later)
    - Oct 8 – Jan 22 (five weeks later)
  - Desire to have split season

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| Unit 1C Juneau | Sept 16 – Dec 31 | 40% |
| Unit 4 Sitka   | Oct 8 – Jan 22   | 44% |
| Unit 3 Petersburg |               | 58% |
| Unit 2 POW     |                | 21% |
| Unit 1A Ketchikan |            | 39% |
Overall Weighted Preference

- The majority (65%) of respondents expressed interest in some shift in season dates to a later start
- Only 25% preferred splitting season dates

Result

- 2008 BOG shifted dates to compromise for majority of hunters (From Sept. 1 – Dec. 16 to Sept. 16 – Dec. 31)
Pros and Cons of Shifting Later

**Pros**
- Late migrating dabblers & wintering mallards
- Better ability to select males
- Sea ducks
- Hunting during the holidays

**Cons**
- Reduces opportunity for harvest of early migrants (small and medium dabblers)
- May increase harvest of local wintering ducks and geese
- Poor weather and short daylight hours later in season
- Reduced opportunity for sandhill cranes

Proposal 15

Expand Waterfowl Season in Southeast Alaska

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation: Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose
Ketchikan AC: Oppose
Proposal 16
Shift Waterfowl Season Two Weeks Earlier
In Units 1-4
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Wrangell AC: Oppose
Sitka AC: Support
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Oppose

Discussion

- Waterfowl season for Units 1-4 would shift two weeks earlier: Sept. 1 – Dec. 16 [Sept. 16 – Dec. 31] for both residents and nonresidents
- Alternatively, the proponent suggests altering the season annually:
  - Odd years: Sept. 1 – Dec. 16
  - Even years: Sept. 16 – Dec. 31
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Pros and Cons of Shifting Earlier

**Pros**
- Increased opportunity for harvest of early migrants (small and medium dabblers)
- Better weather and longer daylight hours
- Less harvest of local wintering birds
- Increased opportunity for sandhill cranes

**Cons**
- Decreased ability to select males
- Less opportunity for sea ducks
- No hunting during holidays
- Less opportunity for late migrating dabblers and wintering mallards

Proposal 16
Shift Waterfowl Season Two Weeks Earlier
In Units 1-4
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

**AC Recommendation:**
Petersburg AC: Oppose
Wrangell AC Oppose
Sitka AC: Support
Juneau-Douglas AC: Support
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Support
Ketchikan AC: Oppose