Proposal 45
Extend Resident Deer Season on Mitkof, Woewodski & Butterworth Islands
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support w/amendment
Ketchikan AC: Support

Discussion
- This proposal would extend the resident deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 to include the peak of the rut.
- Current Season Dates: Oct 15 - 31
- Proposed Season Dates: Oct 15 – Nov 15
Discussion

- Deer population has demonstrated adequate recovery to support some liberalization, but how much and when?
  - November 7?
  - November 10?
  - October 1-31?
  - Early alpine season?

- ADF&G recommends Proposal 45 & 46 decisions mirror each other
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Extend Resident Deer Season on Mitkof, Woewodski & Butterworth Islands
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support w/amendment
Ketchikan AC: Support

Proposal 46
Extend Resident Deer Season on Lindenberg Peninsula
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support w/amendment
Ketchikan AC: Support
Discussion

- This proposal would extend the resident deer season on the Lindenberg Peninsula east of Portage Bay-Duncan Canal Portage to include the peak of the rut.

- Current Season Dates: Oct 15 - 31
- Proposed Season Dates: Oct 15 – Nov 15
Unit 3 Deer Harvest
1994-2017

Lindenberg Deer Harvest
1997-2017
Lindenberg Days/Deer
1997-2017

Unit 3 Pellet Surveys
Unit 3 Alpine Surveys

Deer/Hour

2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

Lindenberg

Unit 3 Wolf Harvest

2008-2017


Unit 3
Mitkof
Lindenberg
Discussion

- Deer population has demonstrated adequate recovery to support some liberalization, but how much and when?
  - November 7?
  - November 10?
  - October 1-31?
  - Early alpine season?

- ADF&G recommends Proposal 45 & 46 decisions mirror each other

Proposal 46

Extend Resident Deer Season on Lindenberg Peninsula

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support w/amendment
Ketchikan AC: Support
Proposal 47
Close the General Season Elk Hunt
Units 1-3
Department Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Adopt

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support (7/6)
Ketchikan AC: Split (6/6)

Discussion
- This proposal would eliminate the general season elk hunt in Units 1, 2 and the remainder of Unit 3
- 30+ years has not resulted in colonization outside of Etolin/Zarembo
- Suspected abuse and “bootlegging”
Discussion

DE-318, DE-321, DE-323, and RE-325 Elk Permit Hunt Boundary

RC 4, Tab 7.2
Unit 3 Elk Harvest
1997-2018

Etolin
Zarembo

1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011 2013 2015 2017
0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20

Closed to elk hunting
2008

Closed 2013
Discussion

- No verification of kill location for any elk reported harvested outside the draw hunt boundaries
- Anecdotal reports from other hunters in the field of abuse
Proposal 47
Close the General Season Elk Hunt
Units 1-3
Department Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Adopt

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support (7/6)
Ketchikan AC: Split (6/6)

Proposal 48
Change Bag Limit and Open Fall Season
In Unit 3
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support
Discussion

- Change bag limit to one brown bear every regulatory year (currently 1 bear every 4 years)
- Add fall season Sept. 15-Dec. 31
  - Current season March 15-May 31
- No open season for nonresidents

Discussion

- Brown bears occur only on those islands separated from mainland by short water crossings including:
  - Mitkof
  - Wrangell
  - Etolin
  - Deer
Unit 1B & 3 Harvest vs. Guidelines
2005-2017

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DISCUSSION

- May be acceptable to manage Unit 3 brown bears as segment of 1B population due to likely interchange
- Some additional fall harvest likely not a conservation concern but 1 bear/year likely unsustainable
Discussion

- Fall season coincides with other hunts, likely some increased incidental take
- Conservation or limit expansion?

Proposal 48
Change Bag Limit and Open Fall Season In Unit 3
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support
Proposal 52
Repeal Shorter Reporting and Sealing Requirements for Kuiu Is. Black Bear
Department Proposal
Department Recommendation: Neutral
AC Recommendation: Petersburg AC: Support

Discussion
- Currently nonresident black bear hunters on Kuiu Island are required to report harvest within 5 days and seal hide and skull within 14 days
- Proposal would align reporting requirements with the rest of SE (sealed within 30 days)
Discussion

- In 2001 BOG established 120 bear HGL and shorter reporting/sealing requirements in light of conservation concerns and to facilitate timely management

- Average annual nonresident harvest (guided and unguided) has dropped ~40% (84 to 52) since draw hunt implemented

Discussion

- No longer needed for management with draw permit hunt in place

- Unnecessary burden for guides and unguided nonresidents
Proposal 52
Repeal Shorter Reporting and Sealing Requirements for Kuiu Is. Black Bear
Department Proposal
Department Recommendation: Neutral
AC Recommendation: Petersburg AC: Support

Proposal 51
Repeal Shorter Sealing Requirements for Kuiu Is. Black Bear
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation: Neutral
AC Recommendation: Petersburg AC: Support
Discussion

- Currently nonresident black bear hunters on Kuiu Island are required to report harvest within 5 days and seal hide and skull within 14 days

- Proposal would align sealing requirements with the rest of SE (sealed within 30 days) but retain 5 day reporting

Discussion

- In 2001 BOG established 120 bear HGL and shorter reporting/sealing requirements in light of conservation concerns and to facilitate timely management

- Average annual nonresident harvest (guided and unguided) has dropped ~40% (84 to 52) since draw hunt implemented
Discussion

- No longer needed for management with draw permit hunt in place
- Unnecessary burden for guides and unguided nonresidents

Proposal 51

Repeal Shorter Sealing Requirements for Kuiu Is. Black Bear

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation: Petersburg AC: Support
Proposal 53
Modify the Petersburg Management Area
Public Proposal
Department Recommendation:
Neutral
AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support

Discussion
- Change the set back from airport property, dwellings, businesses, highways, roads and streets within corporate city limits from ¼ mile (440 yards) to 100 yards
- Average annual harvest very low (<10)
Season and Bag Limits

- **Petersburg Management Area**
  - Two bucks, Oct 15 - Dec 15 by bow and arrow only

- **Remainder of Mitkof Island**
  - One buck, Oct 15 – Oct 31

- Amend proposal to update PMA boundaries then consider 100 yard restriction
Discussion

- Established in 2001 when city prohibited discharge of firearms for public safety
- Archery only provision required IBEP certification, reinforcing public safety and wounding concerns
- Risk/benefit of allowing archery hunters more opportunity vs. more exposure
Proposal 53

Modify the Petersburg Management Area
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

AC Recommendation:
Petersburg AC: Support