

10 Year Average

	Tags	Hunters	ELK
DE318	25	8	1
DE321	50	20	< 3
DE323	50	19	1
RE325	54	28	1
Total	179	75	< 6

Estimated Results of proposal 19

DE318	25	8	1	
DE319	25	10	5	assumes 40% participation 50% success
DE321	40	16	2	assumes effort & success rate stay the same
RE325	108	56	3	assumes effort doubles & success increases
	<u>198</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>11</u>	30%

I suggest an amendment to Proposal 19 as written here.

**PROPOSAL 19**

**5 AAC 85.035. Hunting seasons and bag limits for elk.**

Change the hunt structure for elk on Etolin Island in Unit 3 as follows:

Make the following changes to the Etolin Island elk hunting seasons:

Shorten DE318:

DE318            September 1 - 15 [30]            25 tags            Archery Only

Create a new hunt DE319

DE319            Sep. 16 - 30 UP TO 25 tags            Residents Only

Reduce the number of tags for DE321:

DE321            Oct. 1-15            40 tags

Eliminate DE32:

DE323            [OCT16 - 31            50 TAGS]

Start the registration hunt earlier:

RE325            [Nov. 1 - Dec. 1]            Nov. 1 - 30

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

- The Etolin Island elk hunt consistently produces a low harvest.
- The resource is underutilized.
- The vast majority of hunting effort during the month-long archery season regularly occurs within the first two weeks of the season, leaving the latter half of the month largely un-hunted.
- The number of DE321 tags allotted annually creates crowding in the field, effectively diminishing the quality, productivity and safety of the hunt.
- The season dates of both DE323 and RE325 reduce the productivity of the hunts due to short days and typically inclement weather.

**PROPOSED BY: Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee**

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