

**PROPOSAL 117**

**5 AAC 85.015. Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear.**

Extend the hunting season for black bear in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C as follows:

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) proposes to extend the black bear hunting season for 5 AAC 85.015. Unit 14C Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (DL455) to encompass the entire open season for black bears in Unit 14C: **Sept. 1—Jun 15** [APR. 15—JUN15]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** JBER would like to extend the black bear hunting season to encompass the entire open season for black bears in Unit 14C. For safety purposes during military training activities, portions of JBER are closed to the public while training occurs. Due to military training requirements, access to portions of JBER for the 2016 black bear hunt was curtailed for majority of the hunting season for safety to the military and public. To provide hunters with the greatest opportunity to have a successful hunt on JBER, we propose extending the open season dates of the hunt.

**PROPOSED BY:** Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

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