

PROPOSAL 13

5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.

Change the RB088 hunt boundary in Unit 4 to include Northeast Chichagof, and increase the allowable harvest for brown bear as follows:

Proposed Regulation:

(Outside drainages) Chichagof Island East Point (57.80'N 134.94 W) following the common Big Game Commercial Services Board Guide Use Area (GUA) line of 04-11 to 58.02'N 135.96 W to 57.96 N-136.09 W following GUA line 04-15 to including Yakobi and other adjacent islands; Baranof Island south and west of a line which follows the crest of the island from Nismeni Point (57°34' N. lat.,135°25' W. long), to the entrance of Gut Bay (56°44' N. lat.,134°38' W. long), including the drainages into Gut Bay, Kruzof Island, and other adjacent islands.

Allow ADF&G under the Brown Bear Management Strategy (BBMS) to increase allowable harvest in these areas and GUA 04-11, 04-16, 04-15 up to 15% on their discretion to help reduce brown bear/human conflict and therefore reduce Defense of Life or Property (DLP) loss.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Change the RB088 open area to include Northeast Chichagof. This area that is commonly referred to by ADF&G and the USFWS land managers as Northeast Chichagof is inclusive of the City of Hoonah that includes such areas defined by the Big Game Commercial Services Boards as Guide Use Area (GUA) 04-11 and 04-16. Recent wildlife proposal 22-08 to the Federal Subsistence Board to reduce the bag limits of Sitka black-tailed-deer to non-federally qualified users to two bucks indicates local concern of food security for this area. Another Federal Subsistence Board proposal for the Pelican Area (GUA 04-15) to restrict non-local harvest of deer similar to proposal 22-08 has also been submitted over the concern of food security in the area.

Further, Defense of Life or Property (DLP) reports for the last ten years includes 42 brown bear DLP in the GUA 04-11 and GUA 04-16 area reported to Sitka ADF&G. These numbers seem to support the indication that a high number of bears reside in this area.

Year	Sitka	Hoonah NE Chichagof	Angoon
2012	0	3M, 2F	0
2013	1M	2M, 2F	0
2014	1M	1F	0
2015	0	0	0
2016	1M, 2F	2M, 2F	0
2017	3M	1M, 2F	1M
2018	2M, 3F	8M, 5F	1M
2019	1F	1M, 2F	3M
2020	3M	3M, 2F	2M
2021	5M, 8F	4M	0

The regulation for RB088 currently reads:

(Outside drainages) Chichagof Island south and west of a line which follows the crest of the island from Rock Point (58° N. lat., 136°21' W. long.), to Rodgers Point (57°35' N. lat., 135°33' W. long.) including Yakobi and other adjacent islands; Baranof Island south and west of a line which follows

the crest of the island from Nismeni Point (57°34' N. lat., 135°25' W. long), to the entrance of Gut Bay (56°44' N. lat., 134°38' W. long), including the drainages into Gut Bay, Kruzof Island, and other adjacent islands.

Note: The author submitted attachments with this proposal which are available on the Board of Game proposal book webpage at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposalbook or by contacting the ADF&G Boards Support Section at (907) 465-4046.

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