

PROPOSAL 134

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

Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

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(a) In this section, the phrase "General hunt only" means that there is a general hunt for residents, but no subsistence hunt, during the relevant open season. For those units or portions of units within non-subsistence areas established by the Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game (5 AAC 99.015), there is a general hunt only. Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear are as follows:

Units and Bag Limits

Resident

Open Season

(Subsistence and

General Hunts)

Nonresident

Open Season

(3) Unit 7, that portion south of the city limits of Seward at 60° 04' 58" N. lat., and Unit 15, that portion south of Kachemak Creek, Bradley River, and Bradley

RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued

Sept. 1 - June 30 [3 bears No closed season.]

(General Hunt Only) **NONRESIDENT HUNTER: No open season** [1 bear No closed season.]

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

Nonresident and some resident hunters have been coming from outside of the Unit 15C south of Kachemak Bay area, trespassing on private land, Native Allotment land, and Village Corporation land to hunt for black bears. An excessive amount of black bears are taken every year by nonresidents and residents that live outside of the area. There is an adequate black bear population to hunt in the Kenai Peninsula in Units 15 and 7 outside of hunt in Unit 15C south of Bradley River, Bradley Lake, and Kachemak Creek. The hunt should be reserved for residents only, and the hunt should be reduced to one bear every regulatory year by permit. Resident hunters usually harvest one bear a year and see that as an adequate hunt, and the proposal will reflect that.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

This proposal was developed with the Chugach Regional Resources Commission (CRRC).

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