

PROPOSAL 185

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

Increase the number of drawing permits for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C as follows:

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

5 AAC 85.015(4). Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear.

Increase the number of available permits to 50 for Unit 14(C), JBER Management Area DL455 as follows: up to 50 [25] permits may be issued.

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

Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) would like to increase the number of draw permits available for the JBER black bear hunt (DL455) from 25 to up to 50. Since the hunt began in 2016, 25 hunters are drawn but only an average of 11 (44%) hunt and only 1-4 bears are taken each year. With the low participation and harvest of the hunt, we'd like to increase the available permits to up to 50, that way potential participation and harvest may increase and allow the Department of Fish and Game to adjust annually as needed to better meet harvest goals.

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

The proposal was discussed with the ADF&G Anchorage area biologist.

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