

PROPOSAL 186

5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit.

Include wounded black bear to count towards the bag limit for the DL455 hunt 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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JBER proposes to include wounded animals be counted towards bag limits for the 14C JBER Management Area, black bear hunt (DL455).

Unit 14C Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (DL455): **If you wound a black bear, it counts towards your bag limit for the regulatory year.**

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

Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) would like to include wounded game counted towards bag limits, just as it is considered for bears in Units 1-5 and bear and elk in Unit 8. The definition of “take” already includes wounding described as “attempting to take”.

The use of military land for recreation is subject to safety, security, and military mission. It is the policy of JBER to provide public access for outdoor recreation activities and the harvest of fish and wildlife when compatible with the military mission and natural resource management objectives. A wounded black bear presents safety risks to the hunter, soldiers that may be performing land navigation and maneuvering exercises or occupying bivouac sites, as well as any other individuals in the vicinity, both on and off installation. Since the hunt began, there have been 3 reports of hunters wounding and not recovering bears shot at. By including wounded game in the bag limit for the regulatory year, it will incentivize accuracy.

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

The concerns of wounding and not recovered animals and proposal were discussed with the ADF&G Anchorage area biologist.

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