

PROPOSAL 187

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

Increase the bag limit for black bear to three, in Unit 14C Remainder as follows:

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

The proposed solution is **Three** [ONE] bear, harvest tag and no closed season.

The new regulation would read **Three** [ONE] bear, harvest tag and no closed season.

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

The issue the MatSu Valley AC would like to have addressed is the bag limit for black bears in 14C Remainder from one black bear, harvest tag and no closed season to three black bears, harvest tag and no closed season.

Individual observations suggest a surplus harvest to support this proposal.

At times, local pilots are reporting seeing 40 to 60 black bears in Colony, George, Troublesome, and Whiteout Glacier drainages during a single flight. In addition, black bears have been seen moving from the Unit 14A drainages of Friday Creek, Metal Creek and Grasshopper into Unit 14C Remainder. The other areas within Unit 14C have a harvest of one black bear as either a draw or registration and may have a limits for the method and means. The abundance of bears throughout Unit 14C has the black bears moving into Unit 14C remainder.

Unit 14C Anchorage and Eagle River

Unit 14C: That portion of Unit 14 south of Unit 14A. See map page 82 for state restricted areas in Unit 14C.

OPEN TO:	R	= RESIDENTS ONLY	B	= RESIDENTS AND NONRESIDENTS	N	= NONRESIDENTS ONLY
OPEN TO:	UNIT/ AREA	BAG LIMIT AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS			PERMIT/ HUNT #*	OPEN SEASON
* See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements. * Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached as required.						
B	14C Lower Eagle River Valley	One bear by bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloader only by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage and Palmer beginning Aug 1			RL450	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C Upper Eagle River Valley	One bear by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage and Palmer beginning Aug 1			RL460	Sept 1-June 15
B	14C a portion of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	One bear by shotgun only by permit			DL455	Sept 1-June 15
B	14C McHugh Creek	One bear by bow and arrow, shotgun or muzzleloader only by permit			DL457	Oct 1-Oct 31
B	14C remainder of Eagle River, remainder of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Birchwood, and Anchorage Management Areas, excluding McHugh Creek					no open season
B	14C Eklutna Lake Management Area	One bear by bow and arrow only			HT	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C Chugach State Park Management Area	One bear			HT	Sept 1-May 31
B	14C remainder	One bear			HT	no closed season

The access to Unit 14C Remainder is accessible mostly by aircraft with limited access by boat, ATV or UTV.

If approved, this proposal will align with the Unit 14A/B black bear bag limits.

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

The advisory committee met to review this proposal and the ADF&G biologist was present to answer AC questions.

PROPOSED BY: Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (OI-F25-049)
