

PROPOSAL 201

5 AAC 85.030. Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer.

Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder to two bucks 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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Unit 8: Remainder

Nonresidents

Bag Limit: Two Bucks

Season dates: Aug. 1 — Dec. 31

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

In 2023, the Alaska Board of Game adopted a proposal (Proposal 73) which decreased the nonresident bag limit in Game Management Unit 8, Remainder from three deer to only one buck. This decrease was drastic and was not supported by data or opinions offered by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I believe that if a bag limit change were needed, the board should have taken a more gradual approach (two deer or two bucks). As an Alaska resident, I personally have several nonresident friends and family members who would buy two deer tags when coming to Kodiak. In the off chance that they filled one early, they would have the rest of the hunt to pursue a bigger buck. Most of these hunts would still only result in one deer killed but the department still made money on that second tag. Most of my friends and family now cannot justify coming to hunt Kodiak when limited to only one tag. I also know of Alaskan transporter businesses that lost money to the bag limit decrease.

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

Myself and various friends and family.

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