

## **PROPOSAL 27**

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

Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 1C, Douglas Island to four bucks as follows:

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

Unit 1C Douglas Island: **Four bucks** [Four deer total only one of which may be a doe] Aug. 1 – Dec. 31

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

Quality Deer Herd Management (QDHM) practices for this area require a larger, more mature deer herd. QDHM is necessary on Douglas Island to contend with it's ongoing decline due primarily to predation and what became avoidable over-harvest during years of high predation had the allowable harvest during the years of decline been reduced more drastically, and habitat loss due to development, and additionally loss of remote safe harbor habitat due to increased access. If the regulation(s) are not changed the herd will continue to suffer decline in both numbers and maturity. Restricting the harvest to does only, identical to the sound policy of the adjacent mainland, will ensure the opportunity for more reproduction, and maturing of doe fawns to mating maturity, while still allowing for reasonable local harvest opportunity.

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

\*These proposals shall be forwarded to local fish and game advisory committees.

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