

PROPOSAL 31

5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.

Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear resident hunt area in Unit 1C to include the Chilkat Range, and change the bag limit to one bear every year as follows:

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

Increase the area of RB063 and RB073 to include the area from South Sullivan Island to Point Couverdan.

(Unit 1C Chilkat Peninsula)

1 brown bear every regulatory year for residents and nonresidents.

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

Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear hunt area to include the area from South Sullivan Island to Point Couverdan including Homeshore and Excursion Inlet areas.

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One brown bear every regulatory year for residents and nonresidents.

This area has a healthy population of brown bears according to ADF&G data.

This proposal would seek to maximize brown bear hunting.

The harvest did not increase (it actually decreased) when Berners Bay drainages went from a one every four year brown bear tag to 1 brown bear every year tag. ADF&G always has the Emergency order authority to close an area if they feel an area is having too many bears harvested.

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

I have talked with other hunters trappers and fishermen who use this area. The brown bears are abundant.

I looked at past ADF&G studies posted in the archives that showed the abundance of brown bears in Howard Bay.

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