

PROPOSAL 32

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

Expand the RB063 and RB073 brown bear hunt area in Unit 1C to include the Chilkat Range, with a bag limit to 1 brown bear annually as follows:

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

Include portions of Unit 1C West of Lynn Canal in RB063 and RB073 for both residents and nonresidents.

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

This proposal will expand the Berners Bay registration brown bear hunt to the portions of the Chilkat Peninsula on the western side of Unit 1C. This proposal will change the bag limit to one brown bear annually for both residents and nonresidents. Having grown up in Juneau and hunted Unit 1C all of my life I have observed a healthy and expanding brown bear population. I have also observed a decrease in black bear numbers coinciding with the increase in brown bears. This proposal is designed to offer more opportunity to hunt brown bears in northern Unit 1C, I do not expect much of an increase in harvest. I expect a few resident hunters will take advantage of the new bag limit. Many hunters like myself will enjoy having more opportunity even if we will rarely take advantage of the more liberal bag limit.

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

I have not coordinated with ADF&G on this proposal but I did submit a similar proposal that had technical difficulties during the last Region I cycle.

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