

PROPOSAL 8

5 AAC 85.XXX. Seasons and bag limits for cougars/mountain lion.

Establish an open season for cougar in the Southeast Region as follows:

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

Season: August 1 thru June 15.

Limit: One cougar every regulatory year.

Salvage Requirements: Skull and hide

Sealing Requirements: Skull and hide will be presented for sealing within 15 days of kill.

(Sealing requirements were added if ADF&G wants to collect data.)

Closed to take of females with kittens and kittens. (kittens defined as young cougars with spots.)

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

Cougars seem to be migrating into Southeast Alaska. Cougars are an ambush predator. This style of predation is unknown to prey species in southeast Alaska. This will be extremely detrimental to prey species populations. There is currently no open hunting season for cougar.

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

Wrangell Advisory Committee.

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