

# Federal Wildlife Proposal

## Proponent:

Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council

## Issue:

Add Units 20E, 25A, and 25B to the list of areas where handicrafts that incorporate any non-edible parts of black bear can be sold

## Existing Federal Regulation:

### ***§ 100.25(j) Utilization of fish, wildlife, or shellfish***

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## Why Should this regulation be changed?

This will create additional opportunities for federally qualified subsistence users to utilize non-edible parts of subsistence harvested black bear and allow them to sell value added products (handicrafts) on a small scale. Black bears have been incorporated into handicrafts for thousands of years and this will help cultural traditions to continue to be passed on. There are no conservation concerns for black bear in these units.