

Federal Wildlife Proposal

Proponent:

Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council

Issue:

Increase the harvest limit for brown bear in Unit 13 to two bears

Existing Federal Regulation:

Unit 13– Brown Bear

Unit 13—1 bear. Bears taken within Denali National Park must be sealed within 5 days of harvest. That portion within Denali National Park will be closed by announcement of the Superintendent after 4 bears have been harvested Aug. 10-May 31.

Proposed Federal Regulation:

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Unit 13—2 bears. Bears taken within Denali National Park must be sealed within 5 days of harvest. That portion within Denali National Park will be closed by announcement of the Superintendent after 4 bears have been harvested Aug. 10-May 31.

Why Should this regulation be changed?

This would provide additional opportunity for federally qualified subsistence users. There are no conservation concerns for brown bear in this unit and not much federal land. The brown bear limit in Unit 13 was recently changed to two bears under State regulations.