

Federal Wildlife Proposal

Proponent:

Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council

Issue:

Increase the harvest limit for brown bear in Unit 20E to two bears and recognize the customary and traditional use of brown bear in Unit 20E by residents of Unit 20E

Existing Federal Regulation:

Customary and Traditional Use Determination— Brown Bear

Unit 20E

Residents of Unit 12 and Dot Lake.

Unit 20— Brown Bear

Unit 20E—1 bear.

Aug. 10-June 30.

Proposed Federal Regulation:

Customary and Traditional Use Determination— Brown Bear

Unit 20E

Residents of Units 12, 20E and Dot Lake.

Unit 20— Brown Bear

Unit 20E—2 bears.

Aug. 10-June 30.

Why Should this regulation be changed?

This would provide additional opportunity for federally qualified subsistence users. In Unit 20E, State hunting regulations already allow two bears for all hunters. There are no conservation concerns for brown bear in this unit. Residents of Unit 20E have historically harvested brown/grizzly bear for subsistence. Now that there is no salmon fishing, both black and brown bear have become increasingly important for helping local residents meet their subsistence needs.