

# Federal Wildlife Proposal

## Proponent

Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

## Issue

Recognize the customary and traditional uses of brown bear in Unit 6 by the residents of Chenega and Tatitlek.

Establish brown bear hunt in Unit 6 with a harvest limit of one bear by Federal registration permit and a season of Aug. 1-Jun. 30.

## Current Federal regulation:

### Customary and Traditional Use Determination—Brown Bear

*Unit 6*

*No Federal subsistence priority*

### Unit 6- Brown Bear

*None*

## Proposed Federal regulation:

### Customary and Traditional Use Determination—Brown Bear

*Unit 6*

***Residents of Chenega and Tatitlek***

~~*No Federal subsistence priority*~~

### Unit 6- Brown Bear

***Unit 6– 1 Bear by Federal registration permit only.***

***Aug 1– June 30***

## Justification

This proposal would recognize the traditional use of brown bears by specific rural residents of Prince William Sound. Time honored subsistence practices of brown bear harvest date far back. Most of Prince William Sound consists of Federal public lands, many of which contain robust brown bear populations that can withstand limited Federal harvest and provide for subsistence opportunity.