

Federal Wildlife Proposal

Proponent

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Issue

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

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 Cordova

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.