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Proponent:

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Issue: The subsistence needs of federally qualified users from the Cordova community are unmet for Sitka Blacktail Deer.

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Federal public lands on Hawkins Island and Hinchinbrook Island in unit 6D are closed to deer hunting except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

Justification: The unmet subsistence needs of federally qualified subsistence users result from increased harvest pressure on the eastern side of Prince William Sound from non-qualified users expanding their area of hunting in search of deer, combined with a consistent downward trend in documented deer density on Hawkins Island and Hinchinbrook Island in unit 6D.