

# Proposed Change to Federal Subsistence Hunting Regulation

**Proposed by:** Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council

**Proposal:** Request to change Customary & Traditional Use Determination for the Community of Kodiak in Unit 8

**Current Regulation:** The Customary and Traditional Use Determination for Unit 8 allows for harvest of Brown bear by the residents of Akhiok, Larsen Bay, Karluk, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, and Port Lions

**Change:** Change the regulation as follows: Customary and Traditional use Determination includes the residents of the communities of **Kodiak**, Akhiok, Larsen Bay, Karluk, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, and Port Lions

***note: The community of Kodiak includes residents on the Kodiak Road system (Monashka, City of Kodiak, Bells Flats to Chiniak and Pasagshak and Anton Larsen Bay. Not included: Nemetz and Coast Guard Base residents and Rocket launch facility residents***

**Explanation:** The finding for C&T should include the community of Kodiak. All residents of Kodiak Island, including the community of Kodiak, have a long history of the customary & traditional harvesting of Brown bear for food and traditional handicraft. In the published journal, *Two Voyages to Russian America*, 1802-1807 by G.I. Davydov writes, 'on Kad'iak sometimes two or three people in a group creep up on an animal and fire arrows at it, and if it attacks them, they fight it off with spears.' Davydov also notes that Kamleikas (rain parkas) are made from the intestines of whales, seals and bears and of the gut kamleikas, the best are from the bears (Davydov. Published 1977 from journals). The Alutiiq Museum, and local author and Kodiak Brown bear expert Larry Van Dael, also have produced publications about the importance of traditional bear harvesting on Kodiak Island. In addition, many museums across the world hold collections of art that both depict bears and are articles of clothing that today we would recognize as native handicraft from Kodiak.

The importance of accessing bear for food and other needs is well documented in Kodiak. The residents of the villages around the island have a traditional use finding and the residents of Kodiak, who have the same history of use, should not be excluded from a customary and traditional use finding.