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Hello Justin,

Below please see my comments on selected subsistence proposals. Thank You, Andy
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[Southeast](#)

[WP26-02: Units 1- 5; prohibit take between civil sunset and sunrise](#)

I support this proposal, however I recommend the following amendment: The new regulation should read “prohibit take between civil sunset and one half hour before sunrise.”

My reasoning for this is that no artificial lights are required to successfully bag big game one half hour before sunrise, therefore people should be allowed to take animals at that time. Similarly, it is possible to successfully harvest big game animals for a time after sunset without using lights, however problems may be encountered with finding wounded game in the darkness and therefore I don’t support harvest hours after civil sunset.

[WP26-03: Unit 2 deer; close Federal public lands to hunting by non-federally qualified users](#)

I support this proposal. However, I disagree with the RAC in that I do not believe deer populations in Unit 2 are seriously diminished or in trouble. There might be some slight long-term decrease in overall deer populations due to re-growth of older clear-cuts no longer providing forage due to canopy-induced darkness. But this decrease is not the result of hunters in my opinion. However, buck populations along the road corridors and within a half mile or so of such corridors cannot support the hunting pressure currently encountered. The result is that local deer harvesters, primarily obtaining their deer from these corridors, are often unable to acquire the deer they need.

I must mention that in my opinion it was irresponsible for the RAC to support rural subsistence status to Ketchikan and allow the residents of this clearly urban area access to subsistence resources on unit 2.

[WP26-04: Unit 2 deer; conduct a §804 user prioritization analysis](#)

[WP26-05: Unit 2 deer; conduct §804 analysis, eliminate doe hunt; limit non-federally qualified users to one buck, starting Aug. 15](#)

I support this proposal. This proposal balances the need to restrict any doe harvest in unit 2 to only those living within unit 2. It also addresses the problem of a limited number of bucks available to unit 2 residents by the one-buck limit to nonresidents. And beginning the non resident season on August 15th gives local residents three weeks of early hunting before having to compete with non-local hunters for bucks – with the exception of those non-POW hunters hunting under federal qualified status. It's a win-win proposal for the most part and addresses the problems well.

[WP26-06: Eliminate Unit 2 doe hunt](#)

I support this proposal. I do not currently see a problem with a unit 2 doe harvest. However, with the addition of Ketchikan residents given rural resident status, I believe does in unit 2 will come under increased hunting pressure in the future and therefore this measure may well be justified to protect future unit 2 deer populations.

As I've stated before, I believe it was irresponsible for the RAC to support rural subsistence status to Ketchikan and allow the residents of this clearly urban area access to subsistence resources on unit 2.

[WP26-07: Eliminate Unit 2 doe hunt](#)

I do not support this proposal on the reasons given in the proposal.

[WP26-08: Unit 2 deer; Eliminate the January season](#)

I support this proposal. Bucks are in poor condition this time of winter and are trying to recover lost weight due to the rigors of the rut. Does are also stressed this time of the year due to winter conditions. For these reasons, no deer hunting should take place in January.

[WP26-09: Unit 2 wolf; shorten trapping season to open Dec. 15](#)

[WP26-10: Unit 2 wolf; 45-day guaranteed season from Nov. 15 - Dec. 31](#)

[WCR26-01: Unit 2 deer](#)

[WCR26-02: Unit 5 moose](#)