

WP14-20

To change regulations during the two-year regulatory cycle, submit a request to change the regulations by providing the following information:

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1. **What regulation do you wish to change? (Include management unit number and species. Quote the current regulation if known. If you are proposing a new regulation, please state “new regulation.”)**

Unit 8: Brown Bear Harvest Limits

Current Regulation:

1 bear by Federal registration permit (FB0802) only, issued by the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager and per community as follows:

Akhiok—1 permit;
Karluk—1 permit;
Larsen Bay—Up to 3 permits;
Old Harbor—Up to 2 permits;
Ouzinkie—Up to 2 permits; and,
Port Lions—Up to 2 permits.

2. **How should the new regulation read? (Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written.)**

Proposed Regulation:

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Karluk—1 permit;
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Port Lions—Up to 2 permits.

3. **Why should this regulation change be made?**

This regulation should be changed to allow for increased interest in subsistence brown bear hunting. Old Harbor used both permits that were issued last season and there are more hunters interested in obtaining a permit. The subsistence harvest of bears is used to mentor young hunters

and families in the traditional use of bears and provides an added nutritional food source. In both old Harbor and Akhiok there are more hunters interested in a permit than what is available. Another permit would provide more opportunity for other hunters to harvest a brown bear.

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?

Little impact, brown bears are numerous and the population is healthy.

5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

This proposed change would be positive. It will provide more opportunity to harvest brown bear(s), to share traditional food, and to teach butchering and skin sewing. It will provide an added nutritional food source for the community and reinforce the culture of sharing.

6. How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?

No impact.