

WP14-03**Area****WMU 1-5****1. Contact information**

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Southeast Alaska Subsistence Region WMU 1-5

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5 deer; however, no more than one may be a female deer. Female deer may be taken only during the period Oct. 15 – Dec. 31. The harvest limit may be reduced to 4 deer based on conservation concerns July 24 – Dec. 31. The Federal public lands on Prince of Wales Island, excluding the southeastern portion (lands south of the West Arm of Cholmondeley Sound draining into Cholmondeley Sound or draining eastward into Clarence Strait), are closed to hunting of deer from Aug. 1 to Aug. 15, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

3. Proposed regulation:

Eliminate the female deer hunt on Prince of Wales! The first portion will then read 5 male deer; may be taken July 24 – Dec. 31. The harvest limit may be reduced to 4 deer based on conservation concerns.

4. Why the regulation change should be made.

Under the current regulation, a family of 8 can legally take 8 female deer. This has and will continue to put a hardship on all subsistence users, as the deer populations decline. We in Kasaan area are currently experiencing difficulty in getting our Customary and Traditional harvest levels of deer. Another area is that the state tags that are used don't have designated doe tags!

5. The impact of the change on deer population.

There will be no impacts, only enhancements of deer populations.

6. The effect on subsistence uses.

None, the deer harvester will get the same amount of deer!

7. The effect on other users, such as sport/recreational and commercial.

None

WP14-04**Area**

WMU1-5

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3. Proposed regulation:

Persons 60 years or older or with disabilities that limit their physical ability and said ability recognized by a doctor, government disability compensation boards, disabled Veterans will be allowed to start their hunt for deer starting June 15 and ending November 30

4. Why the regulation change should be made.

This proposal will enable persons 60 years or older and persons with debilitating disabilities to hunt early. This will give them a chance to obtain their customary and traditional levels of deer without the competition of young and disability free hunters. The deer are also not as spooked and can be found at much lower elevation's and or on beaches. The elder or disabled, will feel much personal worth if they can provide their own family food!

5. The impact of the change on deer populations.

There should not be any change as the hunt will only enable the person a better chance to get their own venison rather than someone proxy hunting for them.

6. The effect on subsistence uses.

This proposal will allow a more fair opportunity to gather subsistence deer for a disadvantaged group of gathers of subsistence foods!

7. The effect on other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial.

No effect is anticipated.

WP14-05

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

- X Harvest season Method and means of harvest
 X Harvest limit Customary and traditional use determination

1. What regulation do you wish to change?

This proposal would amend the harvest season and harvest limit for deer within the Lindenberg Peninsula portion of Unit 3 (Kupreanof Island, east of the Portage Bay – Duncan Canal Portage). The season would be reduced from the current 4 month season (Aug. 1 – Nov. 30) to a 2-week season (Oct.15 – Oct. 31), and the harvest limit reduced from 2 bucks to 1 buck in this area.

2. How should the new regulation read?

Substitute language for §.26 (n) (3). Unit 3 Deer:

Unit 3—Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands—1 antlered deer Oct. 15–31.

Unit 3—Kupreanof Island, that portion east of the Portage Bay-Duncan Canal Portage—1 antlered deer Oct. 15–31.

Unit 3—remainder—2 antlered deer Aug. 1–Nov. 30.

Dec. 1–31, season to be announced.

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

The combined effects of habitat loss, three consecutive deep snow winters (2006/2007, 2007/2008, and 2008/2009) and predation by wolves and black bears has reduced the deer population on the Lindenberg Peninsula to low levels. Hunters have excellent access to the interior as well as beach front portions of the area. There are currently 73.4 miles of existing road on the southern Lindenberg Peninsula (Tonka Road System), and the proposed timber harvest plan will add 1.7 miles of new USFS road and 7.6 miles of temporary road.

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

The reduced season and harvest limit is necessary to allow the currently critically low deer population to rebuild after reductions due to winter mortality, habitat loss, predation, and hunting mortality.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This change would reduce subsistence opportunity.

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

There would be no effect on other users because the State Board of Game enacted similar restrictions in January 2013.