

**PROPOSAL 16**

**5 AAC 85.030(a)(5). Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer.**

Lengthen the deer season in Unit 3, that portion of Mitkof Island within the Petersburg Management Area as follows:

5 AAC 85.030 - Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer.

(2) Unit 3, that portion of Mitkof Island within the Petersburg Management Area

2 bucks **Aug 1** [OCT 1] - Dec 15

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently the Petersburg Management Area’s deer season runs October 1 - December 15 with a limit of two bucks by bow and arrow only. There are no August/September deer opportunities on Mitkof Island and the Lindenberg Peninsula areas of Unit 3. These areas provide the easiest access to locals. Petersburg residents do have nearby August and September deer opportunities in Unit 1B. However, these hunts take a larger time commitment and are often weather dependent as one needs to cross a sizeable body of water with limited areas to safely store a watercraft. By opening the Petersburg Management Area’s deer season August 1 – December 15, it would allow an early season opportunity for bowhunters with limited time and resources and expand opportunity to an area that was created to minimize deer impacts near town.

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