

**PROPOSAL 41**

**5 AAC 92.530(23). Management areas.**

Eliminate the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C as follows:

Remove the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C from regulation.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** This proposal would remove the Unit 1C Douglas Island Management Area from current regulation. There is no science or data suggesting this management area is necessary or effective, particularly as it applies to wolf management. Wolves are transient to and from Douglas by either swimming the Gastineau Channel at high tide or crossing overland at low tide. It is very hard to manage and set a quota for a population of any species, especially one that is very wide-ranging. Wolf predation has reduced the deer population on the island which is estimated using the Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) annual deer pellet survey at two locations on the north end of the island. Douglas Island is used by deer hunters who don't have boats; it is often where youth and new hunters have relatively easy access. ADF&G data show that the deer populations on Douglas increased when wolves were actively trapped without a quota. Removing this management area from regulation will allow for wolf management using hunters and trappers during the allowed seasons, while removing a burden on ADF&G staff, and potentially increasing deer populations for sport hunting and wildlife viewing.

**PROPOSED BY:** Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F22-082)

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