

PROPOSAL 206 – 5 AAC 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations.
 Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for deer in Game Management Unit 1A as follows:

5 AAC 99.025(a)(5). Customary and traditional uses of game populations.

| SPECIES AND UNIT | FINDING | AMOUNT REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR SUBSISTENCE USES |
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| (5) Deer Unit 1(A) | positive | [225–250] xx-xx |

What is the issue the board is addressing and why? At its 2013 meeting in Sitka, the Alaska Board of Game (board) considered Proposal 178A to adopt an intensive management plan for Game Management Unit (Unit) 1A. At that time it came to the board’s attention that the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses (ANS) for Unit 1A Sitka black-tailed deer (*Odocoileus hemionus sitkensis*) was for the deer population in the entirety of Unit 1A, which includes Revillagigedo Island, Gravina Island, and other areas within the Ketchikan Nonsubsistence Use Area (5 AAC 99.015 (a)(1)). Subsistence hunts cannot be authorized in nonsubsistence areas. The board requested information from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) to address this issue.

In March 2013, at a Board of Game Southcentral Region meeting in Kenai, the department reviewed options for modifying the ANS with the board. The board was given four ANS options to choose from and a fifth option to take no action. The board chose to take no action and defer the ANS revision until the next Southeast Alaska meeting. On-the-record comments by the board stated that choosing the fifth option would be in the best interest of the public so that residents would have time to make comments prior to the meeting or at a meeting that took place in Southeast Alaska. Options for modifying the ANS are available on the Board of Game meeting information website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=01-09-2015&meeting=juneau.

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