PROPOSAL 166

5 AAC 85.065. Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15 as follows:

Bufflehead: 4/day, 8 in possession.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Anecdotal and undeniable evidence attests to a drastic decline in sea duck numbers in Kachemak Bay in recent history. Given the three-year delay in addressing management issues in Units 7 and 15, it would be prudent to address conservation concerns conservatively. In lieu of any current accurate data of population trends we suggest that a bag limits on some sea ducks be reduced.