

Black Bears Must Be Sealed

JUNEAU — Black bears taken by hunters in many game management units must be sealed within 30 days from the time of taking, the Department of Fish and Game reminded sportsman recently.

Hides and skulls of black bears taken in units 1 through 7, 11, and 13 through 16 must be brought to any Department of Fish and Game office where biologists will record sex and age information as part of the black bear management program.

After July 1, black bears taken in units 12 and 20 also must be sealed under new regulations passed recently by the Board of Fish and Game.

Both the bear hide and skull must be brought in as the skull is needed to determine the age of the bear.

Black bears are now emerging from their winter dens and hunters should look for cubs before shooting. The taking of cubs or sows with cubs is illegal.