

This is presented as an addendum to **PROPOSALS # 37, 38, and/or 39.**

**5 AAC 85.020. Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Brown Bear.** Lengthen the Nonresident Spring Hunting Season for Brown Bear in Unit 23 as follows:

New Season Dates:

**Unit 23, Nonresident Brown/Grizzly Bear** draw hunts DB 771-DB 777 and registration hunts, RB771-RB 777 April 1(April 15) through May 31.

**What is the issue you would like the Board to address and why?** Although my personal experience is limited to the Buckland and Kiwalik drainage I am certain that the early spring weather affects all of Unit 23. Thirty-five years ago opening dates for Spring Grizzly/Brown Bear in Unit 22 was April 25, this year the hard melt of spring break up was April 25, it was over. Hopefully this proposal will increase the chances of sport hunters being more successful in harvesting trophy Grizzly/Brown Bears and will assist the residents of several Seward Peninsula villages by increasing Moose and Caribou calf survival rates.

Respectfully,

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