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ADF&G Announces Board of Game Action on Spring 2020 Bear Hunts

On Wednesday, June 3, 2020 the Alaska Board of Game (BOG) adopted regulations to provide bear hunting opportunity to hunters who were unable to hunt in the spring of 2020 due to COVID-19 related restrictions. A synopsis of BOG action includes:

- Opening a spring 2021 brown bear registration hunt in Game Management Unit 9.
- Provide resident brown bear hunters in Unit 8 the opportunity to use drawing permits in spring 2022.
- Provide nonresident brown bear hunters in Unit 8 the opportunity to use drawing permits in spring 2021.
- Provide nonresident black bear hunters in Southeast the opportunity to use drawing permits in spring 2022.
- Provide nonresident brown bear hunters in Unit 22 the opportunity to use drawing permits in spring 2021

The board did not take any action on drawing hunt in Units 14C and 26B, these seasons will remain unchanged, and these permit holders will not be able to use their permits in future years.

The department will contact each of the impacted hunters with specific information and to determine if hunters plan to use the additional opportunity provided by the board. Hunters that participated in a hunt, whether or not they harvested a bear, are ineligible to move their hunting opportunity to a later time. Hunters will be required to indicate if they participated in their specific drawing hunt in spring 2020, and to confirm they plan to use their drawing permits in the future years.

Additional information is available on the BOG website at:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo&date=06-03-2020&meeting=tele

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