Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 02-05-22

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September 29, 2022

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 30, 2022

Expiration Date: December 31, 2022
unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the state registration permit hunt RB300 for brown bear in Units 7 & 15.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.020(6 & 14), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Brown Bears, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting brown bears in Units 7 & 15:

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JUSTIFICATION:

Brown bear hunting on the Kenai Peninsula is managed under a registration permit with a maximum of 50–60 total human-caused brown bear mortalities per calendar year, of which 8–12 may be adult females on a consecutive 3-year average including the current calendar year. During the 2020, 2021, and 2022 calendar years, there were 80, 40, and 52 reported total human-caused mortalities of brown bears of which 17, 8, and 13 were identified as adult females. The 3-year average surpassed 12 adult female brown bears during a calendar year in 2022, and the 3-year average for total mortality is currently 58 bears.

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