

**PROPOSAL 25 – 5 AAC 92.010. Harvest tickets and reports.** Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide as follows:

Create a harvest ticket for brown bear and require it to hunt them statewide.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Brown bear/grizzlies are one of the premier game animals in Alaska and the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) have no way of telling how many people actually hunt them every year. I think it is vital the ADF&G start keeping track of how many people hunt bears and how much effort is put in hunting them. With much milder winters we seem to have a growing bear population statewide. By tracking how many bears are being seen by hunters, how many are being harvested and how much effort is made to hunt them, ADF&G will have a lot better idea of what is going on out in the field and how to best manage them. We have a statewide requirement for black bear harvest tickets. I see no reason we shouldn't have one for brown bear.

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