

**PROPOSAL 134**

**5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.**

Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 as follows:

Change hunting regulations to read:

One bear every regulatory year by permit available online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Anchorage, Homer, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Aug. 4.

RB300 August 10 - June 30

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Currently, Units 7 and 15 brown bear seasons start in September and end May 30th. Brown bears are commonly seen on sheep hunts and close to residential areas in August. Due to the season not starting yet, these conflicts must be handled by agencies rather than the public. Furthermore, brown bears are commonly seen on black bear bait sites in June and can be seen with a full hide even late in the season. It is not known exactly when a bear will or will not rub. The trophy value of a bear or if it is too rubbed should be left to the hunter to make a determination when he has the opportunity. It is common to see rubbed bears during the season early just as it is late. If the season is open to match the black bear season, hunters could have more opportunity to take these late season bears that have still full hides.

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