

PROPOSAL 76

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

Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8 as follows:

Currently, fall Kodiak brown bear registration permit RB230 is October 25 - November 30. Change dates to October 25 - **December 31**.

Spring brown bear registration permit RB260 is April 1 - May 15. Change dates to **March 1** - May 15. This recommendation is to extend the hunting season in proximity to the town of Kodiak and livestock ranches in Pasagshak for public safety.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Brown bear mortality from Defense of Life or Property activity is increasing in areas surrounding Kodiak and the livestock ranches with the road system area. There is general community concern for public safety and increased destruction of private property. Early in the spring and late in the fall appear to have more disruptive bear behavior. This may be due to lack of plentiful food sources during this time of year. Once a bear finds a garbage or livestock food source, they rarely leave it. Kodiak has ongoing issues with both.

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