

**PROPOSAL 77**

**5 AAC 92.061. Special provisions for brown bear drawing permit hunts.**

Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8 as follows:

In Unit 8, if a resident or nonresident hunter kills a female brown bear in Kodiak bear management Units 8-16, the department will eliminate a permit from the management unit in which the harvest occurred during the next regulatory year. Permits will be eliminated from the corresponding nonresident or resident allocation, during the spring or fall season respectively.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In 1994, the board responded to department concerns of a declining brown bear population in the southwest portion of Kodiak Island by passing a regulation that restricted the take of female brown bears. If a guided nonresident hunter killed a female brown bear with a skull that was not at least 9 inches wide or 15 inches long, the department eliminated a nonresident permit from that area during the next season. This regulation was in effect RY94-RY06.

The department has again expressed concerns about a decline in the brown bear population in the southwest portion of Kodiak Island (Kodiak bear management Units 8-16). This regulatory change is intended to reduce the overall harvest of female brown bears by both resident and nonresident hunters which may prevent further declines and allow for a more rapid recovery of the population.

**PROPOSED BY:** Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F22-006)  
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