## PROPOSAL 106

- 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.
- 5 AAC 92.044. Permit for hunting bear with the use of bait or scent lures.

Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E as follows:

Amend 5 AAC 92.044(b)(1) as follows:

- (b) In addition to any condition that the department may require under 5 AAC 92.052, a permit issued under this section is subject to the following provisions:
- (1) a person may establish a black bear bait station, or a black and brown bear bait station in Units 7, 11, 12, 13, 14(B), 14(C), that portion of the remainder, of excluding Glacier Creek drainage outside of Chugach State Park, 15, 16, 18, 19(A), 19(D), 20(A), 20(B), 20(C), that portion of 20(D) north of the Tanana River, 20(E), 20(F), 21(C), 21(D), 21(E), 23, 24(C), 24(D), 25(C), and 25(D), only if that person obtains a permit under this section;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, & Holy Cross (GASH) Fish and Game Advisory Committee (GASH AC) would like the board to allow hunting of brown/grizzly bears over bait in Unit 21E.

There is concern in the area that populations of brown/grizzly bear are increasing at a higher rate than local residents harvest brown/grizzly bears, and that brown/grizzly bears are encroaching into communities and presenting safety concerns. This proposal seeks to provide an opportunity for additional harvest by residents and nonresident hunters of brown/grizzly bears over bait stations in Unit 21E.

**PROPOSED BY:** Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, & Holy Cross (GASH) Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F23-260)