

PROPOSAL 169

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

Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 26(B), that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year [BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY]; by bow and arrow only;[OR	Aug. 10 – <u>May 31</u> [AUG. 24]	
1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY]	[AUG. 25 – MAY 31]	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 20 permits may be issued in combination with the remainder of 26(B)		Aug. 25 – May 31
Remainder of Unit 26(B)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year [BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY]	Aug. 25 – May 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 20 permits may be issued in combination with that portion of Unit 26(B) within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		Aug. 25 – May 31

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? These registration permits were put in place as a measure to limit the hunting pressure on brown bears in Unit 26B. These registration permits were not limited in recent years and the harvest has remained below management objectives. Removing the requirement for obtaining a registration permit prior to hunting in Unit 26B may allow more opportunistic hunting to occur where there is a harvestable surplus.

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