<u>PROPOSAL 131</u> – **5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.** Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9 as follows:

Remove the "one bear every four regulatory years" requirement for residents hunting under the RB368, RB369, and RB370 registration permits for brown bear in Unit 9.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? One bear every four regulatory years for resident hunters in Unit 9.

If there are no conservation concerns for brown bears in Unit 9 under the RB368, RB369, and RB370 registration permit hunts, and we are allowing unlimited nonresident opportunity that results in nonresident hunters taking greater than 80% of the bears, there is absolutely no need for a restriction on resident hunters to only take one bear every four regulatory years.

These registration permits are only available every other regulatory year as it is, so residents already are restricted to one bear every two regulatory years.