<u>PROPOSAL 81</u> – 5 AAC 85.020. Seasons and bag limits for brown bear, and 92.044. Permit for hunting bear with the use of bait or sent lures. Increase the bag limit for brown bear and allow the harvest of brown bear at black bear bait stations in Unit 14A as follows:

In Unit 14A (or just that portion of Unit 14A west of the Little Susitna River and west of the Parks Highway), increase the bag limit to one brown bear every regulatory year AND allow brown bear to be taken at black bear bait stations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There seems to be a significant increase in the numbers of brown bear at least in that area of Unit 14A, which lies west of the Little Susitna River and west of the Parks Highway. This has been noticed by hunters operating black bear bait stations in this area. It has been difficult to maintain black bear bait stations because of marauding brown bear. There also seems to be a decline in the moose population in this area possibly due to predation by brown bear.

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