

**PROPOSAL 90**

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

Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B as follows:

I recommend extending brown bear season through June 30 allowing these bears to be taken through the baiting season. The new regulation change would read “One bear every regulatory year September 1 - June 30 in Unit 14A and “One bear every regulatory year August 10-June 30 in Unit 14B.”

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The population of brown bears in Unit 14 is growing rapidly. In the span of four years my trail cameras in Unit 14 over bait have shown 1-2 brown bears and 5-6 black bears in 2015 and in 2019 7-8 brown bears and only 1 black bear. Brown bear season closes on May 31 and there is no closed season on black bears currently in Unit 14. If the population of brown bears is not controlled I believe we will continue to see increasing brown bear populations and decreased black bear populations until eventually the area will be depleted of black bears completely.

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