

PROPOSAL 94

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

Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder as follows:

Unit 16A: **June 16 – August 9 by bow and arrow only; or** August 10 - June 15; two bears every regulatory year.

Unit 16B, that portion within a one-mile radius of the mouth of Wolverine Creek (at 60.80° N. lat., 152.31 ° W. long.); September 15 - May 31; two bears every regulatory year.

Remainder of Unit 16B **June 16 – August 9 by bow and arrow only; or** August 10 - June 15; two bears every regulatory year.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extending the general season for bow and arrow only would give more hunters the opportunity to spend time in the field pursuing bears within Unit 16 without having a negative impact on the resource. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, only 65 of 460 brown bears were taken with a bow in Unit 16 from 2014 to 2018. These reported archery harvests show the extremely low impact to the population.

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