

PROPOSAL 121

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

Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12 as follows:

Unit 12. East of the Nabesna River and south of the winter trail running southeast from pickerel Lake to the U.S/Canada border.

Resident: 2 Bear every regulatory year. Aug 10-Jun 30

Nonresident: 1 Bear every regulatory year. Aug 10-Jun 30

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I am asking the board to allow residents to harvest two grizzly bears per year in this unit/area. My family has been going into the area since the 70s and it has always held a healthy population of bears. We really enjoy bear meat (to the point my kids prefer over moose.) We salvage the whole bear when a harvest is made, and frankly, a second allowable bear would provide extra meat to be enjoyed over the winter (we make roasts, breakfast sausage, chorizo, kielbasa, smoked hams and meat sticks). Not to leave out the bear fat that gets rendered down for baking and frying.

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