

## **PROPOSAL 182**

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

Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15 as follows:

Extend the brown bear season for residents and nonresidents in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C to June 15th.

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Unit 20(A) and Remainder of Unit 20(B)

Unit 20(B)

Unit 25(C)

One bear every regulatory year

Resident Nonresident

Sept 1 – [May 31} **June 15** Sept 1 – [May 31} **June 15**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Grizzly bears usually show up to bear bait sites in early June. This causes a safety concern to bear hunters trying to fill their freezers with black bear meat, and a loss of opportunity to take a grizzly bear over bait. Grizzly bears are an ever-increasing occurrence in June in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C. Extending the grizzly bear season by 15 days should not pose any conservation concern.

**PROPOSED BY:** Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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