

PROPOSAL 41

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

Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 23 for residents to year-round as follows:

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Unit 23

Open the brown bear hunting season in Unit 23 as follows: **July 1-June 30** [AUG 1-MAY 31]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently, the brown bear season is closed during the summer months of June and July. During these summer months, bears that roam close to the community can pose a life and safety concern to community members who recreate and engage in subsistence activities.

The brown bear harvest season should be changed for year-round harvest. This will allow residents to address problem bears at the local level. This regulatory change will keep the community safe and would eliminate the paperwork and enforcement resources required with Defense of Life or Property (DLP.)

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