

PROPOSAL 95

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

Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C as follows:

I am proposing a change to the season dates for brown/grizzly bear in Unit 19C. The season dates for Units 19A, 19D, 19E and the Aniak drainage within Unit 19B, have seasons open to the hunting of brown/grizzly bears of August 10 - June 30. I propose that the brown/grizzly bear hunting season within Unit 19C be amended to fall inline with the other season dates within Unit 19.

The extension of this season may reveal two benefits; firstly, based on the Board of Game (BOG) decision at its meeting in Soldotna (March 2023) regarding Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C shows that there is an obvious concern for the increased sheep mortality. Lengthening the brown bear season in Unit 19C, with a season open date of August 10 will provide hunters the opportunity to harvest a brown bear while afield for dall sheep. Secondly, by also lengthening the season in the spring to June 30, which would provide a more efficient means of hunting bears after the snow pack has dissipated, will hopefully lead to a higher hunter harvest and help reduce predation of the ungulates that the BOG is trying to protect in Unit 19C, based on the approval of amended Proposals 204 and 205

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Lengthen the season dates of brown/grizzly bear hunting in Unit19C to Aug. 10 - June 30.

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