

## **PROPOSAL 99**

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

Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10 as follows:

#### **5 AAC 85.020(18) Unit 19(C) Brown/Grizzly Bear.**

Brown/grizzly bear for both residents and nonresidents in Unit 19C. One bear every regulatory year. Open Season: **August 10** [SEPTEMBER1]– May 31.

If nothing is done, brown/grizzly bear population will continue to increase, which will have a negative effect on calf/lamb survival. This increase in brown/grizzly bears will have a negative impact on all ungulate populations and will struggle to rebound from a harsh winter.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Increase in bear sightings and moose calf and bison calf survival concerns. Extend the hunting season for Unit 19C brown/grizzly bears. Existing season is September 1 - May 31. Extending the season will allow hunters more time to potentially take bears helping with calf survival for all ungulates.

ADF&G has reduced the number of bison permits issued from 30 to 20 and a nonresident moose draw within the registration hunt area of Unit 19C as well as the complete shutdown of nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C. Reducing predation will help ungulate populations.

Solution: Change the hunting season for brown/grizzly bear in Unit 19C to August10 – May31.

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