

**PROPOSAL 14**

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

Lengthen the fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents as follows:

Change the brown bear season in Units 9E and 9D to October 1st to Oct 21st of odd number years for residents and nonresidents.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The start brown bear season in Unit 9 was changed from October 1st to October 7th of odd numbered years a few years ago. I would like for the season to start on October 1st again. The bear population is doing great with a diverse age class of bears. There was concern after the late winter/spring of 2012 that some sows and cubs were lost. The population has rebounded, and we are seeing a very diverse age class of bears.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?**

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