

PROPOSAL 191

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

Create an archery only, drawing permit hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Create an additional drawing permit hunt in Game Management Unit 14C by bow and arrow only as follows:

DBXXX

GMU, Area

Unit 14C, Chugach State Park Management Area

Season Dates: 09/01 - 05/31

Residency Restrictions

Hunt available to Nonresidents

Hunt available to Alaska Residents

Certified Bowhunters Only

Up to 25 permits

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

With an average of only one bear per year taken from the current hunt, I believe more opportunity is warranted. Over the past several years, I have personally witnessed a ton of brown bear in the area covered by DB470. In one afternoon, I witnessed six different brown bears on one side of a single valley. I have also hunted moose several different years in the area and during the season of 2023, I witnessed more bears, wolves and less moose and sheep than ever. I believe that creating a drawing permit hunt for archery only would allow for that additional opportunity, while only maybe averaging one more bear taken per year. There should be no conflict with user groups as there is already almost unlimited harvest ticket black bear hunting in the same area.

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

Myself and other avid hunters of Unit 14C.

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