

PROPOSAL 192

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

Establish an archery only, registration brown bear hunt in the Chugach State Park Management Area 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?

RB470 Chugach State Park Management Area and that portion of Eagle River Management Area above Icicle Creek: One bear every regulatory year by bow and arrow only. By registration permit.

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

Establish RB470 registration tag to mirror draw tag DB470. Archery restrictions of bow and arrow only for the registration tag, season dates remain the same September 1 - May 31. Starting a registration rather than a harvest ticket still allows the department control to alleviate concerns of over harvest by establishing a sow quota for the area, if such concerns even exist. This area is a popular area for moose hunting in the fall, draw sheep hunting, and harvest ticket black bear hunting. Given the extremely low harvest rate of the 15 draw tags open to any weapon, there should be no biological concern of establishing a registration hunt for archery only and creating more opportunities for those afield in this area. This additional registration opportunity also does not take away or limit the any weapon opportunities already in place. Conflicts with other user groups for the area should not be a concern as it is already open to harvest ticket black bear hunting during these season dates.

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

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