

**PROPOSAL 193**

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

Change the DB468 brown bear draw hunt for the Eklutna Lake Management Area in Unit 14C to a registration hunt as follows:

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

Change DB468 from a drawing permit hunt to a registration permit hunt as follows:

[DB468] **RB468** Chugach State Park within Eklutna Lake Management Area 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?**

Switching to a registration rather than a harvest ticket still allows the Department of Fish and Game 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 registration moose hunting in the fall, draw permit sheep hunting, and harvest ticket black bear hunting. Given the extremely low harvest rate of the 20 draw permits, there should be no biological concern of converting to registration for this hunt and allowing more opportunities for those already afield in this area. Conflicts with other user groups for the area should not be a concern as it is already open to harvest ticket black bear hunting by bow and arrow only.

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

Combined board of the Alaskan Bowhunters Association

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