

PROPOSAL 233

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

Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts DB 106/206/136/236 as follows:

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

Change the boundary of Kodiak bear drawing DB 106/206/136/236. Change the northeast boundary of this bear area to follow the ridgeline to Cape Kasiak (The point that separates Three Saints Bay from Kaiugnak Bay; rather than come down Avnulu Creek.

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

The boundary for DB 106/206/136/236 is in a bad place. For some reason, unknown to anyone at ADF&G the boundary goes down Avnulu Vreek. This is contrary to almost every other Kodiak bear hunt boundary which follow the ridgelines or high ground. It makes this area very difficult to hunt because the only practical access is from Kaiugnak Bay but only half of the valley is in that unit, making it very frustrating to hunt. The side that is in the opposite area is good to hunt also but virtually inaccessible for anyone with that tag because float planes can't pull up to the rocky/wavy beach. It is more than 10 miles of very rough ocean from any place in that unit where a floatplane could land. It is only practical via inflatable from Kaiugnak. I asked the staff in Unit 8, they were not opposed, but they wanted the Board of Game to weigh in. As far as we can tell staff has the authority to move the line. I also talked to the bear guide in the adjacent unit and he is not opposed.

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

Developed with the adjacent area guide (his area will be slightly smaller. Also Unit 8 ADF&G staff and USF&WS staff for Kodiak Refuge.

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