

**PROPOSAL 234**

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

Shorten the spring brown bear season on Kodiak Island in Unit 8, to start April 20 as follows:

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

Kodiak Brown Bear

Spring season April 20 - May 20th

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

The issue I want to address is spring bear season on Kodiak Island. It begins April 1st. There is VERY LITTLE actual bear harvest or bear activity in early April, so most people never start until around April 20th, every year, guided and Alaskan. We have had a lot of late springs where nothing is happening at all for successful hunting until the very end of April til the end on May 15th. I believe shortening the season and changing dates would still allow for everyone, resident and nonresident and alien to have a high quality experience and harvest more boars, thus growing a healthier and more uniform bear population. All vendors and airplane and boat transport services would not lose business, if anything it would increase for everyone being able to operate during warmer better weather.

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

I collaborated with Alaskan and Kodiak Island residents as well as some guides and nonresidents on this matter.

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