

PROPOSAL 238

5 AAC 92.003. Hunter education and orientation requirements.

Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8, to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island brown bear as follows:

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

Create an online course that covers properly identifying Kodiak Island brown bear sows and boars as well as biological features that are unique to different age classes of bears and sex. The information provided must be from Kodiak Island and not other regions in the state of Alaska or elsewhere.

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

Currently residents are harvesting more than double the amount of sows as guided nonresidents, with residents harvesting 33% sows and nonresidents harvesting 15% sows. While the Kodiak Island bear biologist can manage with an up to 40% sow harvest, a lower sow harvest percentage would allow for more future resident opportunity and a greater Kodiak brown bear management plan.

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

Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee and Kodiak game biologist.

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