

Proposal 48

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

Align the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 22B, 22C, 22D, and 22E for nonresidents as follows:

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

Open Season Units and Bag Limits	Resident	
	(Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(20)		
Unit 22(B)		
...		
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 40 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 22(C)		<u>Aug. 1 – June 30</u> [AUG. 1 – JUNE 15]
Unit 22(C)		
...		
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 40 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 22(B)		<u>Aug. 1 – June 30</u> [Aug. 1 – Oct. 31] [APR. 1 – JUNE 30]
Remainder of Unit 22		
...		
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 40 permits may be issued		<u>Aug. 1 – June 30</u> [AUG. 1 – JUNE 15]

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

Nonresident season dates for brown bear are not consistent among Unit 22 subunits. At the 2024 Board of Game meeting, the split season in Unit 22C was removed for residents but it was retained for nonresidents. The split season in Unit 22C creates unnecessary confusion for hunters and adds complexity to the regulations. Very little harvest of brown bears occurs in Unit 22 during November – March so this extended season, resulting from removing the split season, is not anticipated to create a biological concern.

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