

Proposal 50

5 AAC 92.067. Units 22 and 23 brown bear permits.

Do away with the DB690. Make the non-resident brown bear tags in 22D & E a registration hunt that allows hunters to obtain tags annually as follows:

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

Do away with the DB690. Make the non-resident brown bear tags in 22D & E a registration hunt that allows hunters to obtain tags annually. This also allows hunters to plan out a grizzly hunt better knowing they will have a tag in hand. F&G also has the opportunity to closely monitor this hunt as a registration. Residents are complaining about grizzly encounters and predation on the ungulate population.

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

The restraint of brown bear tag, DB690, availability under the current draw restricts the hunters' ability to obtain a tag annually. The number of drawing tags was increased last cycle and that has shown no significant increase in the harvest. Note: nearly, if not all hunter's entered in this draw are in the region to hunt caribou or moose. The bear tag is in-hand on the off-chance of encountering a bear.

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

It was not. I live outside of the local area and was unable to attend those meetings on Zoom due to a schedule conflict.

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