

*The Board of Game approved an agenda change request to consider this proposal at the March 2012, Interior Region meeting.*

**PROPOSAL 261 - 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.** Modify the hunting season and bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9C.

Allow 1 brown bear per year (residents, no tag required; nonresidents, tag required.)  
Registration permit required for residents and nonresidents.  
Season dates for nonresidents: May 1 - June 30, and September 1 – October 31.  
Season dates for residents: Open year round.

**ISSUE:** Predator to game ratio. When consideration was made to create a problem bear permit hunt along the Naknek drainage there was no discussion of reducing the present brown bear hunting season in the Naknek River drainage. What happened was the elimination of the yearly spring/fall hunt in the Naknek River drainage. (Previously the brown bear season in the Naknek River drainage ran from may 1 – June 30 and September 1 – October 31.) Reducing the bear hunting season is a step backwards in trying to correct the predator situation in Unit 9C. Because of Katmai national Park we are being over-run with bears as they spill out of the protected park.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE?** Continued low number of big game animals (moose and caribou).

**WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCT PRODUCED BE IMPROVED?** No

**WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT?** Increased moose and caribou numbers.

**WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER?** Bears.

**OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?** Getting rid of brown bear trophy area designation.

**PROPOSED BY:** The Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee

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