King Salmon Area – Units 9 & 10

<u>PROPOSAL 44</u> - 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Remove the antler restriction for the resident winter moose season in Unit 9B as follows:

During the December 15 - January 15 moose hunt, eliminate the antlered regulation. The regulation would read: "1 bull, December 15 - January 15."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? It has been more difficult to harvest a bull moose in the winter season. This was changed a few years ago from one bull to one antlered bull. Change moose season in Unit 9B back to one bull moose during winter season from one antlered moose, December 15-January 15.

<u>PROPOSAL 45- 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.</u> Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9B as follows:

Change the brown bear season in Unit 9B from one bear every four years to one bear every year, with the season open every spring and fall.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Unit 9B will continue to have an excess of brown bears and a declining moose population. Villages and moose calves are likely to suffer.

<u>PROPOSAL 46</u> - 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear. Extend the brown bear season in Unit 10, Unimak Island as follows:

Brown/grizzly bear - Unit 10, Unimak Island: May 10-31.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extend the spring brown bear season in Unit 10 from May 25 to May 31 to coincide with Unit 9. The same circumstances exist for lengthening the season in Unit 10 as was addressed when the Unit 9 spring season was lengthened. In addition, the permit allocation on Unimak Island has been increased from seven to 12 permits for the spring season, thus creating a potential crowding of hunters due to the limited amount of optimum spring hunting locations on Unimak Island. Lengthening the season would spread hunters over a longer season, thus helping to minimize the overcrowding potential.