

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R2-03-24

Issued at: Soldotna, Alaska
June 26, 2024

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
July 1, 2024

Expiration Date: June 30, 2025
unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This Emergency Order closes the state registration permit hunt RB300 for brown bear in Units 7 & 15 from August 10 through December 31, 2024. The season will re-open January 1, 2025, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in 5AAC 85.020(6 & 14), **Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Brown Bears**, are superseded by this Emergency Order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting brown bears in Units 7 & 15:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(6) ...		
Unit 7 1 bear every regulatory year by registration permit only ...	Jan. 1– June 30 (General hunt only)	Jan. 1– June 30
(14) ...		
Unit 15 1 bear every regulatory year by registration permit only ...	Jan. 1– June 30 (General hunt only)	Jan. 1– June 30

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Nicholas Fowler
Regional Wildlife Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Brown bear hunting on the Kenai Peninsula is managed under a registration permit with a maximum of 50–60 total human-caused brown bear mortalities per calendar year, of which 8–12 may be adult females on a consecutive 3-year average including the current calendar year. This management strategy is consistent with the Board of Game recommendations (2015-211) adopted on March 18, 2015. During the 2022, 2023, and 2024 calendar years, there were 56, 46, and 50 reported total human-caused mortalities of brown bears of which 15, 10, and 10 were identified as adult females. The 3-year average is currently at 11.7 adult female brown bears during a calendar year in 2024. The RB300 season will not re-open during the 2024 calendar year and will open again on January 1, 2025.

DISTRIBUTION:

This emergency order is distributed to the recipients listed below. Copies are available from Department of Fish and Game offices in Soldotna, Homer, and Anchorage.

1. Lieutenant Governor's Office
2. Assistant Attorney General (Board of Game Liaison)
3. Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
4. Division of Wildlife Conservation
 - Director
 - Deputy Director
 - Assistant Director
 - Regional Supervisors
 - Area Biologists (Region II)
 - Regulatory Coordinator, Information Management
 - Web Master
5. Division of Boards
 - Director
6. Division of Subsistence, Anchorage Regional Supervisor
7. Public Communications Section: Juneau, Anchorage
8. Department of Public Safety, Fish & Wildlife Protection
 - Field Offices: Soldotna, Anchor Point
9. Magistrates: Anchorage and Palmer

10. News Media: Kenai Peninsula

11. Radio Stations: Anchorage (KFQD)