

RC O38

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Re: Proposal 133

Dear Board of Game Members,

My initial proposal 133, was to first address the social issues, and second the conservation issues that have come to light regarding Brown Bear in Unit 9E.

After listening to oral testimony and reading the ADFG departments comments I urge you to oppose my proposal and support my amendment that closely follows the ADFG departments findings.

The ADFG department recommends to shorten the fall season to Oct 7-21. The fall season is when 99% of the social issues happen as the bears are concentrated on State Lands. The fall season is also when the majority of sow harvest takes place.

Shortening the fall season will be a good step in addressing the social and conservation issues on state land in 9E.

My recommendation is that the spring season dates remain unchanged, May 10-31. The spring season has a much lower sow harvest and the social conflicts are not an issue, as most of the harvest in the spring is taken place on federal lands. Federal lands already have a limit on guides, and a limit on the number of bears each contracting guide is permitted to harvest.

I recommend that the board adopt new regulation for 9E that states: Odd numbered year fall season for resident & non-resident – Oct 7-21, and Even number year Spring Season remain the same for resident & non-resident, May 10-31.

Sincerely,

Lance Kronberger – Master Guide #221