

PROPOSAL 39

5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.

5 AAC 92.132. Bag limit for brown bears.

Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E, and increase the resident bag limit as follows:

To address this issue, we respectfully request the Board of Game adopt into regulation the following:

Open to Residents All of Unit 22D/ 22E Two bear [ONE BEAR] every regulatory year August 1- June 15 [MAY 1].

Nonresidents All of 22D/ 22E One bear every regulatory year Aug. 1- June 15 [MAY 1].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The more recent changes in the bear hunting regulations for the neighboring Units 22B and 22C the current bear harvest has shown to be sustainable. Bear reproduction has increased from one bear to three bears per litter. The last couple of years the moose quota has dropped substantially, and local ADF&G staff have attributed some of the moose population decline in Units 22D, 22D Remainder, 22D Southwest, to predators within Unit 22E. What used to be a general harvest ticket with no quota to a quota of 50 moose the quota is now in the low 30's. Cow season has been closed in a few of these areas. If this new bear bag limit regulation is adopted for all of Unit 22D and 22E it will match the bag limits that are already in place for Units 22A and 22B.

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