PROPOSAL 68

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

Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11 as follows:

Unit 11: <u>July 1 – August 9 by bow and arrow only; or</u> August 10 - June 30, one bear every regulatory year.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extending the general season for bow and arrow only would give more hunters the opportunity to spend time in the field pursuing bears within Unit 11 without having a negative impact on the resource. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, only four of 55 brown bears were taken with a bow in the last five years. These reported archery harvests show the extremely low impact to the population.

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