

Dear Board of Game Members,

As a lifelong Alaskan and Master Guide with over 30 years of in-the-field experience hunting on the southern Alaska Peninsula, specifically in GMU 9D and 9E, I strongly urge you to please reconsider your adoption of Proposal 206, which extends the Brown Bear Spring Seasons in 9D and 9E until May 31st. I do not believe this is in the best interests of conservation or the resources.

Traditionally, at least since the 1980's, the Resident and Non-Resident Brown Seasons on the southern Peninsula were 15-to-16-day seasons and I believe that served conservation, the hunters, and the resources well and produced a high quality, sustainable harvest. Several years ago, due to pressure from some user groups, both the fall and spring seasons were lengthened and then most recently, just a few years ago, you reduced the season back to what it has traditionally been based upon conservation concerns. I was, and remain, in full support of that decision and I am strongly opposed to lengthening the season for any user group. You just reduced the season and now you are prepared to lengthen it again? That makes no sense to me and does not seem to be based upon sound, prudent resource management, data, or conservation.

Please, I implore you to reconsider the recent change to 206 and do not add any additional length to the season in units 9D and 9E and revert it back to the long standing, traditional October 7th to 21st and May 10th to 25th season dates.

Respectfully,

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