

**PROPOSAL 218**

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

Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13 as follows:

Unit 13: Allow two grizzlies per regulatory year to be taken.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Grizzly populations in Unit 13 are very high and having a detrimental effect on moose populations, particularly in Unit 13B. On an average spring I will find dozens of dead moose calves, uneaten, and killed by grizzlies. In the last ten years, populations have at least doubled. Allowing baiting to be legal a few years ago has helped, but we are still gaining bears. Many hunters after moose and caribou will pass on shooting a grizzly incidentally unless they see a large one. But if two grizzlies were allowed to be harvested, those hunters would be more likely to shoot the first legal grizzly seen, and then hold out for a bigger one on their second one.

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