

**PROPOSAL 92**

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

Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16 as follows:

Change Unit 16 brown bear season back to **No Closed Season.**

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Change the Unit 16 brown bear season back to NO CLOSED SEASON. There is no closed season for black bear in this unit and the baiting season runs from April 15 to October15. With this season closed a hunter can't take a brown bear at their bait station if one appears during the closed portion of the season. There is an abundance of both black and brown bears in this area with a high predation rate on moose calves. There is no threat of over harvest in this very heavily forested unit and by opening this back up, it gives hunters a little more opportunity to hunt and potentially alleviate problem bears without the process of a defense of life and property (DLP) bear situation.

**PROPOSED BY:** Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F20-005)

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