

PROPOSAL 57

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

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

B -Brown/Grizzly Bear: 13E within Denali State Park **TWO** [One] bear(s) every regulatory year from August 10-June 15

B -Brown/Grizzly Bear: 13 remainder **TWO** [One] bear(s) every regulatory – no closed season

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Brown and grizzly bears are currently at high population levels in Unit 13 and their hardship on moose and caribou are reaching unsustainable levels. Many hunters use bait stations and/or motorized vehicles hunt for brown/grizzly bears during the spring and early summer in Alaska but are unable to take a bear in the fall due to the one bear per regulatory regulation. This would allow for another opportunity to hunt brown/grizzly bears in the fall, while still allowing for traditional spring bear hunting opportunity. Unit 16 saw an increase to two brown/grizzly bears per regulatory year and the unit has seen the positive effects on moose populations with its change.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? This was developed in coordination with the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee as many of our members are closely familiar with Unit 13 and its constituents are primary members of Unit 13.

PROPOSED BY: Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F24-033)
