

**PROPOSAL 77**

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

Extend the brown bear season in Unit 14B as Follows:

**Unit 14B One bear every regulatory year Aug. 10- June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Extending the season by 15 days would ensure that brown bears hides would still be of good trophy quality. If this regulation is passed it would align with the Unit 14C remainder of June 15<sup>th</sup> for brown bear.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Brown bear population currently in Unit 14B has increased substantially. Due to the late springs/ break ups over the past few years, brown bears are showing up after season is closed. Taking over bait stations, making it very difficult to harvest a black bear. With the surplus of brown bears, extending the brown bear season in Unit 14B would allow hunters to harvest brown bears into June. It also has the potential to have positive effects on the moose population. There is no threat of over harvest in this very heavily forested unit by extending the season.

**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.

**PROPOSED BY:** Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F24-049)  
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