

PROPOSAL 16

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

Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 18 as follows:

We recommend that brown bear seasons close on June 30.

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Unit 18

1 bear every regulatory year by registration permit.
(Subsistence hunt only) Sept. 1 - May 31 No open season.

1 bear every regulatory year Sept. 1 – **June 30** [MAY 31] Sept. 1 – **June 30** [MAY 31]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In Unit 18, brown bear season closes on May 31, while black bear baiting season closes on June 30. This leaves a month of baiting where it's legal to hunt black bears, but illegal to hunt brown bears. This proposal would eliminate confusion in the regulations and reduce hunter brown bear conflict at bait stations during the month of June. This would also increase the opportunity that bear baiters have to harvest brown bears.

PROPOSED BY: Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-032)
