

**PROPOSAL 41**

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

Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C as follows:

Align closing dates of brown bear/grizzly bear season with adjacent portions of Unit 22A. The existing regulation closes the hunt on May 31, but hunts in Unit 22A run through June 15. If adopted, the new regulation would extend closing date of DB685 to June 15 and the resident general season hunt in the same area to June 30.

Unit 22B

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 bears every regulatory year by registration (Subsistence hunt only) permit only; or

Aug. 1 – **June 30** [MAY 31]

2 bears every regulatory year

Aug. 1 – **June 30** [MAY 31]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 27 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 22C

Aug. 1 – **June 15** [MAY 31]

Unit 22C

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory year by registration permit; or

Aug. 1 - Oct. 31

Apr. 1 – **June 30** [MAY 31]

(Subsistence hunt only)

1 bear every regulatory year

Aug. 1 - Oct. 31

Apr. 1 – **June 30** [MAY 31]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 27 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 22B

Aug. 1 - **June 15** [OCT. 31]  
[APR. 1 – MAY 31]

The new regulation would read August 1 – June 15 for nonresidents and August 1–June 30 for residents.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The DB685 nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunt in Units 22B and 22C currently closes on May 31. The season in adjacent areas in Unit 22A runs through June 15, and the adjacent areas in Unit 21D are open through June 30. Hunts in both adjacent areas are open for both residents and nonresidents under general season regulations. It would benefit hunters with DB685 permits if they could hunt both the drawing and general season areas up to the same closing dates, or at least for an additional 15 days. There does not appear to be a biological concern with the bear population in this area as adjacent units and subunits are open to general season hunting. Season dates for resident general season hunts in the same areas should also be extended to avoid confusion and could be extended beyond the requested nonresident season to June 30 in order to provide additional opportunity.

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