

PROPOSAL 28

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

Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9 as follows:

Remove the “one bear every four regulatory years” requirement for residents hunting under the RB368, RB369, and RB370 registration permits for brown bear in Unit 9.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? One bear every four regulatory years for resident hunters in Unit 9.

The RB368, RB369, and RB370 registration permit hunts in Unit 9, that occur in the spring of even-numbered years and fall of odd-numbered years allow unlimited resident and nonresident opportunity and nonresident guided hunters make up the majority of participants and take 80 percent of the harvest each season. Any conservation concerns are clearly related to the nonresident component where the vast majority of the harvest comes from.

There is absolutely no need for a restriction on resident hunters to only take one bear every four regulatory years. These registration permits are only available every other regulatory year as it is, so residents already are restricted to one bear every two regulatory years.

PROPOSED BY: Resident Hunters of Alaska

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