

**PROPOSAL 69**

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

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

A good solution would be to increase the grizzly harvest in Unit 13 to two per year. Many hunters pass on shooting smaller bears because they only have one per year limit and are hoping to find a larger one. With a two-bear limit, hunters would be more likely to take the first one they see, and possibly make them more selective on the second bear.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The grizzly/brown bear population in Unit 13 continues to grow. Predation on moose and caribou in the area is high, and doing more to control the population will help to increase moose and caribou populations. Every year the numbers of bears seen, and bear sign grows, along with dozens of dead moose calves found in June during the calving season, and including full grown moose killed by grizzlies throughout the summer. Adding the baiting to Unit 13 four or five years ago helped, but because a lot of the unit is way beyond reasonable for most people to keep barrels active, hunting pressure/harvest remains low.

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