

Dept. of Public Safety, Fish and Wildlife to Protect Brown Bear

Commissioner Emery W. Chapple, Jr. of the Department of Public Safety announced today that there will be a combined effort between the Division of State Troopers and the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection to reduce the illegal slaughter of Alaska's brown bear.

There will be a great deal more effort expended this year

than in past years to apprehend offenders who are bent upon making illegal profits off one of Alaska's most treasured natural resources.

Commissioner Chapple pointed out that the brown bear is the property of all of the citizens of Alaska, and the protection of the bear cannot be left solely to

those few people who are in the enforcement field.

He asks that any citizen having information concerning the illegal destruction of these animals or any other violations of our game laws inform the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, or the Alaska State Troopers, by calling one centrally

assigned phone number in Anchorage 272-1524.

Collect calls for this purpose will be accepted, and the information will remain confidential if requested.

So far this year, two aircraft have been seized for alleged illegal taking of brown bear.