

A brown bear is shown swimming in the water, holding a large fish in its mouth. The bear's head and back are visible above the water, and the fish is held vertically. The water is dark and choppy.

Brown bears (*Ursus arctos*) are omnivorous and have an excellent sense of smell. They have large shoulder humps that help them dig for clams, roots and squirrels. The average life span of a wild brown bear is about 20 years old, although many of them live much longer. The oldest wild brown bears known have lived 35 years.