BLACK BEAR HUNTING ISSUES

- 1. Harvest Tickets and Sealing
 - a. Should harvest tickets and sealing requirements be standardized?
 - i. Both
 - ii. Harvest Tickets
 - iii. Sealing
 - iv. Neither
 - b. All options already exist in GMU's in Greater Alaska
- 2. Black Bear Hunting Seasons
 - a. Should seasons be standardized?
 - i. Most seasons in Greater Alaska are open year-round
 - ii. Seasons in Units 6AB&C, 17 are shorter for unknown reasons
 - iii. The season in 6D is shorter due to a potential for high harvest
 - iv. Season in 14C are shorter due to perceived conflict concerns
- 3. Black Bear Bait Seasons
 - a. Should baiting seasons be standardized?
 - i. Most spring baiting seasons are April 15-June 30
 - ii. Unit 6 has shorter spring seasons
 - iii. Fall seasons vary widely
 - 1. Should fall season be standardized?
 - Interior Bait hunters have asked for an earlier opener to allow for snowmobile access before breakup.
- Salvage Requirements
 - a. Should salvage requirements be standardized?
 - i. Hide, Skull, and Meat
 - ii. Hide or Meat
 - iii. Meat only
 - iv. Hide/Skull only
 - v. Meat/Skull or Hide/Skull
 - vi. Evidence of sex attached require or not
 - 1. Evidence of sex must remain attached in about half of all units
 - b. All options already exist in Greater Alaska
- 5. Bait Hunting the day of flying
 - a. Should hunting at bait sites after flying be allowed?
 - b. Hunting immediately after flying is allowed in some units
 - i. Must be 300 feet from the plane
 - ii. Must hunt At a bait site only
- 6. IBEP required to hunt over bait with archery
 - a. Should IBEP training be required to hunt with bait?
 - i. Everywhere
 - ii. Some units
 - iii. None
 - b. IBEP is required to hunt with bait in 7,15,16 only

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BLACK BEAR HUNTING ISSUES

7. Guide Regulations

- a. Should the number of baits guides are allowed be standardized?
 - i. Guides may have 10 in Regions 3&4
 - ii. Guides May have 2 in Regions 2&5
 - iii. Other options?
- b. Should guides be required to personally accompany clients in the stand?
 - i. Both resident and nonresident clients
 - ii. Nonresident clients only
 - iii. Neither
 - 1. Both resident and nonresident clients must be accompanied currently even if hunting at a station registered by the client.
- c. Should "Outfitted" bait hunts be allowed?
- 8. Bait station registration
 - a. Should bait station registration requirements be standardized?
 - i. Some area offices require both GPS and a physical description.
 - Some only require GPS
 - iii. Some only require physical description
- 9. Maintenance of a bait site
 - a. Should others be allowed to maintain a registered bait site with registrant's permission. (currently not allowed)
 - i. Baiting the site
 - ii. Cleaning up the site
 - iii. Both
 - 1. Only in case of emergency (injury, illness, death)
 - 2. At any time with written permission
 - 3. Never
- Predator Control Areas
 - a. Should ordinary baiting be allowed in predator control areas?
 - Currently, residents may only register a bait site with a control permit
 - This keeps them from allowing anyone (resident or not) to hunt their site without also getting a control permit
 - 2. This keeps young resident children from hunting with their parents over bait (under 10yoa in unit 16, under 16yoa in unit 19D)
 - b. Should black bear baiting be considered a control method at all?
 - Will black bear baiting as an accepted method of hunting and may be tarnished if labeled "predator control" in some areas.
 - ii. Should predator control permits be issued only in the case of snaring?
 - iii. Should there be a "default" bag limit, under hunting regulations of "NO LIMIT" within control areas?
 - iv. In all other cases "Predator Control" labels and permits are reserved for exceptional methods and means (airborne hunting, bear snaring, brown bear baiting, etc.)

BLACK BEAR HUNTING ISSUES

Below are the codified regulations pertaining to black bear baiting. Many of the conditions listed in the annual regulations book are <u>not</u> regulation but ADF&G requirements.

5 AAC 92.044. Permit for hunting black bear with the use of bait or scent lures.

- (a) A person may not establish a black bear bait station to hunt black bear with the use of bait or scent lures without first obtaining a permit from the department under this section.
- (b) A permit issued under this section is subject to the following provisions:
- (1) a person may establish a black bear bait station only if that persons obtains a permit under this section:
- (2) in Units 6(D), 7, 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16(A), and 20(B), a person must complete a bear hunter clinic given by the department before that person may obtain a permit from the department under this section;
- (3) a person must be at least 16 years of age to be issued a permit;
- (4) a person may not have more than two bait stations established with bait present at any one time:
- (5) a person may not use bait or scent lures within
- (A) one-quarter mile of a publicly maintained road, trail, or the Alaska Railroad;
- (B) one mile of a house or other permanent dwelling; or
- (C) one mile of a developed campground or developed recreational facility;
- (6) a person may not give or receive remuneration for the use of a bait station, including barter or exchange of goods; however, this paragraph does not apply to a licensed guide-outfitter who personally accompanies a client at the bait station site;
- (7) a person using bait or scent lures shall clearly identify the site with a sign reading "black bear bait station" that also displays the person's hunting license number, and the permit number;
- (8) only biodegradable materials may be used as bait; if fish or game is used as bait, only the head, bones, viscera, or skin of legally harvested fish and game may be used, except that in Units 7 and 15, fish or fish parts may not be used as bait;
- (9) in areas where the bag limit is greater than one bear, the department my limit the number of bears taken over bait as condition of the permit;
- (10) a permittee must remove bait, litter, and equipment from the bait station site when hunting is completed.

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FALL HUNTING	0	0	0	107		30	86	56
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GREATER ALASKA BLACK BEAR BAITING DAYS



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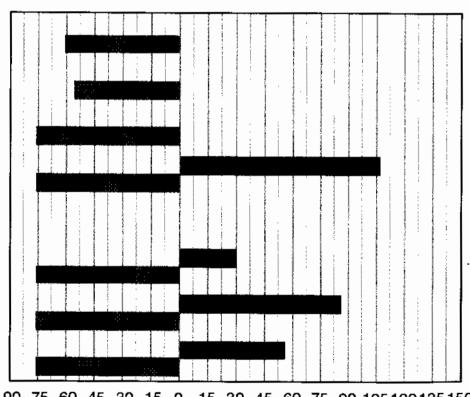
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BLACK BEAR BAITING DAYS

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FALL HUNTING	73	61	51	93	54	54	122
SPRING	-61	-61	-41	-31	-46	-31	-61

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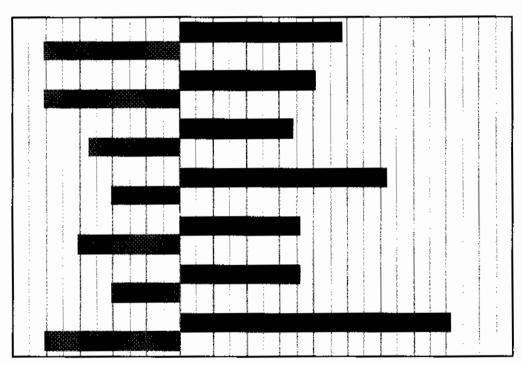
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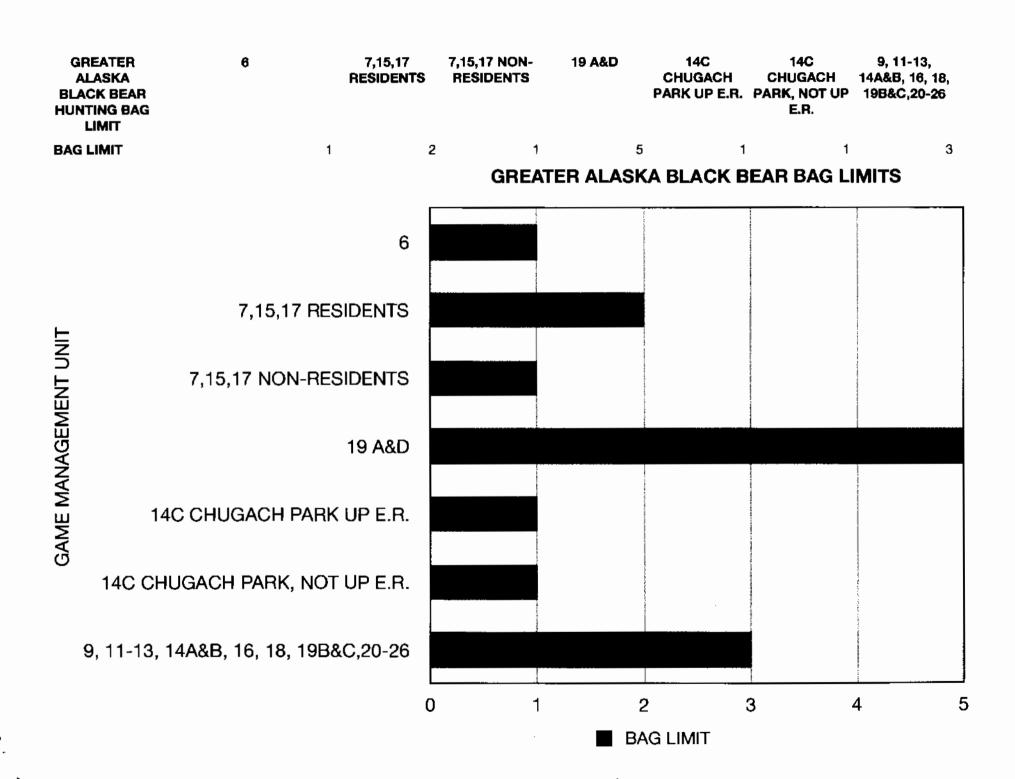


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(NOVEMBER 1 - APRIL 30 ARE NOT INCLUDED)

FALL HUNTING

SPRING HUNTING



PROPOSAL 45A



5 AAC 92.200. Purchase and sale of game.

- (a) In accordance with AS 16.05.920(a) and 16.05.930(e), the purchase, sale, or barter of game or any part of game is permitted except as provided in this section.
- (b) Except as provided in 5 AAC 92.031, a person may not purchase, sell, [BARTER,] advertise, or otherwise offer for sale [OR BARTER]:
 - (1) any part of a brown bear, except an article of handicraft made from the fur of a brown bear;
 - (2) a big game trophy, or a black bear trophy of any kind;
 - (3) a big game animal skull, except the skull of a black bear, wolf, or wolverine, or a horn or antler that is still attached to any part of the skull;
 - (4) the antler of a caribou taken in Unit 23, unless the antler is a naturally shed antler or has been made into an article of handicraft:
 - (5) unsealed marten taken in Units 1 7, and 15, except as provided in 5 AAC 92.170(a);
 - (6) unsealed beaver taken in Units 1 11 and Units 13 17;
 - (7) unsealed land otter, lynx, wolf, or wolverine;
 - (8) the meat of big game and small game, except hares and rabbits ;[HOWEVER, CARIBOU MAY BE BARTERED IN UNITS 22 26, BUT MAY NOT BE TRANSPORTED OR EXPORTED FROM THOSE UNITS];
 - (9) the gallbladder of a bear.

(c) A person may not barter, advertise for barter, or otherwise offer for barter:

- (1) a big game trophy, or a black bear trophy of any kind;
- (2) the antler of a caribou taken in Unit 23, unless the antler is a naturally shed antler or has been made into an article of handicraft;
- (3) the gallbladder of a bear.
- [(C)](d)Notwithstanding (b)(2) and (b)(3) of this section, a licensed taxidermist, estate executor, or bankruptcy referee, may sell a skin or trophy by permit issued under 5 AAC 92.031, and the state will, in its discretion, sell a skin or trophy as excess property. A person may purchase and possess an animal skin or trophy sold under this subsection. However, no person may resell a skin or trophy purchased from a seller under this subsection.
- [(D) A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN FUR DEALING, AS DEFINED IN AS 16.05.940, AND WHO PURCHASES OR ACQUIRES, THROUGH CONSIGNMENT OR BARTER, THE RAW SKIN OF A FURBEARER OR FUR ANIMAL, SHALL REPORT THE TRANSACTION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON A FORM PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH DURING WHICH THE TRANSACTION OCCURRED.]

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Proposal 63

Effect of the proposal:

Increase number of drawing permit applications per species from 3 to 6



Recommendation:

Adopt

