

PROPOSAL 120

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

5 AAC 92.530(3). Management areas.

Open a black bear baiting registration hunt for shot gun or muzzleloader only within the Anchorage Management Area as follows:

Registration resident bear baiting hunt from May 1 through June 15 within Unit 14C in the Anchorage Management Area. Hunt areas will be determined by Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) local biologists. Hunters who apply must have a bear baiting certification and follow all requirements for bear baiting. Shotgun or black powder only. Biologist samples and sex identification may be required upon the taking of a black bear.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Create a black bear baiting hunt within the Anchorage Game Management Area, Unit 14C. This hunt would provide local hunters an opportunity to take bears in a much safer way. Since most hunters harvest bears from a tree stand, the trajectory of the projectile is in a downward direction, eliminating a stray bullet from traveling far. It also provides a better opportunity for hunters by attracting the animal to a planned location where it would draw them away from more populated areas. Many Anchorage citizens were concerned over last year's many interactions between residents and bears. Panic in some after hearing of the death of a 14-year-old hiker. Over 30 animals were killed by ADF&G, police and residents claiming they or their property was in danger in the Anchorage area last year alone.

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