

PROPOSAL 42

5 AAC 92.080(4)(B)(i). Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

Allow the use of snowmachines to position brown bears for harvest in Unit 22 as follows:

The new regulation would be modified to read “In Unit 22, snow machines may be used to position caribou, wolf, wolverine and **grizzly bear** for harvest and they may be shot from a stationary snow machine.”

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The current regulation does not allow a hunter to use a snow machine to position a grizzly bear for harvest and for a hunter to shoot from a stationary snow machine. However, they can for caribou, wolf, and wolverine. This is a standard and accepted practice in the area when snow conditions allow.

Currently the most practical and safe way to harvest bears in the spring is by snow machine. If this regulation is not changed, bears will not be managed effectively and eventually a predator control program may have to be established. I suggest that the regulation be changed to reflect standard practices that already are conducted for other game in the area. Spotting a grizzly bear from a snow machine and then trying to pursue in closer on foot is very dangerous in soft snow conditions.

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