

Note: This proposal addresses Game Management Units outside the scope of the Central and Southwest Region meeting.

PROPOSAL 3

5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Units 9, 11, 13, 14B, 16, and 17 as follows:

I would like the Board of Game to allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in Units 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, 15-21, 23-25, 26B, and 26C, during applicable seasons (same units as airborne). This allows an easily enforceable regulation for law enforcement with concise purpose of use and time when these cameras can be used.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently hunters are not allowed to use any camera or other sensory device that can send messages through wireless communication. This includes cellular game cameras over bear bait. These were prohibited with the assumption that this would give an unfair advantage to hunters, yet despite when the hunter gets a photo, he would still have to travel to hunt his bait station often requiring hours of travel at is not feasible in a reasonable amount of time or the day of. In many units, hunters are already allowed to hunt bears same day airborne as long as they are 300 feet from a plane, which gives a higher advantage than a wireless cell camera could for most hunters.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

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