

PROPOSAL 149

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

Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C as follows:

In Units 7, 11, 12, 13, 14A, 14B, 15, 16, 18, 19A, 19D, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D north of the Tanana River, 20E, 20F, 21C, 21D, 23, 24C, 24D, **25C** and 25D brown/ grizzly bears may be taken at bear bait stations. Hunters must comply with seasons, bag limits, salvage, and sealing requirements for brown/grizzly bears (registration permits and locking-tags may be required in some areas, contact ADF&G for details).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Align brown bear baiting regulation with neighboring game management units. Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken at bear bait stations in Unit 25C.

Currently hunters mostly take grizzly bears incidental to their pursuit of caribou and moose in Unit 25C. Units 20B and 25C have been identified for intensive management of moose and caribou; harvesting grizzly bear populations at the higher range of sustainable harvest would be consistent with the mandate to increase moose and caribou populations.

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