

PROPOSAL 71

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

Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 24A as follows:

Add Unit 24A to the list of units where brown/grizzly bears may be taken on pages 25, 26, and 27 of the hunting regulations.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Brown/Grizzly bear hunting is not allowed over bait stations in Unit 24A. Black bear baiting is allowed in this unit already, there are many brown/grizzly bears in this unit, the area is remote, and there is no apparent reason why baiting for brown/grizzly bears is prohibited. The additional harvest opportunity for taking brown/grizzly bears with bait is sustainable and would be beneficial to the struggling moose population. Brown/grizzly bear harvest over bait will also help stabilize the declining black bear populations in the unit.

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