

PROPOSAL 75

5 AAC 92.111. Control of predation by wolves.

5 AAC 92.115. Control of predation by bears.

Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24 as follows:

Establish an intensive management plan to control predation by wolves and bears in Unit 21D and Unit 24. Local residents are concerned about the high numbers of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24 and their impact on the availability of moose for local customary and traditional subsistence uses and ceremonial uses for certain Alaska Native religious ceremonies.

In the absence of state predator control plan development, the Board of Game should develop regulations that assist local hunters in better managing wolf and bear populations in Units 21D and 24 in order to support continued sustainable moose populations and to decrease human-animals conflicts as a human safety concern.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Because of public concerns about the impact of high wolf and bear numbers on moose in Units 21D and 24, the board should direct ADF&G to develop an intensive management feasibility assessment to evaluate the benefits of a predation control plan for wolves and bears to increase the moose population for high levels of human used in these areas and to decrease negative human-predator interactions.

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