

**PROPOSAL 14 – 5 AAC 92.080(7). Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.** Prohibit the taking of bears in dens as follows:

The solution would be to stop the innocent slaughter of bears and their cubs in their dens.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Thank you in advance for reading this proposal, as I am unable to attend the 2017 meeting. I am writing today to voice my views on what I understand to be the results of the law re-instating 5 AAC 92.080 Control of Predation by bears. I hope I have this right, as even the ADF&G folks I have spoken with say it is very complicated and confusing. In specific number (7) seven, as well as other regulations 5 AAC 92.115-118 or anything pertaining to the innocent slaughter of bears in their dens, (with cubs or without). I realize that management of all fish and wildlife is mandatory for survival of animals, as well as humans, and Alaska has the best management in the U.S. I am all for subsistence hunting for food and protection, but the murder of defenseless animals in their own dens “homes” in the middle of winter, where they should be safe is sickening, especially by means of gas, poison, explosives, etc. Imagine if this happened to you in your home with your family? Would extending/changing the hunting laws be an option for the black bear, surely there must be more humane ways of dealing with this issue?

Again, you will have to excuse my attempts at finding the correct language, rulings, laws, regulations etc. You may want to consider referencing a link to the Alaska State Legislature website, so these laws, rulings and regulations can be understood in layman’s terms. Thank you for your time.

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