

**PROPOSAL 15 – 5 AAC 92.260. Taking cub bears and female bears with cubs prohibited.**  
Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs as follows:

**Taking cub bears and female bears with cubs prohibited:**

A person may not take a cub bear or a female bear accompanied by a cub bear, [, EXCEPT THAT A BLACK BEAR CUB OR A FEMALE BLACK BEAR ACCOMPANIED BY A CUB BEAR MAY BE TAKEN BY A RESIDENT HUNTER

- (1) UNDER CUSTOMARY AND TRADITIONAL USE ACTIVITIES AT A DEN SITE
  - (A) FROM OCTOBER 15 THROUGH APRIL 30 IN
    - (I) UNIT 19(A);
    - (II) UNIT 19(D), THAT PORTION OF THE KUSKOKWIM RIVER DRAINAGE UPSTREAM FROM THE SELATNA AND BLACK RIVER DRAINAGES;
    - (III) UNITS 21(B), 21(C), AND 21(D); AND
    - (IV) UNIT 24; AND (B) FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY IN UNIT 25(D); AND
  - (2) FROM JULY 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 AND MARCH 1 THROUGH JUNE 30 IN UNIT 25(D).]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Pursuant to Principle 3 Guideline 3.2 of the Intensive Management Program; practices should be socially sustainable and are closely scrutinized by the public. As such, the Board of Game (board), under the Intensive Management law, must periodically re-evaluate objectives to align with social standards based on feedback from the public stakeholders as defined as inclusive of both Alaskans and the broader public. The board facilitates this public process for the state's fish and wildlife regulatory system. The exceptions in 5 AAC 92.260 sections 1-2, which permit the practice of taking cub bears and female bears with cubs, have already garnered national attention resulting in negative impact to the Alaskan state tourism business. The associated petition, which has already received over 7,000 signatures and continues to grow in number every day, serves as evidence to this growing social awareness and impact. This practice may have some slight impact to reduce predation, but it is clearly not “socially sustainable”. If it is not changed, the awareness and damage to tourism will continue to grow. We ask the board in the best interest of Alaska wildlife and tourism to kindly consider amending 5 AAC 92.260 to remove these two exceptions. The Alaska Administrative Code to be amended has the sections to be removed in all upper case, and the addition underlined and in bold.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Chapter OneProtest (EG-F17-030)  
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