

PROPOSAL 141

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

Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7 as follows:

Unit 7 Dates: April 1- June 30th

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Baiting season in Unit 7 currently runs April 15 - June 30. I am proposing the season start date be changed to April 1st. My justification is hunter safety. A season that starts two weeks earlier creates less dangerous conditions for hunters due to; avalanches, open creeks, and open lakes. I have been baiting in Unit 7 for a decade and the bear harvest should not be affected by the earlier start date. April 15th is typically close to when over flow is rampant on lakes and avalanche danger from longer, warmer days is prevalent. It would be safer for hunters to get their initial set up in two weeks earlier

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