

## **PROPOSAL 105**

**5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.**

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

Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A as follows:

Allow for the harvest of both black & brown/grizzly bears with the use of bait stations in Unit 21A.

The harvest season utilizing bait stations for the harvest of both black & brown/grizzly bears will overlap with the general hunting season that will include a bear baiting season open from April 15th through June 30th as well as from August 10th through October 31st of each calendar year.

All general permits and regulations for bear baiting across the state will apply to Unit 21A including the provision that nonresident hunters targeting brown/grizzly bears with the use of a bait station must be accompanied with a registered guide.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Black and brown/grizzly bear hunting is allowed in Unit 21A from August 10th through June 30th of the following calendar year.

Hunting black bears with the use of a bait station is allowed in Unit 21A from April 15th to June 30<sup>th</sup> however, there is no designation for hunting brown/grizzly bears with the use of a bait station in Unit 21A.

Baiting stations that target black bears will most certainly draw in brown/grizzly bears in Unit 21A.

Currently there is very little harvest of brown/grizzly bears in Unit 21A, and there are no conservation concerns associated with any increase in harvest that would occur through the use of baiting.

**PROPOSED BY:** McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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