

PROPOSAL 49

92.044. Permits for hunting bear with the use of bait or scent lures.

Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting as follows:

Clarify under bear baiting regulations what rivers in the interior are a “major river system” that would comply with that definition under 5 AAC 92.044.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Current bear baiting regulations under 5AAC 92.044 (5)(B)(i) state that a person may not use bait or scent lures within:

“(B) one mile of a

(i) house or other permanent dwelling, except that bait may be used within one mile of a cabin if the cabin is on *the opposite side of a major river system*, as identified by the department in the permit, from the bear baiting station;”

There is no definition we can find of what rivers in the interior are a “major river system.” So, bear baiters don’t know what is really legal. Certainly, the Tanana and Yukon Rivers are major river systems, but what about other interior rivers like the Salcha, Chena, Birch Creek etc.?

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