

Black Bear Foot-Snaring Permit Considerations as provided to the BOG at the
March 2009 Region II Meeting

- The first year of foot-snaring will be treated as an experiment to determine if foot-snaring has a potential to increase harvest of black bears in Unit 16 without causing undue problems.
- Foot-snaring will require a special permit administered by the Palmer ADF&G office.
- Only Alaska residents may apply for a Predator Control Bear Baiting Permits (including baiting and foot-snaring). Selection for participation in the foot-snaring program will depend on previous trapping experience, ability to help train other participants, and length of time the person may be able to participate, among other factors. These permits will be discretionary.
- Permit applicants who wish to use foot-snaring will undergo a review process administered by the Palmer ADF&G office.
- Each applicant who is allowed to participate in foot-snaring will be required to participate in “in-the-field” training conducted by ADF&G authorized personnel
- All black bear foot-snaring activities will be conducted by teams of two people in order to facilitate safe and humane handling of bears.
- ADF&G authorized agency personnel will be stationed in a field camp for the duration of the foot-snaring effort, will directly monitor all snaring activities, and will be available to immobilize and release non-target species (i.e., brown bears), if necessary.
- Snaring will occur in no more than five predetermined remote locations in order to reduce potential conflicts with other users, and to facilitate effective ADF&G oversight of the program
- All foot-snares will be checked at least every 24 hours.
- Due to the limited, experimental nature of the program, ADF&G expects to involve no more than about 20 public participants on a rotating basis.