

PROPOSAL 35

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

Extend the bear baiting season for Unit 1D as follows:

The new season date for baiting black bears in Unit 1D would read:

"Areas Open for Bear Baiting: Unit 1D

Dates: Apr 15 - **June 30** "

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to see a longer black bear baiting season in Unit 1D. The black bear season currently only runs another 15 days past the end of the current baiting season. So that we may provide more continuity and less confusion within the regulations, I would like to see the baiting season end the same day as the regulatory black bear hunting season (**June 30**). More fluid and consistent dates make abiding by the law not only easier but also creates a two-week longer window of opportunity for hunters.

Currently, the regulations on page 27 in the 2021-2022 regulations book read:

" Areas Open for Bear Baiting: Unit 1D

Dates: Apr 15 - **June 15** "

****If for management/enforcement reasons, it would be easier to blanket all of Unit 1 instead of just picking the subunit of Unit 1D specifically, I am not opposed to all of Unit 1 bear baiting dates changing. I am however specifically requesting Unit 1D.****

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