

PROPOSAL 166

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

5 AAC 92.095. Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions.

Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D as follows:

Add bucket snaring under trapping regulations as a legal method of taking black and brown bear (grizzlies) in Unit 25D. Request the Board of Game (BOG) and ADF&G to develop seasons and regulations associated with implementing bear bucket snaring.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? People can take five black bears and 2 brown bears (grizzlies) a year including sows and cubs. I would like to allow people to harvest more bears for human consumption using the bucket snaring method, under trapping regulations. This would be a more efficient method to harvest a bear than baiting bears alone. I added brown bears (grizzlies) because you can take them over bait, so allowing them to also be taken legally using a bucket snare would be beneficial for those who want to fill their freezers. This would also help the declining moose population in the unit.

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