

PROPOSAL 195

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

Allow same day airborne take of black and brown bears at a bait stations in Unit 14C Remainder as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

In Units 7, 9, 11-13, 14A, 14B, **14C Remainder**, 15-21, 23-25, 26B, and 26C black bears may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown, provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. Same day airborne take is not allowed on National Park Service lands.

In Units 7, 11-13, 14A, 14B, **14C Remainder**, 15-16, 18, 19, 20A, 20B, 20C, that portion of 20D north of the Tanana River, 20E, 20F, 21, 23, 24B, 24C, 24D, and 25D, brown bears may be taken at permitted bait stations the same day you have flown, provided you are at least 300 feet from the airplane. Same day airborne take is not allowed on National Park Service lands.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The issue the MatSu Valley Advisory Committee would like to have addressed is increasing the bear baiting opportunities in Unit 14C Remainder by allowing same day airborne hunting for black and brown bears at a bait station.

A large portion of Unit 14C Remainder is only accessible by aircraft. The current regulation requires hunters to overnight or camp until 3AM before legally hunting. Although bears move throughout the day or 24-hour period, the bears seem to visit bait stations in the evening and tend to be nocturnal.

Allowing hunters to hunt bears the same day airborne provided the hunter is 300 feet from the airplane will increase the opportunity for harvesting bears over bait in 14C Remainder.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

The advisory committee met to review this Proposal and ADF&G biologist was present to answer AC questions.

PROPOSED BY: Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee (OI-F25-050)
