PROPOSAL 235

5 AAC 92.132. Restrictions to bag limit.

Count a wounded bear against a hunter's bag limit in Unit 8 as follows:

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

Bag limit for Kodiak brown bear in Unit 8 in any draw or registration hunt is 1 KODIAK BROWN BEAR wounded or harvested every 4 REGULATORY YEARS.

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

The issue my proposal addresses is wounded bears and a lack of ethics hunting with Kodiak brown bear. Current regulations allow for a bear hunter to LEGALLY WOUND A BEAR in Unit 8, on any SPRING kodiak brown bear hunt (APRIL 1st - MAY 15th) and hunt again that same calendar year fall hunt (October 25th - November 30th). The reason for this is a new ADF&G management year begins in July every year, thus allowing a hunter to hunt again because it is a "new" year by the fish and game management calendar. This to me promotes gross and negligent mismanagement of a very finite and unique resource, Kodiak brown bear. A wounded bear is a wounded bear, and it should be treated the same as a harvested bear for the magnitude of putting a bullet (or arrow) in that animal. IT IS WRONG MORALLY AND ETHICALLy speaking, that a person can potentially wound/kill two bears in one calendar year. This needs to change. It has been happening for far too long and is an overlooked example of bad management.

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

NOPE. ALL MYSELF

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