

Proposal 126

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

Amend Bear baiting in Unit 19 to two seasons July 1 - Oct 31 /Apr 1 - Jun 30 as follows:

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

With the cost of fuel going up in the past few years and also with current fuel prices and possibility of fuel going up even higher for boat gas, the Bethel AC has proposed a change in season dates for Bear Baiting in Unit 19. With these new dates, it will put less stress on the hunters / subsistence users for with-in Unit 19, especially when the hunters / subsistence users have to remove their bear bait equipment and put it back up with-in 30 days.

Bear Baiting New Proposed Dates -----July 1st -Oct 31st / Apr 1st – June 30th

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

The Bethel AC would like to Propose a change of Season Dates for Unit 19 Bear Baiting. With the current regulations the Hunter / Subsistence User is required to pull their Bear Baiting Sites by June 30 and if they want to Bear Bait again, they have to wait until Aug 1st to do so. The amount of time that is put to get the sites setup is time consuming. With there being a No Closed Season for Brown and Black Bears the Hunters / Subsistence User will have a better opportunity for taking bears that are in season for Bear Baiting.

Unit 19 Bear Baiting Season -----Aug 1st to Oct 31st / Apr 15th – June 30th

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

PROPOSED BY: Bethel Advisory Committee

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