

Proposal 82

5 AAC 92.08. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking of black bear and brown bear over bait in GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C during applicable seasons for non-commercial users as follows:

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

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7 (H) any camera or other sensory device that can send messages through wireless communication; **except that cameras that can send messages through wireless communication may be used by non-commercial bear baiters in GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 26B and 26C at legal bear bait stations during the applicable black and/or grizzly bear seasons**

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

Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait in its GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C during applicable seasons for non - commercial users. This allows an easily enforceable regulation for law enforcement with concise purpose of use and time when these cameras can be used.

Currently hunters are not allowed to use any camera or other sensory device that can send messages through wireless communication. This includes cellular game cameras over bear bait. These were prohibited with the assumption that this would give an unfair advantage to hunters, yet despite when the hunter gets a photo, he would still have to travel to hunt his bait station often requiring hours of travel that is not feasible in a reasonable amount of time, or the day of the picture was taken. In the name of safety, a hunter with young children could have the knowledge that a bear was on the bait and approach with extreme caution. In these units, hunters are allowed to hunt bears same day airborne provided they are 300 feet from a plane.

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

Yes, this proposal was developed by the Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee.

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