

**Findings for the Alaska Board of Game
2006-169-BOG**

**Unit 19D-East Intensive Management Supplemental Findings
May 14, 2006**

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff and residents and users of moose in Unit 19D-East. These findings are supplemental to the findings set forth in 5AAC 92.108, in the Unit 19-East predation control implementation plan in 5 AAC 92.125 and in Board of Game Findings 2006-164-BOG.

1. The moose population size, currently estimated to be 3,444-5,281 moose, is less than the population objective of 6,000-8,000 moose. The population objective has not been achieved for at least the last 5 years.
2. The Unit 19D-East moose harvestable surplus, as described in 5 AAC 92.106(3)(A), currently estimated at 138-158 bulls, is less than the harvest objective of 400-600 moose. The harvest objective has not been achieved for at least the last 5 years.
3. The Unit 19D-East moose population is, thus, depleted and reduced in productivity, which has already resulted in a significant reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population.
4. Enhancement of abundance or productivity is feasibly achievable utilizing the recognized and prudent active management technique of predator control.
5. The Board has repeatedly, since 1995, been required to significantly reduce the taking of moose in Unit 19D-East by restricting harvest, seasons and bag limits as compared to the level and timing of hunting opportunity that was allowed when the population was not depleted and reduced in productivity.
6. The population and harvest objectives have not been achieved, at least in part, because wolf, black bear, and brown bear predation have been important causes of mortality in the population, to the extent that the population is unlikely to recover, and objectives are unlikely to be achieved, in the foreseeable future unless predator control is conducted.
7. The Department will apply the following conditions to brown bear control permits in addition to any other conditions considered necessary:
 - a. Cubs or females with cubs may not be taken. For purposes of this program "cub" is defined according to 5 AAC 92.990 (a)(12).
 - b. A valid Alaska State resident hunting license is required.
 - c. Permits are valid from the date of issuance through June 30 or until the control program is closed by emergency order.

d. Bears may be taken with the use of bait or scent lures subject to the following restrictions:

-For purposes of this control program "bait" means any material, including scent lures, that is placed to attract an animal by its sense of smell or taste. Bait does not include those parts of legally taken animals that are not required to be salvaged as edible meat if the parts are not moved from the kill site.

-Only biodegradable materials may be used for bait; only the bones, viscera or skin of legally acquired fish and game may be used for bait.

-A person may not use bait or scent lures within one-quarter mile of a publicly maintained road or trail.

-A person may not use bait or scent lures within one mile of a house or other permanent dwelling, or within one mile of a developed campground or developed recreational facility.

-A person using bait or scent lures shall clearly identify the site with signs at all access points reading "brown bear control bait station" that also displays the person's control program permit number.

-A person using bait shall remove bait, litter and equipment from the bait station site as required by the control permit.

8. Reducing predation can reasonably be expected to aid in achievement of the population and harvest objectives.

9. A person who has been airborne may on the same day take a brown bear with the use of bait or scent lure as authorized under a permit providing the permittee is at least 300 feet from the airplane at the time of taking.

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