

(The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the 2014 Interior Region meeting to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 14-18, 2014.)

PROPOSAL 56 - 5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides. Remove the salvage requirements for brown bear meat taken at bait stations in the Interior Region as follows:

Repeal the meat salvage requirement for brown bear over bait in the Interior Region.

ISSUE: Brown bear salvage requirements that force hunters to salvage meat that may be inedible. Also it is confusing to hunters because salvage requirements are different for brown bears and black bears.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Unreasonable salvage requirement for meat that may be inedible.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR THE PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Keeps hunters from being required to salvage poor quality meat.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Those hunters who harvest brown bears over bait who do not wish or are unable to eat the meat that has been harvested.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? None. Meat may still be salvaged if it is determined to be of good quality.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? Require same salvage criteria as black bear. Rejected because brown bear are more likely to be consuming rotten meat prior to harvest, rendering their meat inedible.

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