

(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 57 - 5 AAC 92.220. Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides. Remove the salvage requirement for brown bear meat taken at bait stations in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D as follows:

For brown bears taken over bait in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 22D the edible meat **does not need to be salvaged.**

ISSUE: Salvage for brown/grizzly bears taken in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D. All of the meat must be salvaged. There is no exemption for brown or grizzly bears in the definitions of edible meat like there is for black bear. Also black bears have a time line for meat salvage requirements which says the meat must be salvaged between January 1 and May 31. There is currently no timeline for grizzly/brown bear meat salvage like there is for black bear. Establishing a similar timeline for brown/grizzly bear meat salvage is the minimum action needed. However, I propose to eliminate the requirement to salvage meat from brown/grizzly bears taken over bait. When the Board of Game discussed the issue of baiting grizzlies in Unit 20C the vast majority of the discussion was on whether to allow it or not. The meat salvage requirement was more of an afterthought that was not discussed. Eliminating any salvage requirements for brown/grizzly bear whether taken over bait or not on a sport hunt (nonsubsistence hunt) will align all areas of the state and make the salvage requirements uniform.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Confusion will remain when brown/grizzly bear meat must be salvaged and how much must be salvaged.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR THE PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? No.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Brown/grizzly bear hunters who are in remote locations where meat salvage requirements will affect whether they choose to shoot a grizzly. The Board of Game has been liberalizing the brown/grizzly seasons and the methods and means restrictions but then places a salvage requirement that has the opposite effect.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? No one.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? Placing a separate definition for grizzly salvage that listed only the hind quarters as edible meat. I rejected it because I would like to see the salvage requirement eliminated entirely because I do not know anyone to give the meat to.

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