

Permits for Bear Baiting

PROPOSAL 124

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

Change the term “permanent dwelling” to “permanent domicile” for the purpose of bear baiting as follows:

Change the wording Permanent Dwelling to Permanent Domicile as defined by AS 16.05.940. Definitions.

(11) "domicile" means the true and permanent home of a person from which the person has no present intention of moving and to which the person intends to return whenever the person is away; domicile may be proved by presenting evidence acceptable to the boards of fisheries and game;

You MAY NOT:

• Set up a bait station within 1 mile of a:

»house (including your own home),

»school,

»business,

»developed recreational facility,

»campground, or

»permanent domicile including a seasonally occupied cabin (including your own).

Establishing bait stations within 1 mile of a seasonally occupied cabin is allowed in some areas. (See page 27 for the list of places this is allowed.)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? According to the Regulations, a hunter MAY NOT place bait within 1 mile of a Permanent Dwelling. Currently there is no definition of what that is and multiple hunters have been charged for baiting within a mile of abandoned camps, outhouses, squatter cabins or other structures that may not fit the intended definition. This leaves this up to the Interpretation to the officer currently on duty and Hunters have been charged by One officer after having been cleared by others previously.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? This was brought up originally at the Southcentral Board of Game meeting and law enforcement and many communities members agreed on the need for to clarify this.

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