

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
PROPOSAL FORM**
(Updated 1/26/23)

Top of form check boxes:

- Insert applicable game management unit your regulation would change.
- Check the appropriate box(es) for the activities the regulation change would affect (hunting, trapping, subsistence, resident, nonresident, other).
- Select the appropriate meeting for which the proposed regulation change applies.

Fillable numbered boxes:

1. If known, enter the series of letter and numbers which identify the regulation to be changed. For example, 5 AAC 92.055. If it will be a new section or provision, then enter 5 AAC 72.XXX.
2. Write a short explanation about the issue your proposal addresses, or why you are proposing the regulation change. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject proposals that contain multiple or confusing issues.

State why the regulation change should be adopted or provide an explanation about what will happen if the regulation is not changed.

To assist you in development of your issue statement (#2 on the form), you may want to consider the following:

- What would happen if nothing is changed?
 - What are other solutions you considered? Why did you reject them?
3. Print or type your proposal as you would like to see it appear in the regulation book. The boards prefer that revised regulatory language is provided. **New or amended text should appear first and be in bold text and underlined.** [REGULATORY TEXT BEING DELETED SHOULD BE FULLY CAPITALIZED AND ENCLOSED IN BRACKETS]. It is not necessary to bold and underline text if entire change contains new language.

EXAMPLES: **5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.**

Shorten the brown bear hunting season in Unit 16B by as follows: September 25 through **April 15** [MAY 1]

5 AAC 85.025(3). Unit 9(B) Caribou.

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: **2** [3] caribou; however, no more than 1 bull may be taken.

Alternatively, you may state your changes in clear sentences. For example, “Lengthen the season for brown bear hunting to July 15 in the Togiak and Bay districts,” or “Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 9(B) to two caribou.”

Bottom of form (submission block):

- Write the name of the group that voted to submit the proposal or your name if you are submitting the proposal. This name will be published in the proposal book. The Boards of Fisheries and Game will not consider anonymous proposals.
- Fill in your address and zip code, and telephone number. These will NOT be published; it simply enables us to reach you if clarification is necessary.

Mail, fax or upload the completed form as follows:

Online: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal

Mail: ADF&G, Boards Support Section

P.O. Box 115526

Juneau, AK 99811-5526

Fax: (907) 465-6094

NOTE: The proposal deadline for the 2023/2024 meeting cycle is Monday, May 1, 2023.

Proposals must be received by the deadline; there are no exceptions. The form must be physically received by fax or mail on the deadline; postmark is not adequate. Proposals are encouraged to be submitted online at www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.proposal.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please consult staff at any Department of Fish and Game office.

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
REGULATION PROPOSAL FORM | 2023-2024 MEETING CYCLE**

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BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS

***What Game Management Unit (GMU) does your proposal apply: 20D**

☒ Hunting ☐ Subsistence ☐ Trapping ☐ Other

Does the proposed change affect residents or nonresidents?

Resident Nonresident ☒ Both

***Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?**

Western Arctic / Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23 and 26A.) ☒ **Interior and Eastern Arctic Region (GMUs 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C.)**

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC: 92.044 Regulation Book Page No:

***2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why:**

The high grizzly bear population of grizzly bears in GMU 20D.

In the Delta Junction area, the winter of 2021-2022 had the largest snow accumulation in recorded history, per USDA-NRCS snow accumulation data. Making the event even more destructive, a mid-winter rain event put a two-inch ice layer in the middle of the snowpack. All wildlife in Unit 20D South suffered from the extremely hard winter, but especially the ungulates. According to ADF&G surveys completed and reported to the Delta Advisory Committee by local area biologists, the Delta Bison and the Macomb Plateau caribou herd populations were reduced by almost 50% and the moose population by 40%. According to ADF&G Wildlife Biologist Chr Brockman out of Palmer, Alaska in his Determining Kill Rates of Ungulate Calves research, a mature grizzly/brown bear will consume up to 44 calves in less than 30 days. This amount of predation could be extremely devastating to the remaining population of the ungulates in the unit. Biologist Brockman also produced and compiled data that states that the cautious approach applied to grizzly/ brown bear management may not be necessary and that the population estimates should not be based on harvest but along with other facts that support a higher harvest of grizzly/brown bears as long as the breeding females and their young are protected. This information is in the research article Effects on Harvest of Brown Bear Population in Alaska which also supports research completed by the Delta ADF&G office that demonstrates that demonstrates that these bears travel a large area and will repopulate areas with lower bear densities and even produce more cubs to do so. 20D south has basically become a sanctuary for these bears as you can bait in every area surrounding this very small portion of land in comparison and yet all of the surrounding areas are still supporting a healthy population of grizzly/brown bears after years of baiting. At this point there is no biological data that shows any type of a conservation concern for the grizzly/brown bear population but there is growing concern for the ungulate population which demonstrates that this area should be opened to baiting these bears. It would also be prudent to be proactive in this matter rather than having to depend on the department to conduct predator control later on which is a costly endeavor.

***3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.)**

Amend the current regulation to allow grizzly/brown bears to be harvested at a bait station in the entirety of Unit 20D by striking the phrases “that portion of” and “north of the Tanana River”, from Section (b)(1) and (b)(13). After amendment the regulation would read “...20(A), 20(B), 20(C), 20(D), 20(E)...”, for both of the aforementioned sections.

Submitted By: _____

Individual or Group

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