



Fact Sheet: Bear Baiting

Personal non-commercial

Pursuant to [11 AAC 96.020\(3\)\(A\)](#) bear baiting for **personal non-commercial use** is considered generally allowed on state-owned lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) and does not require a permit, if all bear baiting requirements under [5 AAC 92.044](#) provided by Alaska Department of Fish and Game are followed. This includes all removal of all equipment defined under [5 AAC 92.044\(15\)\(e\)](#).

This list does not apply to state parks, nor to land owned or managed by other state agencies such as the University of Alaska, Alaska Mental Health Trust, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, or the Alaska Railroad.

You may need other state, federal, or borough permits for these uses or activities.

Removing or Using State Resources

Per *11 AAC 96.020(a)(3)(A) Hunting, fishing, or trapping, or placement of a crab pot, shrimp pot, herring pound, or fish wheel; nothing in this subparagraph relieves a person from complying with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations on the taking of fish and game.* Bear baiting stations are considered a similar personal use activity like placement of crab pots or fish wheels.

Other Improvements and Structures on State Land

Setting up a camp for personal, noncommercial recreational purposes or any non-recreational purposes

- You may remain at one site for no more than 14 days
- Moving the entire camp at least two miles starts a new 14-day period
- Cabins or other permanent improvements are not allowed, even if they are on skids or another non-permanent foundation

Bear Bait Stations exceeding 14 days

Bear baiting season may exceed 14 days

- Your equipment [5 AAC 92.044\(15\)\(e\)](#) may remain at the bait station site for more than 14 days but may not exceed the bear baiting season and/or restrictions for placement of bait and equipment.
- All equipment must be removed at the close of each baiting season.
- A separate permit from the Department of Natural Resources is required to leave any equipment (including stand) on site during the closed bear baiting season. Storage of any equipment with remaining bait (attractant) outside bear baiting season may result in a violation.

Commercial Baiting

- Pursuant to [11 AAC 96.010\(a\)\(1\)\(F\)](#) On state land, a permit or other written authorization is required for an activity involving a commercial recreation camp or facility, whether occupied or unoccupied, that remains overnight.
- **If a person has a Land Use Permit (LUP) for a guide camp** bear baiting stations can be included in the LUP in accordance with what ADF&G allows, 10 sites *per unit*. No additional fees beyond the LUP fees.
- **If a person does not have a guide camp permit**, then they will need to register for Commercial Day Use Registration. This covers the commercial recreation defined under 11 AAC 96.250(10) but will not allow any off-season (outside bear baiting season) storage of stands, barrels, game cameras.
- **Off Season Storage requires a permit.** Gear may be stored at permitted sites but must not contain any attractant. This could be an existing Land Use Permit (if applicable) or an Over-the-Counter Storage Permit.

Before beginning an activity on state land, you should check to be sure it is generally allowed in that area.

Areas listed below may have further restrictions on Generally Allowed Uses

- Alyeska Ski Resort
- Baranof Lake Trail
- Caribou Hills
- Exit Glacier Road
- Glacier/Winner Creek
- Haines State Forest
- Hatcher Pass
- Indian Cove
- Jonesville Public Use Area
- Kamishak
- Kasilof River
- Kenai Fjords Coastline
- Kenai River Special Management Area Proposed Additions
- Knik River Public Use Area
- Lake Clark Coastline
- Lower Talarik Creek
- Marmot Island
- Nenana River Gorge and McKinley Village
- North Slope Area
- Select parcels within the Northern Southeast Area Plan
- Nushagak and Mulchatna Recreation Rivers
- Poker Flat North
- Poker Flat South
- Resurrection Bay
- Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers
- Tangle Lakes Archaeological District
- Thompson Pass
- Togiak National Wildlife Refuge and Lower Goodnews River

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