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WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

CHAPTER 3

BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Section 1. Authority. This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and W.S. §23-2-104.

Section ~~2. 3.~~ Hunting Seasons Established. There shall be open seasons for the hunting of black bear as set forth in the ~~Hunting Regulations (Section 4); Registration, Number, Placement, Removal and Identification of Baits on Federal and State Lands (Section 5); Areas Opened and Areas Closed to Black Bear Baiting; Restrictions on use of Processed and Unprocessed Baits (Section 6); Reporting Use of Bait by a Grizzly Bear (Section 7); Prohibited Bait (Section 8); Area Mortality Quota Limitation (Section 9); Open areas, general and special archery season dates and limitations (Section 10); Special Archery Seasons (Section 11); Reporting Grizzly Bear Mortalities (Section 12); and Hunt Area Descriptions (Section 13)~~ of this Chapter. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

Section ~~3. 2.~~ Definitions. For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Baiting" means placing or utilizing a processed bait or an unprocessed bait as a lure or attractant for the purpose of taking black bear.

(b) "Cub" means any black bear less than one (1) year old.

(c) "Immediately" means following the observation of a grizzly bear using a bait, the person registering the bait, the person placing the bait and/ or the person hunting over the bait shall report, without delay, said use to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, ~~and/or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;~~ Immediately also means any person taking a grizzly bear shall report, without delay, to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department ~~and/or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service~~ in accordance with Section 12 of this regulation.

(d) "Mortality" means any legal or illegal human caused female black bear death, excluding female black bears taken by the Department, known female natural mortalities, and accidental female black bear deaths.

(e) "Processed bait" means a nontoxic biodegradable substance. A chemical used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption shall not be considered a processed bait.

(f) "Prohibited bait" means big game animals, small game animals, game birds, game fish, protected animals, protected birds, or parts thereof placed for the purpose of attracting a bear.

(g) "Unprocessed bait" means livestock or livestock parts that have not been processed for human consumption, or wildlife or wildlife parts that are not otherwise prohibited in Section ~~3. 2.~~(f). A chemical used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption shall not be considered an unprocessed bait.

(h) "Water" means permanent rivers, streams, lakes or ponds.

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applications will be accepted only if the bait site (s) location is still available beginning April 1. Following the preference period, first time registration of a bait site(s) shall be accepted in person on a first come, first served basis.

(iii) A person ~~shall not~~ ~~cannot~~ change ~~the~~ ~~a~~ ~~registered~~ bait site (s) location in the specific hunt area or any other hunt area during the calendar year for which the bait site (s) was approved by the Department.

(iv) A bait site shall not be transferred to another person in the same calendar year in which the bait site was registered.

(v) Bait site(s) registration shall be valid for the calendar year in which the site(s) was registered.

(vii) Prior to placement of a bait(s), the bait site(s) registration shall be approved by the Department.

(A) To register a bait site(s), ~~the~~ an applicant person or representative of an applicant registering the bait site(s) shall provide all information that is required on the bait site registration form. Any person who makes a false statement on the bait site registration form shall be in violation of this regulation. Such violation shall be punishable as provided by Title 23, Wyoming statutes for violation of Commission regulations.

(B) The Department shall review the information provided on the bait site(s) registration form. If the Department approves the bait site registration, the applicant shall be furnished a copy indicating the site has been approved. The registration form shall include the name, address, telephone number and ~~the number of the~~ valid Wyoming black bear hunting license ~~Black Bear Hunting License~~ number of the person desiring to register the bait; and, the name of the person registering the bait site(s) if the registration is by a representative other than a licensed outfitter. ~~If in the case of~~ a licensed outfitter ~~who~~ desires to utilize the bait site(s) for outfitting black bear hunters, the outfitter's license number shall be furnished in lieu of the ~~number of the~~ valid Wyoming black bear hunting license number. The registration form shall include the legal description of the bait site location to include the range, township, section and quarter section, or UTM coordinates. A registration form which has not been completed with all required information shall not be considered a valid registration and shall be denied by the Department.

(vii iii) Registrations for bait site(s) in black bear hunt areas shall be presented to the Regional Wildlife Supervisor or his designee as follows: See Section 6 for areas closed to black bear baiting and restrictions on the use of bait.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Areas 22, 25, 26, 32 and that portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 23 on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and State lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, shall be closed to baiting.

(ii) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 27 north and west of the Wood River on U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and State lands including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, shall be closed to baiting.

(iii) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 28 on the Shoshone National Forest north of Pelham Lake, Pelham Lake Creek and Lava Mountain shall be closed to baiting.

(iv) That portion of Black Bear Hunt Area 7 on the Pole Mountain Unit of the Medicine Bow National Forest shall be closed to baiting.

(v) All designated Wilderness Areas in National Forests shall be closed to baiting. Hunters should check maps of designated Wilderness Areas at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Headquarters ~~and/~~ or Regional Offices.

(vi) The ~~designated recovery area~~ primary conservation area for grizzly bears shall be closed to baiting. Hunters should check maps of the primary conservation ~~recovery~~ area for grizzly bears at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Headquarters ~~and/~~ or Regional Offices, or refer to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website at <http://gf.state.wy.us>.

(vii) Areas administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management ~~and/~~ or the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission in which human access has been restricted to protect wintering wildlife shall be closed. Such areas, if not already closed by this section, shall be closed to black bear baiting during the time period for which the areas have been closed to human access.

(b) Only unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in the following black bear hunt areas and in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Area 18 and those portions of Hunt Areas 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 29 in which bear baiting is not excluded by Section 6 (a).

(c) Processed or unprocessed baits shall be utilized for the baiting of black bears in the following black bear hunt areas, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(i) Black Bear Hunt Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 30, 31, 33.

Section 7. Reporting Use of Bait by a Grizzly Bear. Any person registering a bait site, placing a bait, ~~and/~~ or hunting at a bait site, or witnessing the use of a bait site by a grizzly bear shall immediately report use of the bait by a grizzly bear to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (1-877-WGFD-TIP). ~~(1-800-442-4331), and/or the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service~~. Regardless of the land status albeit federal, State, or private, no person shall hunt black bear over such a bait site for the remainder of the calendar year. The bait site(s) shall be closed for the remainder of the calendar year and the bait shall be removed as soon as possible by personnel of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. ~~and/~~ or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Section 8. Prohibited Bait. No person shall place any prohibited bait for the purpose of baiting black bears. Baiting for black bear with a substance other than defined as a bait in Section 3.2 or in a manner other than as specified in Section 5 shall be prohibited on Federal or State lands, including lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Chemicals used as an attractant or mask rather than for consumption, shall not be considered bait and shall not be prohibited.

Section 10. Hunt Open Areas, General and Special Archery Season Dates and Limitations.

Black Bear Management Unit	Hunt Area(s)	Season Dates		Annual Female Mortality Quota
		Archery	General	
<u>Bighorns</u>	<u>1, 2, 4-5</u>	May 1-14 Sept. 1-14	May 15-June 15 Sept. 1- Sept. 15- Oct. 31	<u>6</u> 40 Spring <u>3</u> 6 Fall
	<u>3, 4</u>	<u>May 1-14</u>	<u>May 15-June 15</u> <u>Sept. 1-Oct. 31</u>	<u>4</u> Spring <u>2</u> Fall
	<u>5, 6</u>		May 1-June 15 <u>Aug. 15-Nov. 15</u> Sept. 1 Oct. 31	<u>2</u> 4 Spring <u>2</u> 4 Fall
<u>Laramie Peak</u>	7	April 15-30 Aug. 15-31	<u>April 15 - May 1- May 31</u> June 7 Sept. 1-Oct. 31	<u>3</u> 4 Spring 3 Fall
	<u>33</u>		<u>April 15 - May 31</u> <u>Sept. 1 - Oct. 31</u>	<u>2</u> Spring <u>2</u> Fall
<u>Snowy Range</u>	8	April 15-30 Sept. 15 - 30 4-30	May 1-June 7 Oct. 1-31	4 Spring <u>4</u> 3 Fall
<u>Sierra Madres</u>	9	April 15-30 Sept. 1-30	May 1-June 15 Oct. 1-31	4 Spring 3 Fall
<u>Uinta</u>	10	April 15-30 Sept. 1-30	May 1-June 15 Oct. 1-31	1 Spring 1 Fall
<u>Greys River</u>	11	April 15-30 1-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-June 15 Sept. 1- <u>Oct. 31</u> Nov. 15	<u>5</u> 3 Spring 3 Fall
	14,15,16,17,30	April 15-30 Aug. 15-31	May 1-June 15 Sept. 1- <u>Oct. 31</u> Nov. 15	<u>20</u> 44 Spring <u>12</u> 40 Fall

Highway 14 at Granite Pass; southerly then westerly along said highway to U. S. Highway 14-16-20; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 310; northwesterly along said highway to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 2. Burgess Junction. Beginning where Interstate Highway 90 crosses the Wyoming-Montana state line; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14 at the town of Ranchester; southwesterly along said highway to the Big Horn Mountain Divide at Granite Pass; northwesterly along said divide to the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to Interstate Highway 90.

Area 3. Paint Rock. Beginning at the town of Greybull; easterly and northerly along U.S. Highway 14 to the Bighorn Mountain Divide; southerly along said divide to Powder River Pass and U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); southerly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (U.S.F.S. Road 452); southerly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3); southerly along said road to the Rome Hill Road (Johnson County Road 3A-Washakie County Road 56); westerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 433; northerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16-20; northerly along said highway to the town of Greybull.

Area 4. Story. Beginning at Interstate Highway 90 at the town of Ranchester; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Crazy Woman Creek; westerly up said creek to the Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek; westerly up said creek to Doyle Creek; southwesterly up said creek to Taylor Creek; westerly up said creek to the Bighorn National Forest boundary; westerly along the southern boundary of the Bighorn National Forest to the Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3); southwesterly along said road to the Gold Mine Road (becomes U.S.F.S. Road 452); northerly along said road to the Canyon Creek Road (U.S.F.S. Road 25); northerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; easterly the Trabing Road (Johnson County Road 13); westerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 196; southerly along said highway to the Crazy Woman Canyon Road (Johnson County Road 14); westerly along said road to U.S. Highway 16; westerly along said highway to the Bighorn Mountain Divide at Powder River Pass; northwesterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 14 at Granite Pass; northeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 90 at the town of Ranchester.

Area 5. Upper Nowood. Beginning at the town of Ten Sleep; easterly along U.S. Highway 16 to the Rome Hill Road (Washakie County Road 56-Johnson County Road 3A); easterly along said road to the Big Horn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Johnson County Road 3-Washakie County Road 81-Natrona County Road 109); southerly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); southwesterly along said road to the Arminto Road (Natrona County Road 104); southerly along said road to Waltman and U.S. Highway 20-26; westerly along said highway to the town of Shoshoni; northerly along U.S. Highway 20 to the eastern boundary of the Wind River Indian Reservation; northerly, then westerly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 20; northerly along said highway to the town of Worland and U.S. Highway 16; easterly along said highway to the town of Ten Sleep.

Area 6. Mayoworth. Beginning ~~where at the junction of~~ Interstate Highway 25 crosses Crazy Woman Creek; and the Trabing Road (Johnson County Road 13); southerly along said highway to the Midwest interchange and the Smoky Gap Road (Natrona County Road 115); westerly along said road to the Dead Horse Road (Natrona County Road 114); southwesterly along said road to the Wild Horse Trail Road (Natrona County Road 113); westerly along said road to the 33 Mile Road (Natrona County Road 110); northwesterly along said road to the Buffalo Creek Road (Natrona County Road 105); southwesterly along said road to the Bighorn Mountain Divide Road/Hazelton Road (Natrona County Road 109-Washakie County Road 81-Johnson County Road 3); northerly along said road to the Bighorn National Forest boundary; easterly along the southern boundary of the Bighorn National Forest to Taylor Creek; easterly down said creek to Doyle Creek; northeasterly down said creek to the Middle Fork Crazy Woman Creek; easterly down said creek to Crazy Woman Creek; easterly down said creek Gold

Area 14. South Piney. Beginning where LaBarge Creek enters the Green River; westerly up said creek to the divide between the Green River and Greys River; northerly along said divide to the South Fork of South Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to South Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to Cottonwood Creek; easterly down said creek to the Green River; southerly down said river to LaBarge Creek.

Area 15. Piney-Horse Creek. Beginning where the Mesa Road (Sublette County Road 23-110) joins Wyoming Highway 351; westerly along said highway to the Green River; northerly up said river to Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to South Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to the South Fork of South Cottonwood Creek; westerly up said creek to the divide between the Green River and Greys River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); easterly along said divide to U.S. Highway 191; southerly along said highway to the Mesa Road (Sublette County Road 23-110) at Cora Junction; southerly along said road to Wyoming Highway 351.

Area 16. Greys River. All of the drainages of Greys River, Little Greys River and the drainages south of the Snake River from Alpine east to and including Bailey Creek.

Area 17. Hoback. Beginning where U.S. Highway 191 crosses the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); westerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and the Hoback River; northerly along said divide to the divide between the Greys River and Willow Creek; northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and Willow Creek (Greyback Ridge); northerly along said divide to the divide between Bailey Creek and the Snake River; westerly along said divide to the Snake River; northerly up said river to the Hoback River; southeasterly up said river to Highway 191 at Bondurant; southerly and easterly along said highway to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim).

Area 18. Fall Creek. Beginning where Wyoming Highway 22 crosses the Snake River; southerly and westerly down said river to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to the Snake River.

Area 19. Green River. Beginning at the town of Farson; northerly along U.S. Highway 191 to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River (Hoback Rim); northerly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River at Hodges Peak; northeasterly along said divide to the Darwin Ranch road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the Union Pass Road (U.S.F.S. Road 600); northeasterly along said road to the Continental Divide; southerly along said divide to U.S. Highway 28; southwesterly along said highway to the town of Farson.

Area 20. Gros Ventre. Beginning at the southeast corner boundary of the National Elk Refuge near the town of Jackson; northerly along the refuge boundary to the Gros Ventre River; easterly up said river to Kinky Creek; easterly up said creek to the Darwin Ranch Road (U.S.F.S. Road 620); easterly along said road to the divide between the Green River and the Gros Ventre River; southwesterly along said divide to the divide between the Green River and the Hoback River at Hodges Peak; southerly along said divide to Highway 191 at Hoback Rim; northerly and westerly along said highway to the Hoback River at Bondurant; westerly down said river to the Snake River; northerly along said river to Wyoming Highway 22; easterly along said highway to Highway 26; northerly along said highway to the National Elk Refuge boundary; easterly along said boundary to the southeast corner of the National Elk Refuge.

Area 21. Conant Basin. Beginning where U.S. Highway 26-287 intersects the south boundary of John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway; westerly along said boundary to the Targhee National Forest boundary; southerly along said boundary to the head of the north fork of Teton Creek; westerly down said creek to the Wyoming-Idaho state line; northerly along said line to the Yellowstone National Park boundary; easterly along said boundary to U.S. Highway 26-287; southerly along said highway to the south boundary of John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway.

Area 31. Crowheart Butte. All non-Indian owned fee title lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation, and all lands within the Bureau of Reclamation's Riverton and Boysen Unit boundaries, and those lands within Boysen State Park south of Cottonwood Creek, west of Boysen Reservoir, and south of U.S. Highway 20-26; excluding those areas of the Spence and Moriarity Wildlife Management Area that lie east of the East Fork of the Wind River, and those lands within Hot Springs County.

Area 32. Cody. Beginning where the east boundary of the Shoshone National Forest boundary meets the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said line to U.S. Highway 310; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 14-16-20; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16-20; southerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 433; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 20; southerly along said highway to U.S. Highway 120; northwesterly along said highway to the Greybull River; southwestly up said river to the Shoshone National Forest Boundary; northerly along said boundary to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

Area 33. Casper Mountain. Beginning at the confluence of the North Platte River and Deer Creek at the town of Glenrock; southerly up said creek to the confluence of Curry Creek and Deer Creek; southeasterly up Curry Creek to U.S.F.S. Road 660; westerly along said road to the Squaw Spring Trail Road; southerly along said road to the Bates Creek Road (Natrona County Road 402); westerly along said road to the divide between Bates Creek and Spring Creek; westerly and southerly along said divide to the divide between Spring Creek and Lone Tree Creek; westerly and southerly along said divide to Wyoming Highway 487 at Shirley Rim; northerly and westerly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 220; northerly and easterly along said highway to the Casper city limits; northerly along said city limits to the North Platte River; easterly along said river to Deer Creek.

Section 14. Savings Clause. If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

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