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**100. USE OF BAIT.**

Bait is defined as any substance placed to attract big game animals, except liquid scent for deer and elk. Bait may be used to hunt ONLY black bear and ONLY under the following conditions. (7-9-93)

- 01. Time. (7-1-93)
  - a. No bait may be placed for the purpose of attracting or taking black bear prior to the opening of black bear take season. (7-1-93)
  - b. All bait containers and materials must be removed and all excavations refilled no later than seven (7) days after the close of the spring and fall black bear seasons. (3-20-97)
- 02. Location. (7-1-93)
  - a. No bait site may be located within two hundred (200) yards of any free water (lake, pond, reservoir, spring, stream), any maintained trail or any road. (7-1-93)
  - b. No bait site may be located within one-half (1/2) mile of any designated campground or picnic area, administrative site, or dwelling. (7-1-93)
- 03. Types. (7-1-93)
  - a. No parts of or whole game animals, game birds, or game fish may be used as bait. (7-1-93)
  - b. The skin must be removed from any mammal parts or carcasses used as bait. (7-1-93)
- 04. Containers. (7-1-93)
  - a. No bait may be contained within paper, plastic, glass, metal, wood or other nonbiodegradable materials, except that a single, metal container with a maximum size of fifty-five (55) gallons may be used if securely attached at the bait site. (7-1-93)
  - b. No bait may be contained in any excavated hole greater than four (4) feet in diameter. (7-1-93)
- 05. Establishment of Bait Sites. (7-1-93)
  - a. Any structures constructed at bait sites using nails, spikes, ropes, screws, or other materials must be removed by the permit holder within seven (7) days of the close of the spring and fall black bear seasons. (3-20-97)
  - b. All bait sites must be visibly marked at the nearest tree or on the bait container using a tag supplied by the Department. (7-1-93)

**101. -- 199. (RESERVED).**

**200. BAITING PERMIT.**

- 01. Baiting Permit. (7-1-93)
  - a. Baiting permits are issued by mail or in person from Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional and subregional office beginning March 1 of each year. (7-1-93)

- b. Baiting permits will be valid for the calendar year in which they are issued. (7-1-93)
- 02. Use of Baiting Permit. (7-1-93)
  - a. All persons placing or hunting over bait must possess a baiting permit issued by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. (7-1-93)
  - b. Each hunter may possess only one (1) Idaho Department of Fish and Game baiting permit each year and may maintain up to three (3) bait sites, except the number of bait sites maintained by outfitters will be specified by the land management agency in the outfitter's operating plan. (7-1-93)
  - c. No person may hunt over an unlawful bait site. (7-1-93)
  - d. Guides and clients of outfitters are not required to obtain a baiting permit, but they must have a copy of the outfitter's permit in their possession while hunting over a bait site. (7-1-93)
- 201. -- 999. (RESERVED).**