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RC 055

Thank You BOG

Trapped in Unit 7 on the KPEN starting nearly 30 years ago.

Submitted written comments through BOG website opposing trap tag proposals.

I mainly want to Address Proposal 180

The board has already heard testimony from the Trappers Association regarding meetings, educational seminars, offers of voluntary set asides and signage.

I have a couple more points to add: ^{K Dan} Trappers have been setting open areas ~~set~~ for decades.

--7 miles from main business area of Cooper Landing, @ Russian R. Ferry,

2 mile corridor along Sterling Hiway ~25 miles excludes all but smallest traps.

--10 miles from Cooper Landing, Skilak Wildlife Viewing Area.

44,000 acres specifically set aside for non consumptive uses.

No trapping period.

Proposal 180 language states: "know without uncertainty where all users can go and avoid run-ins with set traps."

I submit to the board that request was granted decades ago with the trapping closures I just mentioned.

--Next big squeeze on trappers came maybe 10 yrs ago.

Chugach Nat Forest banned snowmachines on large areas ^{citing mainly} for social reasons ~~mainly~~ at the request of XC skiers.

I noticed some of those same ^{activists} ~~players~~ who advocated for the sno go closures are on the committee that submitted 180-1

Ironic thing is that Cooper Landing is a Federal Subsistence Community so the snowmachine closures do not apply to Cooper Landing residents if they want to go ice fishing, ptarmigan hunting or trapping.

^{Very} ~~Most~~ of the ^{areas} trails covered under 180-1 are likewise on Federal land so the requested 500' trapping setbacks would again not apply to Cooper Landing residents due to the federal subsistence preference.

★ Private Property landowner permission is of course already required.

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Area Closed to Trapping



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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

Soldotna, Alaska

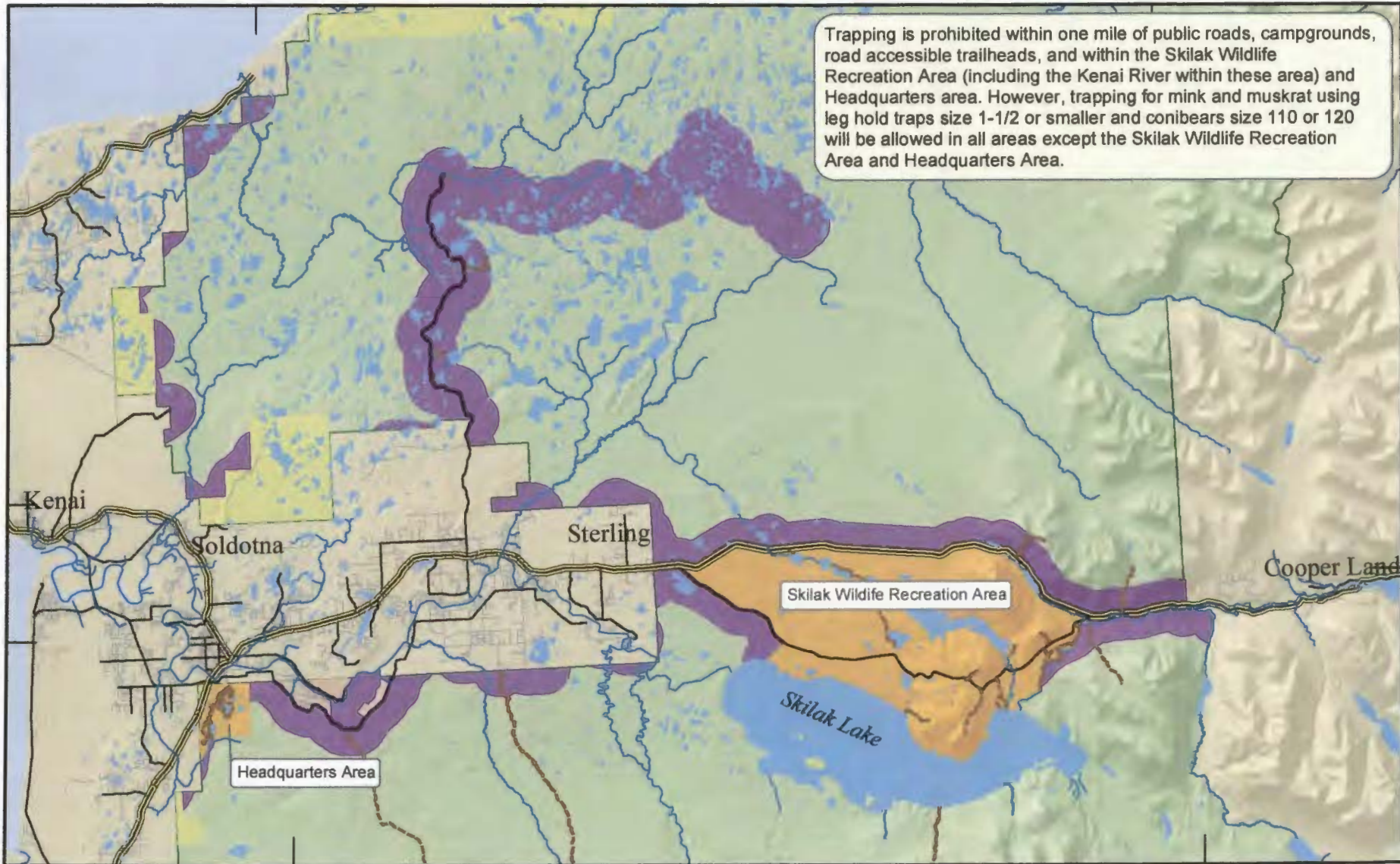
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Trapping Regulations

151°0'0"W

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Trapping is prohibited within one mile of public roads, campgrounds, road accessible trailheads, and within the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area (including the Kenai River within these area) and Headquarters area. However, trapping for mink and muskrat using leg hold traps size 1-1/2 or smaller and conibears size 110 or 120 will be allowed in all areas except the Skilak Wildlife Recreation Area and Headquarters Area.



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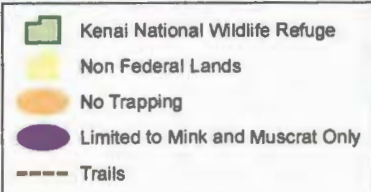
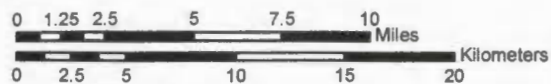
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