

PROPOSAL 109

5 AAC 92.095. Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions.

Require all snares on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism as follows:

On the Kodiak road system, all snares must have a breakaway mechanism (of a designated minimum poundage) on the loop end of the snare and the snare cable and anchor must be stronger than the breakaway mechanism.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There has been an increase in the catch of non-target animals in snares along the Kodiak road system, including bears. The main concerns are with “locking” style snares. Without tension release or breakaway requirements for the snares, the snares caused severe harm and the bears had to be put down.

What will happen if nothing is done: Continued possible loss of brown bears.

Other solutions considered: (1) We considered to make this island-wide, but have not had enough input from off-road system trappers. (2) We considered tension release aids, but don't think they would work as effectively on the long hair of the bears.

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