KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2798-AMENDED

A Resolution of the Assembly of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Requesting the Alaska Board of Game to Issue Emergency Measures to Govern Fur Trapping in the Ketchikan Region

RECITALS

A. WHEREAS, Ketchikan has many recreational trails and miles of road system; and

B. WHEREAS, there are many different property ownerships among the City of Ketchikan, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Cape Fox Corporation, the U.S. Forest Service and the State of Alaska; and

C. WHEREAS, citizens and tourists and their children and their pets recreate on most of these properties without restrictions by various property owners; and

D. WHEREAS, the State of Alaska regulates fur trapping in the Ketchikan area, encouraging trappers and people to “share the trails”, warning people that traps may be close by where they are hiking and walking their pets; and

E. WHEREAS, the function of modern traps is to quickly kill fur animals; and

F. WHEREAS, “Sharing the trails” may have fatal consequences to children, pets and hikers. Numerous close calls have occurred in the Ketchikan region; and

G. WHEREAS, the Alaska Board of Game only reviews their trapping regulations every two years and the new regulations deadline for their January 2019 meeting was in May of 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH as follows:

Section 1. The Borough Assembly requests the Alaska Board of Game to issue an emergency declaration limiting trapping in the Ketchikan area to no closer than 150 feet of named trails located in the Borough as identified by the Borough Manager or designee, and vehicular ways or areas as defined in AS 28.90.990.

Section 2. The Borough Assembly requests the Alaska Board of Game, in its emergency declaration, to issue regulations requiring a consistent format for signage on the public trails and roads adjacent to the placement of fur traps.
Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2019.

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David Landis, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kacie Paxton, Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Glenn Brown, Borough Attorney
Addendum to Resolution 2798-A
List of Named Trails Located in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough¹
January 8, 2019

1. Carlanna Lake
2. Coast Guard Beach
3. Connell Lake
4. Deer Mountain
5. Deer Mt to Silvas Lakes Traverse
6. Dude Mt
7. Frog Pond
8. Hollow Cedar Beach Access
9. Joseph C Williams Senior Coastal Trail
10. Lunch Creek
11. Lunch Falls
12. Minerva Mt.
13. Married Man’s Trail / Schoenbar
14. North Tongass Road Side
15. Perseverance
16. Pipeline
17. Rainbird
18. Refuge Cove
19. Salvage
20. Silvas Lakes
21. Totem Bight State Park
22. Ward Creek
23. Ward Lake
24. Waterfront Promenade

¹ According to the Ketchikan Area Trails guide produced by the United States Forest Service, in February 2013.