

**PROPOSAL 57**

**5 AAC 92.090. Unlawful methods of taking fur animals ; exceptions.**

Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15 as follows:

Allow for more efficient and ethical recovery of fur animals in Units 6-8, 14C and 15 as follows:

Fur Animals:

- Fur animals MAY NOT be taken under the hunting regulations by the following methods:
  - with a dog (except coyote in Unit 20D after registering with ADF&G **and in Units 6 - 8, 14C and 15 a dog may be used to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals**), trap, snare, net, or fish trap;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Next to ethical shots and lethal shot placement, efficient game recovery is paramount. An individual sitting with his dog while calling in a fox is no different than sitting in a duck blind calling waterfowl. In the event that an animal is wounded and evades the hunter, whether it be a duck, goose, fox, coyote, etc., a well-trained retrieving dog should be allowed to be sent to track, locate and retrieve it. There is NO downside to ensuring a mortally wounded animal is not wasted. Currently on page 13 of the Alaska trapping regulation booklet, the use of dogs is allowed for retrieving dead furbearers. The same should be applied to the small game hunting regulations for dead and wounded fur animals.

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