

## **PROPOSAL 188**

**5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.**

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

Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B as follows:

I recommend opening beaver trapping in Unit 20B in “that portion of the Chena River downstream from its confluence with the Little Chena River,” using underwater/under-ice sets from 1 November until 15 April. This would expand trapping opportunities and allow for a modest harvest of beavers while ice covers the river, thereby helping to control the beaver population in this portion of the Chena River while minimizing the possibility of unintentional harm to or conflict with boaters, pets, and other recreational users of this portion of the river.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Beaver trapping is currently closed in Unit 20B in “that portion of the Chena River downstream from its confluence with the Little Chena River,” presumably due to relatively high population density in this region relative to other areas of Unit 20B. There is a very high density of active beaver lodges in this area, and consequently, a significant amount of damage caused by beavers. This proposal opens up trapping opportunities while minimizing potential for conflict with other recreational users of the Chena River.

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