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### Fur sealing deadlines extended

April 14, 2020 (Juneau) – Trappers and hunters will have additional time this spring to have furs sealed. Harvested furbearers, including marten, fisher, lynx, beaver, otter, wolf and wolverine, have sealing requirements. These species are required to have a seal affixed to the hide by an authorized ADF&G representative, and other information about the harvest is collected.

Governor Dunleavy suspended regulatory requirements to seal furbearers effective April 9, 2020. The suspension is in affect through May 11, 2020. All furbearers must be sealed no later than June 10, 2020; however for seasons that end May 12 or later, furs must be sealed within 30 days of season end.

The intent of this regulatory suspension is to allow trappers the opportunity to seal furs over a longer time period than normally required. This is to spread out the need to visit ADF&G offices given the existing COVID-19 health and travel mandates. Division of Wildlife Conservation staff, Alaska State Troopers, and designated sealers will continue to seal all furs that trappers bring in between now and June 10.

The fur sealing suspension order may be extended. Trappers and hunters are encouraged to check the Department website often for updated information and other emergency orders: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/>.

Announcement of suspension of regulations:

<https://gov.alaska.gov/newsroom/2020/04/10/dunleavy-announces-suspension-of-state-regulations/>

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