

PROPOSAL 38

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 1A as follows:

The beaver season in Unit 1A continues two weeks into May.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like for the trapping season for beaver to be extended two additional weeks going into May. There are many remote locations made inaccessible by winter snow and ice but would be opened up by the end of April and into May. We are missing out on a lot of good beaver trapping. There are many areas overpopulated with beaver that can be hazardous to their population and hazardous to the ecosystem. All trappers in Unit 1A will benefit if this solution is adopted. As for those who would suffer – my wife, because then I can trap two more weeks. Other solutions considered: We could add two more weeks in November, however, at that time the beaver kits are big enough to trigger a trap. In May, all the beaver are at least one year old or still in the den.

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