

PROPOSAL 8

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17 as follows:

Unit 9 (October 1 - April 30) November 10 - March 31

Units 13 and 16 (October 15 - April 30) November 10 - March 31

Units 14B and 17 (November 10 - April 30) November 10 - March 31

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Shorten the coyote trapping season. Coyotes are harvested for fur not food. Current seasons were set for various reasons one being the hope lamb predation would be reduced. There is no data to support this that I know of. Coyote fur is better in November and March than October and April. Aligning the opening date of coyote season with most other furbearers will help eliminate by-catch problems. Citations have been issued for failure to salvage and/or surrender other furbearers taken during early coyote season.

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