

## **PROPOSAL 6**

### **5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.**

Lengthen river otter trapping seasons in Units 1 - 4 to align with Unit 5 as follows:

Extend and unify river otter seasons across Units 1 - 5 to November 10 - March 31

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Extend and unify river otter seasons across Units 1-5 to November 10 - March 31. This would be the same as Unit 9, which is at a similar latitude. Fur primeness is related to the amount of daylight, so having similar seasons for similar latitudes makes sense. River otters are not widely harvested in Units 1-5, so while an expansion of the season has the potential to deplete localized populations, the overall population will likely see no impact

There is some concern that river otters might be having kits during this proposed season extension, though in my experience with otter bycatch while targeting beavers, only otters in May exhibited signs of recent birth.

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