

PROPOSAL 8

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Extend the marten trapping season in Units 1 and 2 as follows:

Marten trapping season:

Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
Units 1-2	Dec. 1 – Feb. 28	No Limit

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee would like the board to address the marten trapping season for Units 1 and 2. The current season dates are December 1 – February 15. The Ketchikan AC would like the board to consider changing the end date to February 28.

We would like to see this change made for the following reasons. First of all, the fur is still prime, and the majority of marten trapping occurs along roads and beaches, therefore there is still plenty of un-trapped habitat for marten to breed in and remain undisturbed. Also, with fur prices down, trapping effort has gone down, which means less pressure and stress on the population. Lastly, wolf and wolverine trapping is still open, so it would be beneficial to trappers to be able to take advantage of as much opportunity as possible while out checking their trapline.

PROPOSED BY: Ketchikan Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F22-110)
