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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 1) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 84.270(9). The proponent is asking the board to close otter trapping in Units 14A, 14B and 16. This would mean that there would be no trapping season for river otter in these Units and trappers would lose the opportunity to harvest that furbearer species.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B. The department is unaware of any effects of regulations that were unforeseen when the regulation was adopted.
- C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns.
- D. The ACR will restrict or reduce reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f) in a portion of Unit 16.
- E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

The requested change will close trapping for river otter in Units 14A, 14B, and 16. Units 14A, 14B, and a portion of Unit 16 are located within the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area; the portion of Unit 16 outside of the nonsubsistence area does have a positive customary and traditional use finding and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 90 percent of the allowable harvest.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for the Central and Southwest Region is during winter/spring of 2027/2028. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its January meeting in Wasilla to allow for public input by those most affected by the issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Scott".

Ryan Scott
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