

PROPOSAL 81

5 AAC 92.095. Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions.

Require traps and snares set within two miles of publicly maintained roads in Unit 14A be checked at least every 36 hours as follows:

Persons setting traps and snares for furbearers and fur animals must check their traps and snares not less frequently than every 36 hours in those parts of Unit 14A that are within two miles of a publicly maintained road (i.e. a road that is open to the public and plowed to be accessible by automobile).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Many Alaskans, including myself, think it is inhumane to leave an animal caught in a trap or snare to die of starvation or exposure because a trapper fails to check his traps frequently. Criminal penalties are imposed under Alaska law against the owners of domestic animals who fail to feed or shelter their domestic animals because it is inhumane. Ethical trappers of furbearers and fur animals return frequently to their traps to prevent waste and also to lessen the suffering of trapped animals. This proposal is intended to apply only to a small part of a heavily populated part of Alaska in the hope that trappers and persons opposed to trapping on ethical grounds can work together in lessening the suffering of animals.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? I am a member of the Anchorage Advisory Committee and serve on the Game subcommittee. The Anchorage AC does not usually submit proposals and does not meet until October 2024. The Anchorage AC will review and comment on this proposal when it reviews all the proposals to be considered by the Board of Game.

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