

PROPOSAL 11

5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

Allow the use of cameras or other sensory devices that can send messages through wireless communication for trapping furbearers in Units 1-5 as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

Remove the section of the trapping regulations that prohibits the taking of furbearers with aid of "any camera or other sensory device that can send messages through wireless communication".

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The trapping regulations state: "YOU MAY NOT... take furbearers with the aid of....any camera or other sensory device that can send messages through wireless communication"

This portion of the trapping regulations prohibits the use cellular game cameras. This prohibition appears to come from hunting regulations, where it has some applicability. In trapping, having a cellular game camera does not aid in the successful trapping of animals - the animals still have to enter a trap on their own. But it would be useful in helping to collect real time evidence of trap tampering. It would also be helpful in potentially alerting a trapper of an animal in a trap, though it would not reduce the responsibility of a trapper to regularly check their traps. Nor would it replace that responsibility, especially in Southeast Alaska, where weather forces regular re-adjustment, re-setting and re-luring of traps and snares.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

The Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee (JDAC) has not met prior to the Board of Game proposal submission deadline. The member holding the trapping seat on the JDAC is supportive of this proposal.

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