

PROPOSAL 153

5 AAC 92.550. Areas closed to trapping.

Close the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C to beaver trapping as follows:

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

The Anchor River drainage is closed to beaver trapping.

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

Beaver trapping in the Anchor River drainage should be closed. Department of Fish and Game comments provided to the Board of Game regarding a proposal to close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek drainages indicated that there were virtually no beaver active in the Anchor River drainage at that time; and that beaver trapper had reported low number and poor recruitment in 2017. In addition, comments and testimony regarding other proposals to reduce Beaver trapping on the Kenai Peninsula indicated area-wide over-trapping with resulting reductions in beaver populations at many places on the Kenai Peninsula. Closure for at least three years, or until at least the next meeting of the board, should be implemented to see if this important species repopulate this drainage and provides information for analysis by the department as to how to remedy the decline of beaver population elsewhere on the Kenai Peninsula .

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

No.

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