

PROPOSAL 244

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

Require identification tags on traps and snares set along the Kodiak road system within Unit 8 as follows:

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

Identification tags are required for each trap and snare set along the Kodiak road system. A person may not set a trap or snare along the Kodiak road system unless there is attached to the trap or snare an identification tag. Identification tags must provide some form of owner identification, such as a personal identification number (PIN) registered with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Department will make identities of trappers who register their traps and snares with the Department available to law enforcement but otherwise, will keep identities confidential. If there is an injury or death (of a dog or human) resulting from being caught in a trap, it will be the injured party's responsibility to report to law enforcement, who can then investigate the incident and respond appropriately.

The expense related to the cost of tags would be minimal to trappers.

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

There is not a mechanism in place to identify the owners of traps or snares set along the Kodiak road system. The concern is that there is no official way to identify the owner of a trap that is placed illegally or is in a location where there are frequent user groups, such as hikers, that could pose a public safety concern. Over the years, there have been dogs caught in traps that were close to trails, causing injury and emotional distress. Without the ability to identify the trapper, there is not the opportunity for law enforcement to intercede and educate on proper placement of traps.

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

A similar proposal was submitted previously by Kneeland Taylor as a state-wide proposal and was considered at the March 21-28, 2025, meeting of the Board of Game (Proposal 131). That proposal was unanimously supported by the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee at their meeting in February 2025. The Humane Society of Kodiak is proposing this regulation, specific to the Kodiak road system within Unit 8, without coordination of other parties, but with strong community support.

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