

Proposal 217

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Allow the use of a firearm and bow and arrow to take beaver during an open trapping season in Unit 20B Remainder as follows:

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

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

In 2022 the regulations were changed to allow the use of a firearm and bow and arrow to take beavers under a trapping license statewide. This method of beaver harvest was allowed from 2022 until 2026, when the board was made aware of a conflicting regulation. The board clarified the conflicting regulation by returning the regulations to pre-2022 language. There are no current conservation concerns for beaver. I would like the board to restore the use of a firearm and bow and arrow as a legal method and means to take beaver under a trapping license in Unit 20B Remainder. This would not affect that portion of the Chena River downstream from its confluence with the Little Chena River and Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge.

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

Yes, the Fairbanks AC developed this proposal.

PROPOSED BY: Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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