

**PROPOSAL 7 – 5 AAC 92.095 Unlawful methods for taking furbearers; exceptions.** Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide as follows:

Allow harvest of beaver with bow and arrow statewide.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** At time of the year when the water is open and beaver season is open it should be legal to take beaver with a bow and arrow. This is confusing in the trapping regulation summary book. On page 13 it says that you may use any method to take furbearers with a trapping license unless it is prohibited below. There does not appear to be any prohibition to taking beaver with a bow and arrow on page 13. However, subsequently in the regulations for each unit there are several places where it specifically says, "You may not take beaver by any means other than steel trap or snare except," then the exceptions are varied and in some areas it is specifically legal to use firearms but sometimes with the requirement that the meat be saved. It would seem that these regulations could be simplified by allowing statewide harvest of beaver by shooting and specifically include bow and arrow.

It is difficult to know the exact wording for the regulation change because in fact it may be that the actual regulations do not prohibit taking beaver statewide during season with bow and arrow. Page 13 of the trapping regulations summary would seem to allow that. It may be somehow the ADF&G staff responsible for writing the regulation summary book misinterpreted the regulations. There does not seem to be any logical reason to prohibit taking beaver with bow and arrow.

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