

PROPOSAL 99

5 AAC 92.550. Areas closed to trapping.

Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping as follows:

Furbearer trapping should be closed in the following areas: (1) within one quarter mile of any permanent dwelling; (2) within 50 yards of any developed hiking trail or groomed ski trail; (3) within one quarter mile of any trailhead for a developed hiking trail, or groomed ski trail; (4) within one quarter mile of any developed campground; (5) within the Hatcher Pass Public Use Area; and (6) within the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.

The following regulatory language is suggested:

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(1-6) No change.

Add:

(7) One quarter mile of permanent dwellings, which are defined as buildings used primarily as permanent residences or businesses; but which definition does not include cabins with less than 800 square feet of livable space which are unoccupied a majority of the time.

(8) 50 yards of a developed hiking trail or groomed ski trail. Developed hiking trails are defined as trails for which public funds have been spent within the previous five years for construction and maintenance; and groomed ski trails are defined as trails which are routinely maintained and groomed to provide the public with recreational skiing venues. A list of developed hiking trails and groomed ski trails shall be maintained by the department.

(9) One quarter mile from the trailhead for any developed hiking trail or groomed ski trail.

(10) One quarter mile from any developed campground. Developed campgrounds are defined as campgrounds for which public funds have been spent in the previous five years for construction or maintenance; a list of which shall be maintained by the department.

(11) The Hatcher Pass Public Use Area as designated in AS 41.23.130.

(12) The Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge as designated in AS 16.20.032.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Board of Game should address the danger to people and their pets, primarily dogs, that is posed by traps placed in developed areas with numerous permanent dwellings, and the danger to people and pets posed on or near developed hiking trails, and groomed ski trails; and also address the need for watchable wildlife in areas visited by large numbers of recreational hikers, mountain bikers, ice skaters, boaters, and skiers.

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