

**PROPOSAL 221**

**5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.**

Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13 as follows:

We would like the otter trapping season to directly align with the current beaver season. September 25th to May 31st.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Otter trapping is tough to do when the waters are frozen in Unit 13. It is very difficult to catch them, except during beaver trapping season, which runs from September 25th to May 31st. We would like to see otter trapping season align with beaver trapping season. River otters are tough on the beaver population in this unit. Every year we have to turn in a few otters to the troopers that we accidentally trap during beaver season. We have never understood why these to water animals trapping season doesn't coincide with each other, as the pelts are excellent on both beaver and otter during the entire beaver season trapping period.

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