

PROPOSAL 229

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A as follows:

Adjust the Unit 14A marten trapping season to November 10th through January 31st.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The marten season in Unit 14A is shorter than that for weasels and mink, and also shorter than the marten season in the bordering Units of 14B, 16, and 13. The difference in season for weasels, mink, and marten put an unnecessary burden on the trapper, as the same trapping techniques are effective for weasels and marten, and to a lesser extent, mink. Along with this, the longer season in the surrounding units makes the Unit 14A season confusing and limiting. Overall, lengthening the Unit 14A marten trapping season to November 10 - January 31st to match that of mink and weasel will decrease bycatch, and make the regulations easier to follow.

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