

PROPOSAL 232

5 AAC 92.095. Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions.

Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers as follows:

Add regulatory language that would better facilitate recovery of furbearing animals as follows:

Methods for Trapping

You may use any method to take furbearers with a trapping license unless it is prohibited below. The following methods and means are illegal for taking furbearers;

YOU MAY NOT:

- use a dog (except to retrieve dead **and wounded** furbearers);

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Recovery rates for wounded and crippled small game and waterfowl go up substantially when utilizing a well trained hunting dog to track, locate and retrieve them. The same could be said of wounded furbearers such as fox, lynx, coyote, etc. if a dog is allowed to be used for recovery. This change would not change any restrictions already established on the use of dogs while hunting furbearers but would only allow for the recovery of furbearers already wounded by the hunter/trapper. This small regulation change would only be a benefit to recovery of game.

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