

PROPOSAL 146

5 AAC 92.550. Areas closed to trapping.

Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C as follows:

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.....(4) Unit 15:

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(E) Those portions in Unit 15C that are within 100 yards from the Diamond Creek Trail, the Grewingk Glacier Lake Trail and the Grewingk Saddle Trail are closed to trapping.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Require a 100-yard setback of traps from the Diamond Creek Trail, Grewingk Glacier Lake Trail and the Grewingk Saddle Trail within Kachemak Bay State Park. These trails are heavily used by the public during trapping season, accompanied by their dogs.

Other considerations, including appropriate signage warning park users of traps during trapping seasons, would help avoid conflicts but is labor intensive and requires funding which is currently not available.

Requiring [ark visitors to have their dogs on a leash during trapping season is another option. Skiing and snowshoeing with a dog on a leash is difficult and is not adhered to. Our rangers are already strapped with responsibilities and regulation enforcement is difficult at best.

Requiring trappers to get permits in the park, like Chugach State Park, would better educate users but would again require unavailable staff time, energy and additional funding.

If nothing is changed, dogs getting caught in traps will increase causing unnecessary trauma to [ark users and dogs, and huge public outcry. User conflicts are time consuming and energy draining for all involved. Already overtaxed and underfunded, ADF&G employees and Park staff will be increasingly burdened.

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