PROPOSAL 147

5 AAC 92.550. Areas closed to trapping.

Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C as follows:

We recommend no trapping within 100 yards from Snomad mapped trails in Unit 15C and 100 yards from Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Trails in Unit 15C.

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E. within 100 yards from Snomad trails in 15(C);

F. within 100 yards from Kachemak Nordic Ski Club Trails in 15(C).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? With a growing population on the lower Kenai Peninsula and an increase in non-consumptive users on multi-use trails, conflict with traditional trapping areas and incidents of pet dogs being caught in traps is becoming more common in Unit 15C.

Local trappers, non-consumptive trail users, and the Homer AC working together propose that: traps set adjacent to public mapped trails in Unit 15C be at least 100 yards from the main trail.

If a 100-yard setback is not implemented, there will be more user conflicts on public trails, as the number of non-consumptive users increases on public trails in winter each year in Unit 15C.

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