

PROPOSAL 155

5 AAC 92.550 Areas closed to trapping.

Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping as follows:

5 AAC 92.550 Southcentral Trapping Regulations

The following areas are closed to trapping as indicated:Unit 15 - Kenai Peninsula Area

- Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area, consisting of that portion of Unit 15A bounded by a line beginning at the easternmost junction of the Sterling Highway and the Skilak Loop Road (milepost 58.0), then due south to the south bank of the Kenai River, then southerly along the south bank of the Kenai River to its confluence with Skilak Lake, then westerly along the north shore of Skilak Lake to Lower Skilak Lake Campground, then northerly along the Lower Skilak Lake Campground Road and the Skilak Loop Road to its westernmost junction with the Sterling Highway, then easterly along the Sterling Highway to the point of beginning;
- Kenai Moose Research Center Closed Area in Unit 15A, which consists of the area within the outer boundary fences of the Kenai Moose Research Center, located west and south of Coyote and Vixen Lakes.

***Unit 15C closed.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Close beaver trapping in Unit 15C.

There are very few beaver around these days on the Kenai Peninsula. Please give beavers some time to replenish themselves down here...just a few years, get the population back up. Give trappers some beaver to catch.

This is an issue bigger then beaver trapping. Beavers are engineers in rewetting and recharging ground water, essential for our diminishing salmon. They also have a huge ability to restore drying peatlands, vital for carbon sequestration and climate change mitigation. We need them.

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