

PROPOSAL 131

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

Require identification tags be attached to traps and snares as follows;

5AAC 92.095 should be amended to add a provision stating as follows:

A person may not set a trap or snare unless there is attached to the trap or snare an identification tag. Identification tags must provide either the person's name, or a personal identification number (PIN) registered with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Department will make identities of trappers who register their traps and snares with the Department available to law enforcement, but otherwise keep identities confidential except in circumstances where children or pets are trapped or snared, in which circumstances the identity of the owner of the trap or snare shall be released to the parent of a child caught in a trap or snare, or a pet owner whose pet has been caught in a trap or snare..

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The need for identification of illegally set traps and snares to assist law enforcement; and also pet owners and parents whose pets and/or children are caught in traps or snares.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? I submitted a similar proposal previously, and law enforcement very strongly supported the proposal when it was considered by the Board of Game at the January 2022 meeting held in Wasilla. I am a member of the Anchorage Advisory Committee and a member of its Game subcommittee, the Anchorage Advisory Committee does not meet again until October 2024, and does not usually submit proposals, I expect the game subcommittee and full advisory committee will support this proposal when we review the proposal book.

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