

PROPOSAL 21

5 AAC 84.270 Furbearer trapping.

Remove the two per day bag limit for beaver when taken by firearm during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9 as follows:

Species and Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
(1) Beaver ... Unit 9[, FIREARMS MAY BE USED TO TAKE UP TO 2 BEAVER PER DAY FROM APR. 15–MAY31]	Oct 10–May 31	No limit.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Unit 9 currently has no bag limit for beaver under trapping and hunting regulations and no closed season under hunting regulations so having a limit under trapping regulations for beaver taken by firearm is unreasonably more restrictive. Anyone with a hunting license can take an unlimited number of beavers with a firearm during that time period in Unit 9. Beaver populations are healthy and are found in the majority of drainages where there is suitable habitat in Unit 9 and there are no conservation concerns.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

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