

**PROPOSAL 80**

**5 AAC 92.170. Sealing of marten, fisher, lynx, beaver, otter, wolf, and wolverine.**

Require sealing of beaver taken in Unit 16 as follows:

Beaver GMU 16 Must be sealed within 30 days of close of season.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** A severe decline in beaver in much of Unit 16 has occurred. At the same time, the Board of Game has liberalized seasons, methods and means. It has been at least a couple of decades since beaver were sealed in Unit 16. The committee has some theories as to why the beaver have declined. We would like the Department of Fish and Game to collect some sealing information, so as to compare current harvests, take, and size composition with past data when populations were far more robust. This information would be valuable in assessing current problem and cost very little. We would like this to continue for three years.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?** The Mt. Yenlo AC discussed and recommended this proposal.

**PROPOSED BY:** Mt Yenlo Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F24-021)

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