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2016-2017 Alaska Trapping Regulations

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Before you start trapping:

It is your responsibility to check with the landowner before you trap. Contact the U.S. Bureau of Land Management or the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to find out who owns the land. For information about trapping on Federal public lands, call 1-800-478-1456.

SOUTHEAST ALASKA

UNITS 1-5



AREAS CLOSED TO TRAPPING

The following areas are closed to trapping as indicated:

Unit 1C (Juneau Area)

Please see City and Borough of Juneau ordinance for additional trapping restrictions.

- A strip within 1/4 mile of the mainland coast between the end of Thane Road and the end of Glacier Hwy. at Echo Cove;
- Auke Lake and the area within 1/4 mile of Auke Lake;
- That area of the Mendenhall Valley bounded on the south by the Glacier Highway, on the west by the Mendenhall Loop Road and Montana Creek Road and Spur Road to Mendenhall Lake, on the north by Mendenhall Lake, and on the east by the Mendenhall Loop Road and Forest Service Glacier Spur Road to the Forest Service Visitor Center;
- A strip within 1/4 mile of the Douglas Island coast along the entire length of the Douglas Highway and a strip within one-quarter mile of the Eaglecrest Road;
- Within the USFS Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area;
- The Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge;

- A strip within 1/4 mile of the following trails as designated on 1962 U.S. Geological Survey maps and revisions: Herbert Glacier Trail, Windfall Lake Trail, Peterson Lake Trail, Spaulding Meadows Trail (including the loop trail), Nugget Creek Trail, Outer Point Trail, Dan Moller Trail, Perseverance Trail, Granite Creek Trail, Mt. Roberts Trail, the Nelson Water Supply Trail (off of Mt. Roberts Trail), Sheep Creek Trail, Point Bishop Trail, Amalga Trail, Auke Nu/John Muir Trail, Eagle Glacier Trail, Point Bridget Trail, Treadwell Ditch Trail and Salmon Creek Trail; however, traps with an inside spread of 5 inches or less which are set at least 5 feet above the ground and snow are allowed if more than 50 yards from the trail.

Unit 1D (Skagway Area)

Please see City and Borough of Skagway ordinance for additional trapping restrictions.

Unit 2 - Prince of Wales Island Area

- Joe Mace Island Marine Park, a small island off Point Baker on Prince of Wales Island.

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Unit 1C, Gustavus, that portion west of Excursion Inlet, north of Icy Passage

- Trappers are prohibited from using a snare with a cable diameter of 1/32 inch or larger that is set out of the water except under the terms of a registration permit.
- All traps/snares must be checked within 3 days of setting them and within each 3 days thereafter.

Unit 5A, Yakutat Area

- Trappers are prohibited from using snares or body-gripping traps with a jaw spread greater than eight inches within 500 yards of permanent residences in Yakutat city limits; 500 yards inland from the mean high tide line between the intersection of Coast Guard Beach Rd and the coast, and a point 1/2 mile south of the intersection of Cannon Beach Rd and the coast (locally known as "the barge"); 150 yards on either side of Cannon Beach Rd; and 50 yards on either side of the Train Trail.

BEAVER

- *Beaver must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*
- *You may not disturb or destroy any beaver house or den.*
- *Firearms may be used to harvest beaver in Units 1-5.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5	Nov. 10 - Apr. 30.....	No limit

COYOTE

- *You may shoot a coyote on the same day that you have flown in an airplane if the coyote is either caught in a trap or snare or you are more than 300 feet from the airplane.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30.....	No Limit

FISHER

- *Fisher must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	1

RED FOX (including cross, black, and silver color phases)

- *You may shoot a fox on the same day that you have flown in an airplane if the fox is either caught in a trap or snare or you are more than 300 feet from the airplane.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-4	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No Limit
Unit 5	Nov. 10 - Feb. 15.....	No Limit

LYNX

- *Lynx must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*
- *You may shoot a lynx on the same day that you have flown in an airplane if the lynx is either caught in a trap or snare or you are more than 300 feet from the airplane.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit

MARTEN

- *Marten must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-3, except Kuiu Island.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit
Unit 3, Kuiu Island.....		No open season
Unit 4, Chichagof Island east of Idaho Inlet and north of Trail River and Tenakee Inlet and north of a line from the headwaters of Trail River to the head of Tenakee Inlet; see federal subsistence regulations for restrictions.....	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.....	No limit
Remainder of Unit 4.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit
Unit 5.....	Nov. 10 - Feb. 15.....	No limit

MINK & WEASEL (least and short-tailed)

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-3.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit
Unit 4, Chichagof Island east of Idaho Inlet and north of Trail River and Tenakee Inlet and north of a line from the headwaters of Trail River to the head of Tenakee Inlet; see federal subsistence regulations for special restrictions.....	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.....	No limit
Remainder of Unit 4.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit
Unit 5.....	Nov. 10 - Feb. 15.....	No limit

MUSKRAT

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit

RIVER OTTER

- *Otter must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*
- *When the season is closed on mink and marten in the unit where you are trapping otter, you may only use snares or traps with an inside jaw spread of at least 5 7/8 inches (Killer - style (body-grip) or foothold).*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-4.....	Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.....	No limit
Unit 5.....	Nov. 10 - Feb. 15.....	No limit

SQUIRREL & MARMOT

(red, flying, and ground (parka) squirrels; marmots and woodchucks)

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5	No closed season.....	No limit

WOLF*

- *Wolves (except in Unit 2) must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*
- *Wolves taken in Unit 2 must be sealed on or before the 14th day after the date of taking.*
- *You may not shoot or assist in shooting a wolf until after 3:00 a.m. following a day in which you have flown in an airplane. However, you may shoot a wolf caught in a trap or snare on the same day you have flown.*
- *Unit 1C, Gustavus: all trappers must register with ADF&G prior to trapping wolves.*
- *Unit 1C, Douglas Island: all trappers must register with ADF&G prior to trapping wolves; a trapper who takes a wolf in the management area must report the harvest to ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation in Douglas within 48 hours of taking the wolf and present the hide for sealing within 5 days.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1, 3-5	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30.....	No limit
Unit 2	Dec. 1 - Mar. 31.....	No limit

WOLVERINE*

- *Wolverine must be sealed within 30 days after the close of the season.*
- *You may not shoot or assist in shooting a wolverine until after 3:00 a.m. following a day in which you have flown in an airplane. However, you may shoot a wolverine caught in a trap or snare the same day you have flown.*

AREA	OPEN SEASON	LIMIT
Units 1-5	Nov. 10 - Feb. 28.....	No limit

** Wolves and wolverine are classified as both big game and as furbearers. The Alaska Hunting Regulations apply if they are taken under a hunting license; the Alaska Trapping Regulations apply if they are taken under a trapping license.*