

PROPOSAL 133

5 AAC 92.080- Unlawful methods of taking game, exceptions.

Prohibit the use of snowmachines to approach and pursue wolverine as follows:

Section 5 AAC 92.080 - Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.

The following methods of taking game are prohibited:

(4)(B)(ix) A snowmachine may be used to approach and pursue wolves [AND WOLVERINE]; an approach and pursuit under this sub-subparagraph is not harassment under (5) of this section, but may not come in contact with a live animal;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Rescind trapping exception in methods and means allowing the approach and pursuit of wolverines by snowmachine. This exception for use of a snowmachine affords trappers an improper and unfair advantage in the taking of wolverines, counter to basic hunter and trapper ethics and contrary to fair chase.

What will happen if nothing is done? Trappers will continue to be allowed to use a snowmachine to chase wolverines to exhaustion, counter to basic hunter and trapper ethics.

Who is likely to benefit? n/a

Who is likely to suffer? Trappers

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? This has been a topic of conversation in the area since the positioning regulation was adopted. I have received input from other residents and trappers who feel the pursuit of wolverines by snowmachine is an unethical method of taking game.

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