

Note: Proposal 272 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Southeast Regulations meeting scheduled for January 2026.

PROPOSAL 272

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

Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons across the state as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

The Department of Fish and Game requests the board reduce confusion by removing conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons.

Table 1. List of codified methods, means, restrictions, and applicable areas.

	Method / Restriction	Applicable Units
1.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(3) Prohibits the take of beaver by any means other than a steel trap or snare.	Statewide
2.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(3)(A) Makes an exception to allow the use of firearms	1-5, 8, 18, 22, and 23
3.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(3)(B) Makes an exception to allow firearms or bow and arrows to be used.	Statewide
4.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(10) Part 1. Restricts the take of beaver from September 25 through November 9 to underwater traps and snares only.	11, 13, and 16
5.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(10) Part 2. Restricts the take of beaver from September 25 through October 31 and April 1 – May 31 to underwater traps and snares only.	Remainder of 20B and 20D
6.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(10) Part 3. Restricts the take of beaver from October 15 – November 9, and from April 1 through April 30 to underwater traps and snares only. *Trapping season opens November 10 for Units 7 and 15.	7 and 15
7.	5 AAC 92.095(a)(18) Restricts the take of beaver June 11 – September 15 by firearm only. *Trapping season is open year-round in Unit 22.	Unit 22

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

There are conflicting and redundant regulations within 5 AAC 92.095 regarding the methods of take allowed for beaver, statewide. 5 AAC 92.095(a)(3) prohibits the take of beaver by any means other than a steel trap or snare; 5 AAC 92.095(a)(3)(A) makes an exception to allow the use of

firearms in Units 1-5, 8, 18, 22, and 23. 5 AAC 92.095(a)(3)(B) makes an exception to allow firearms or bow and arrows to be used statewide. 5 AAC 92.095(a)(10) restricts the take of beaver in Units 11, 13, and 16 from September 25 through November 9, in the remainder of Unit 20(B), and 20(D) from September 25 through October 31 and from April 16 through May 31, and in Units 7 and 15 from October 15 through November 9 and from April 1 through April 30 to underwater traps and snares only. The trapping season in Units 7 and 15 now opens November 10, so the restriction from October 15 through November 9 is no longer necessary. Lastly, 5 AAC 92.095(a)(18) restricts the take of beaver in Unit 22 from June 11 through September 15 by firearm only.

If the problem is not solved, conflicting and unnecessary regulatory language will remain in the codified regulations. The current language for the take of beaver statewide is confusing to both the public and the department and may result in inadvertent violations by trappers.

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

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