

Proposal 272 **Methods and Means for Taking Beaver**

Remove conflicting and redundant methods and means for taking beavers during trapping seasons

Recommendation: Support

Submitted by: Department

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Proposal 272 **Background**

- Error in 2022 allowed firearms for all trapping seasons, statewide
- Areas that should have retained the restriction:

Units	Firearms not allowed	Trapping Season
11, 13, 16	Sept. 25 – Nov. 9	Sept. 25 – May 31
20B remainder, 20D	Sept. 25 – Oct. 31 April 16 – May 31	Sept. 25 – May 31
7, 15	Oct. 15 – Nov. 9 Apr. 1 – Apr. 30	Nov. 10 – Apr. 30

20B remainder user that discovered the error: trappers were harvesting by firearm in the fall.

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Proposal 272 Background

- BOG allowed bow and arrow, statewide in 2022
- Firearms are not allowed during the dates below, archery equipment is:

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Proposal 272 Background

- Other issues:

Units	Firearms not allowed	Trapping Season	Hunting Season
11, 13, 16	Sept. 25 – Nov. 9	Sept. 25 – May 31	11, 13: No open season 16: Aug. 10 – May 31
20B remainder, 20D	Sept. 25 – Oct. 31 April 16 – May 31	Sept. 25 – May 31	No open season
7, 15	Oct. 15 – Nov. 9 Apr. 1 – Apr. 30	Nov. 10 – Apr. 30	No open season
22		July 1 – June 30	July 1 – June 30

- Unit 22, June 11-Sept. 15 only firearms are allowed.
 - Should be only firearms AND bow and arrow.

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Proposal 272 Background

- Options (all require board action):
- affirm firearm restrictions in Units 7, 11, 13, 15, 16, 20B remainder, and 20D, and remove conflicting and redundant regulations;
- retain use of firearms and bow and arrow in all units statewide, and remove conflicting and redundant regulations; or
- third option?

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