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Honorable members

I would like to endorse the trapping set backs that are now being looked at . Personally , I feel there is no need to trap for subsistence purposes. Most of the trappers do not bother with making sets so close to towns and campgrounds as the problems this creates outweigh any gains . There is absolutely no traditional and customary use of animals being trapped so close in proximity to humans for subsistence purposes .

I would like to add I would suggest for paperwork purposes , to close all trapping from upper summer lake at Mile post 48 Seward Highway all the way to Skilak loop entrance mile post 58 Sterling Highway

Going west and going south all the way to the intersection of the Seward Highway and Sterling Highway at Tern Lake . I fail to see any reason to trap so close to large populations of people and their pets which are the ones that suffer . Believe me as a first hand witness to several dogs being killed by the Conibear traps and other dogs I've seen had to have major amputations because of the harm trapping has caused after being caught and injured . That trauma of losing your pet never leaves

The amputees have little hope for a productive life after being harmed by the traps as well .  
I would suggest a 1/4 mile set back from Mile post 48 Seward Highway to the entrance of Skilak loop mile post 58 Sterling Highway . That set back would apply to all roads and campgrounds that

are now filled with people enjoying life with their pets .

In conclusion, I will support all the proposals currently on the books to eliminate trapping and endorse the small setbacks they have asked for .

Sincerely

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