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**To Whom It May Concern,**

Please accept the following comments in support of Proposals WP26-18, submitted by the Cooper Landing Safe Trails Committee.

The 100-yard snaring and trapping setback from the mean high-water line on Kenai Lake will ensure these popular, multi-use beaches are much more safe for adults, and, especially, for children and pets. With a trap-free zone in these areas, the serious risk to safety is constructively mitigated.

Already, in both Cordova and the Mat-Su Borough, similar setback provisions have been adopted, and upheld in the Alaska Supreme Court (in Valdez).

These types of setbacks are immensely popular. Local surveys in Cooper Landing indicate a 90% approval in the community and are the basis for the submitted proposals.

A 100-yard set-back will have minimal negative effect on trappers as they need travel just a few minutes more, yet they will have a significant positive effect for all other users, eliminating fears of endangerment by encountering traps.

These proposals are supported by the local U.S. Forest Service because they embody the

agency's commitment to safety for their multi-use constituents.

For these reasons, I urge the Office of Subsistence Management and the Southcentral Alaska Regional Advisory Council to recommend adoption of these critical public-safety measures.

Sincerely,

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