

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	At the September 13, 2019 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, the Commission voted to reflect proposed amendments to furtaker trapping regulations as specified in a rulemaking petition received by the Commission. However, in the Hearing Notice submitted by the Department for the September commission meeting, only one specific section in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 635, Division 050 was proposed for amendment. Therefore, to fully enact the rulemaking action voted upon by the Commission a temporary rule was filed in September and ratified at the October commission meeting.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	Public testimony was received at the August 2018 and September 2019 commission meetings. Department staff notified all licensed furtakers of the changes for the current season and answered public inquiries.
ISSUE 1	Prohibit the use of traps or snares suspended in trees in the Siskiyou and Siuslaw National Forests and prohibit trapping in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.
ANALYSIS	<p>To fully enact the rule making action voted upon by the Commission at the September 13, 2019 meeting, additional rule amendments are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New language in OAR 635-050-0045 to prohibit the use of traps or snares suspended in trees in the Siskiyou and Siuslaw National Forests. Traps suspended in trees is a method which can be used to target marten. Commission action was to reduce the risk of trapping mortality of coastal marten in general furbearer seasons. • New language in OAR 635-050-0210 to close the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, which has a small but dense population of coastal marten, to trapping of furbearing and unprotected mammals.
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt staff recommendations. 2. Amend staff recommendations.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Option 1.
DRAFT MOTION	I move to amend Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 635, Division 050 as proposed by staff.
EFFECTIVE DATE	Upon Filing