



HB 125 – Trapping Cabin Construction Permit Reform

House Resources Committee Bill
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Trapping Cabin Permit Process

- ▶ Trapping cabin permits currently issued under two statutes

AS 38.95.075 Permits for the Use of Trapping Cabins

AS 38.95.080 Trapping Cabin Construction Permits

Statutes create unnecessary confusion in permitting process and restricts DNR from permitting cabins under certain scenarios

AS 38.95.075 – Permits for the Use of Trapping Cabins

- ▶ AS 38.95.075 states how the DNR issues permits for cabins that already exist
- ▶ Issue arises with cabins that have lapsed in ownership/use or have been abandoned
- ▶ DNR unable to issue new trapping cabin permits in these scenarios

AS 38.95.080 – Trapping Cabin Construction Permits

- ▶ AS 38.95.080 authorizes the DNR issues permits for the construction of new trapping cabins
- 1. The person must have an established trapline with proof of regular use;
- 2. The person must have a trapline of sufficient length to justify the need for cabin construction
- ▶ 38.95.080 also outlines responsibilities of the department and additional requirements and restrictions for trapping cabin construction permits

HB 125 Highlights

- ▶ HB 125 revises AS 38.95.080 (Trapping Cabin Construction Permits) to include all trapping cabin permit situations and repeals AS 38.95.075 (Permits for the Use of Trapping Cabins)
- ▶ Allows the DNR to permit existing cabins on state lands
- ▶ Updates application fee schedule and sets all related fees in statute
- ▶ Provides further clarity than current statute for issuing trapping cabin permits
- ▶ HB 125 was the result of the House Resources Committee working with DNR and the Alaska Trappers Association