



# HB 125 – Trapping Cabin Construction Permit Reform

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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 issues 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