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 Title: Control of Nuisance Wild Animals BRU: Wildlife Conservation
 Component: Wildlife Conservation
 Sponsor: Senator Green
 Requester: Senate Resources Component No. 473

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Fish and Game Fund)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Part-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The cost of modifying licensing forms and the increased burden of administration are expected to be insignificant. Depending on how this legislation is implemented by the Board of Game, some staff time is likely to be required to review and/or monitor activities of licensees, but this is expected to be minor. Potential revenue is difficult to project but is estimated to be minimal.

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 205()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR GREEN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 16.05.255(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers advisable in
6 accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for

7 (1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges, and sanctuaries in the
8 water or on the land of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval
9 of the legislature;

10 (2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of
11 game;

12 (3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit,
13 capture, taking, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource
14 conservation and development goals, establishing means and methods that may be

- 1 employed by persons with physical disabilities;
- 2 (4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size
- 3 limitations on the taking of game;
- 4 (5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur
- 5 bearing animals, predators, or other categories;
- 6 (6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation
- 7 and competition among game in the state;
- 8 (7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management,
- 9 conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;
- 10 (8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of
- 11 native or exotic game or their eggs;
- 12 (9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game
- 13 licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations
- 14 between registration areas and game management units or subunits is allowed;
- 15 (10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the
- 16 conservation, development, and utilization of game;
- 17 (11) taking game to ensure public safety;
- 18 **(12) regulating the activities of persons licensed to control nuisance**
- 19 **wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals.**

20 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.330(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) Except as otherwise permitted in this chapter, without having the
22 appropriate license or tag in actual possession, a person may not engage in

- 23 (1) sport fishing, including the taking of razor clams;
- 24 (2) hunting, trapping, or fur dealing;
- 25 (3) the farming of fish, fur, or game; [OR]
- 26 (4) taxidermy;
- 27 **(5) control of nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small**
- 28 **mammals for compensation.**

29 * Sec. 3. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

30 (25) nuisance wild animal control license\$100.

31 * Sec. 4. AS 16.05.340(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) The commissioner may issue without cost a permit to collect fish and
2 game, including fur animals, subject to limitations and provisions that are appropriate,
3 for a scientific, propagative, or educational purpose. The commissioner also may
4 issue without cost a permit for the noncommercial control of nuisance wild birds
5 or nuisance wild small mammals. The commissioner also may issue a permit for the
6 collection of bivalve spat for use in connection with an aquatic farm. In addition, the
7 commissioner shall issue a permit for the collecting of wild fur animals for improving
8 the genetic stock of fur farm animals. Permits issued under this subsection shall be in
9 accordance with current sustained yield management practices for the species of wild
10 game for which the permit is requested. The annual permit fee for an Alaska resident
11 to collect wild fur animals for fur farming purposes is the same as the fee for resident
12 trappers.

13 * Sec. 5. AS 16.05.340 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

14 (h) Subject to regulations adopted by the Board of Game, a person who holds
15 a nuisance wild animal control license may engage in the control of nuisance wild
16 birds and nuisance wild small mammals for compensation.

17 * Sec. 6. The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
18 read:

19 ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS. The Board of Game shall adopt regulations under
20 AS 16.05.255(a)(12), added by sec. 1 of this Act, governing the activities of a person who is
21 licensed to control nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals. The regulations
22 shall take effect July 1, 2003.

23 * Sec. 7. Sections 2, 3, and 5 of this Act take effect July 1, 2003.

24 * Sec. 8. Sections 1, 4, and 6 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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Sponsor Statement **Senate Bill 205**

"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective date."

This legislation would provide authority to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to issue permits or licenses to designees to control nuisance wild birds and mammals. Currently, there is no statutory authority for nuisance wildlife control and the means by which ADF&G can sell a license or issue a permit.

This legislation would allow licenses for commercial exterminators and permits for homeowners, corporations, agricultural enterprises and other entities who are plagued by nuisance wildlife. It would also allow for a permit to be issued for bivalve spat for use in connection with an aquatic farm and collection of wild fur animals for the improvement of genetic stock.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Bill No: Work Draft (22-LS0906A)

Sponsor: Senator Green

Bill Title: Control of Nuisance Wildlife

Background: This proposed legislation would provide for a "nuisance wild bird and small mammal control license," which is designed to enable licensees to control nuisance wild birds and mammals for compensation. Currently, there is no statutory authority that provides for the department to sell a license or to issue a permit that would allow a person to "take" game that presents a nuisance. Because this bill only provides for taking of nuisance wildlife by licensees, it leaves an unmet demand for nuisance wildlife control by private individuals and public agencies and corporations.

Analysis of Bill/Program Effects: Although this bill would fill a gap by authorizing the taking of nuisance wildlife, it allows the taking only by individuals who purchase a license for \$100/annum. Homeowners, for example, who are plagued with hares in the garden or porcupines gnawing on outbuildings, would not be able to personally address their own problems; they would have no recourse but to hire a licensed control agent. Thus, this bill will do little to aid Alaskans in much of the state where local populations may be too small to support licensed control agents. Similarly, corporations such as Alyeska, which has requested permits to haze nuisance gulls in tanker berthing areas would remain unable to conduct their own control efforts under the bill as written.

Amendments Suggested: The department recommends that, in addition to providing for "nuisance wild bird and small mammal control licenses," this bill be amended to allow the department to issue permits to control nuisance wildlife. This suggested amendment will provide more flexibility and ensure the Board of Game and department can develop regulations that encourage people to avoid creating situations that lead to nuisance animals, and that enable people to solve nuisance wildlife problems through a system beginning with nonlethal action and progressing, where appropriate, to lethal control.

AS 16.05.340 (b) is amended to read:

(b) The commissioner may issue without cost a permit to collect fish and game, including fur animals, subject to limitations and provisions that are appropriate, for a scientific, propagative, or educational purpose **or to control nuisance wild birds or small mammals**. The commissioner also may issue a permit for the collection of bivalve spat for use in connection with an aquatic farm. In addition, the commissioner shall issue a permit for the collecting of wild fur animals for improving the genetic stock of fur farm animals. Permits issued under this subsection shall be in accordance with current

sustained yield management practices for the species of wild game for which the permit is requested. The annual permit fee for an Alaska resident to collect wild fur animals for fur farming purposes is the same as the fee for resident trappers.

This amendment would enable the department to issue permits (1) to individuals who cannot afford or find a licensed control agent, (2) to government agencies (e.g., Wildlife Services with APHIS-USDA), which assist other local and state governmental agencies with nuisance control problems, (3) for species or unusual situations not covered under implementing regulations adopted by the Board of Game.

BOG Regulations: Without knowing the form implementing regulations will take, we cannot predict what problems, if any, might result from this legislation. To keep potential problems to a minimum, however, we support keeping statutory language as broad as possible, because unanticipated problems can be addressed through regulatory fine-tuning. In developing regulations, the Board will need to consider the following: names of species that may be controlled, methods and means of "take," criteria for lethal vs. non-lethal control, live possession of game, locations of operation, transportation, release to the wild, other disposition, reporting requirements, and a definition of "nuisance wild bird or small mammal."

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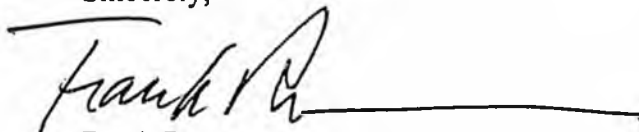
Dear Senator Green:

Hans Neidig of your staff provided my office with a copy of draft legislation on nuisance wildlife control (work draft LS0906\A) and asked for department comments. I appreciate the opportunity.

Enclosed are several comments and suggestions on the draft bill. We recognize that there is currently no statutory authority for the taking of nuisance birds and animals and that there is a demand for such activities in some areas. It is our belief that any statutory language addressing these issues should provide the proper latitude to the Board of Game to carefully implement the law through the public regulatory process. A part of that process we believe should be a continued emphasis on utilizing proper non-lethal methods of addressing nuisance birds and animals prior to moving to lethal means.

If you would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Frank Rue
Commissioner

Enclosures

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March 13, 2002

Senate Resource Committee
Juneau, AK

To Whom It May Concern:

The following is a testimony of my support for Senate Bill 205.

The primary reason I am supportive of this bill is that it gives the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (ADFG), authority that I believe they should have had from the time the department was established.

As we know ADFG is responsible for managing our wildlife. When I sought a special permit for controlling nuisance wildlife, I was surprised to learn from Jackie Kephart of the ADFG that, "There is no provision in Alaska law that would allow us to issue a permit such as you requested." To me this is the same as requesting a commercial driver's license from the Department of Motor Vehicles and having them reply, "We do not have the authority to issue such a license."

Many areas of our state are expanding and experiencing rapid growth. Along with this growth comes the potential for situations to arise between property/business owners and wildlife. ADFG does not have the time or personnel to respond to every situation that occurs. A provision for them to issue a permit to an individual, who would make problem wildlife control their business, relieves them of some of this pressure. Evidence of success can be found in the 48 contiguous states where many businesses dealing in animal damage control are working with their local game departments and effectively serving the public in this area.

The benefits of this type of cooperation are many and affect ADFG, the public, and the wildlife itself.

Depending on the regulations set forth by ADFG, should this bill be made into law, the department could more effectively monitor our wildlife resources. By periodically requesting data from permit holders they would be able to have greater insight into managing our wildlife and assess the impact of development on habitat.

The general public would have the freedom to choose a qualified professional to come in and eliminate any risk that many confrontations between humans and wildlife pose. These risks include health and safety hazards to themselves and their homes/businesses. Benefits would also extend to those who are physically unable to deal with these

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confrontations, those who are unfamiliar or less educated about wildlife, and those who simply don't have the time or equipment to properly handle such a situation

If the potential permit holder does a proper job his clients would be better informed and educated about our wild resources. There is the possibility for assessment and consultation in order that the property/homeowner can learn how he might avoid future problems with wildlife.

Local law enforcement including domestic animal control shelters would be able to refer cases involving wildlife to a qualified professional specializing in that field. This would allow them to focus on their primary responsibilities and devote more time and energy to those areas that they specialize in.

In short, the passing of this bill into law will provide an opportunity for those wishing to make this field of problem wildlife control a career. The ADFG would gain greater knowledge of our wildlife and they would have opportunity to gather data and extend their efforts towards wildlife management and conservation. Local law enforcement would be able to concentrate on tasks that are more related to the fields they have been trained in. Issues of public safety and health regarding issues between wildlife and humans would be minimized.

Thank you for devoting your time and energy to considering this bill. I hope that you will exercise wisdom and sound judgment as you review this proposal.

Sincerely,



Robert Doran

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

TO: SB 205

SPONSORED BY:

SENATOR WILKEN

1 Page 2, line 19, following "mammals":

2 Insert":

3 (13) authorizing the commissioner of transportation and public
4 facilities to designate employees of the Department of Transportation and Public
5 Facilities to take or otherwise control beaver that interfere with culverts or the
6 drainage of water adjacent to state roads and highways"

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8 Page 3, line 9:

9 Delete "2002"

10 Insert "2003"

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12 Page 3, line 10:

13 Delete "2002"

14 Insert "2003"



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Busy crew battles beavers

By TIM MOWRY
Staff Writer

A rank smell flowed out of the large culvert at 3 Mile Chena Hot Springs Road as Jimmy Lyle watched a trickle of muddy, gray water ooze out of the pipe.

"I smell beaver," said Lyle, peering into the culvert.

All Lyle could see was a sliver of daylight at the other end of the culvert. An assortment of chewed-off sticks, branches and logs that Lyle and his two co-workers, Marty Branville and Chuck Nichols, had pulled out of the culvert were piled at one side.

All three men are heavy equipment operators for the Department of Transportation. They spend most of their time driving snowplows, graders, backhoes and hydro-axes.

But this time of the year, they are members of DOT's beaver patrol, a crew of wader-wearing workers whose job it is to undo what Alaska's largest rodents do every fall—plug up culverts and build dams that jeopardize the Interior's road system.

It's a dirty job but somebody has to do it. "Kind of like working in a sewer," is how Nichols phrased it as he ducked into the culvert to shorten a chain.

Each year, DOT spends thousands of dollars and hundreds of manhours ripping out beaver dams and unplugging culverts. Left unattended, the plugged culverts and dams threaten to wash out roads and flood basements and septic systems in residential areas—a common dilemma along beaver-infested Badger Slough.

While the trio of Branville, Lyle, Nichols were busy with the culvert on Chena Hot Springs Road, two more DOT workers were up the Steese Highway tearing dams out at Kokomo Creek near Chatanika. DOT crews had already paid a few visits this fall to Hurst and Laurance roads, two other problem spots along Badger Slough in North Pole.

"It's a spendy job with the manpower and equipment we put toward it," said DOT supervisor Steve Clarkson.

Both Nichols and Branville were wearing insulated neoprene cheat waders and insulated rubber elbow gloves to ward off the chilly 30 degree temperature, a biting breeze and spitting snow.

See BEAVER, Page A-7



CLEARING CULVERT—Chuck Nichols, a worker for the Alaska Department of Transportation, prepares to insert a grappeling hook into a culvert at 3 Mile Chena Hot Springs Road on Tuesday to clear out the dam built by beavers.

Tim Mowry/Daily News-Miner

Pinochet extradited, approves

The New York Times

LONDON—A London court Gen. Augusto Pinochet of Chile is Spain to stand trial on torture charges.

The deputy chief magistrate Magistrate Court, Ronald Barth conditions are in place" for the former Chilean dictator from London to face one charge of conspiracy charges of the torture of individuals.

While there have been a number of court decisions since Pinochet's Friday's was the first to be based on accusations of rather than simply his arrest.

Pinochet was excused from packed chamber because of his failure to make a defiant statement read by Clive Lewis, he protested his innocence as the victim of a political conspiracy.

In Chile, rights advocates and Pinochet-era victims celebrated while expressed bitter disappointment. Reaction to the ruling was generally peaceful but they were peaceful.

His lawyers have 15 days to appeal to the High Court, and

IRHA rule overturned

By SEAN COCKERHAM
Staff Writer

The Alaska Supreme Court is set for a retrial in the case of a woman who lost her 2-year-old child died in a Fort Yukon fire.

Two years ago a jury found the defendant responsible for the February 1999 fire. The jury awarded a \$480,000 settlement to the mother, Denise James, of North Pole.

The IRHA's subsequent appellate ruling, Fairbanks Superior Court Judge Steven Steinkruger, erred in deciding that the housing authority should be held to a higher standard of care than landlords.

That is because the IRHA is a public housing authority that gives the buyer a ownership in the home, partly in the form of a leasehold interest.

Steinkruger had ruled that the defendant was not covered under the Alaska Landlord-Tenant Act and therefore the maintenance of the property cannot legally be transferred to the tenant. But the state Supreme Court, IRHA, ruling that the housing authority is not a landlord under a federal law that defines a landlord.

Higher gold prices bolster Alaska projects

The Associated Press
ANCHORAGE—A recent spike in gold prices could stimulate mine development in Alaska, state officials predict. The price of gold has shot up by nearly \$70 an ounce since mid-September, with the London price fixed at \$323 Friday afternoon.

It's a dramatic turnaround for the precious metal, which languished in the doldrums for more than three

years. Rick Van Nieuwenhuys, president of NovaGold Resources Inc. and Etruscan Inc., two junior mining companies that operate in Alaska, the Yukon and West Africa.

Nieuwenhuys predicts that gold will creep up to \$350 an ounce over the next two to three months. "Basically, analysts are seeing demand outstripping supply," he said.

Analysts in Europe said they would cap their sale of gold over the next five years at 400 metric tons—about 10.6 million troy ounces.

"That's a minuscule amount," said Steve Borell, executive director of the Alaska Miners Association. And with less gold on the market, prices tend to rise.

The price recovery has also been

prices for the mining companies, some analysts are being cautious about gold's long-term future.

No mining company will change what it's doing right away, said Dick Swainbank, a mining specialist with the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development. "They're going to take a wait-and-see approach for two or three months."

...can only be used in the bar-
barism on an island.

"While not survival on the
edge of death, it's a very forbid-
ding island," Burnett said. "I'm
sure there's going to be major
conflicts, but I don't expect them
to be hunting each other with
spears."

In fact, there will be rules to

next summer.

Neal Gabler, author of "Life
The Movie," said the program
may seem outrageous but reflects
the evolution of popular culture.
People want to see real human
behavior, not fictional entertain-
ment, he said.

"Life has thrown up to us so
many interesting narratives that

fiction can't compete," Gabler
said. "How can anything in con-
ventional entertainment compete
with an O.J. Simpson or a
Monica Lewinsky? We now want
the real thing."

Burnett had a much simpler
explanation: "People like to
watch other people in uncomfort-
able situations."

again next year, said Van
Wenhuyse, whose company has
three exploration projects near
Nome.

HOUSING BEAVER: Rodents

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for the maintenance of the
dwelling on the family," the Su-
preme Court ruling states.

But the high court also stated
that James is entitled to a new
trial because the IRHA may
have—by engaging in ongoing
maintenance and repair—in fact
accepted responsibility for the
furnace in her home.

"Thus, IRHA may have volun-
tarily assumed a duty to inspect
for hazardous problems with the
furnace and may be liable for
negligent failure to discover and
remedy such conditions," the Su-
preme Court ruled.

The housing authority's
lawyer, Tracey Knutson, coun-
tered that the furnace had
nothing to do with the fire.
"Honestly I don't think the
plaintiffs can prevail on that
theory," she said.

The Anchorage-based Knutson
said expert testimony shows that
the fire began in James' bed-
room, possibly from smoking.

The jury only found IRHA li-
able, she said, after competing
testimony over whether one of
the smoke detectors was working.

Under the state landlord act,
IRHA was considered responsible
for the smoke detectors, Knutson
said. But the Supreme Court
ruled that the state law does not
apply.

"Under federal law ... (James)
is specifically responsible for
maintaining the smoke detector,"
she said.

Fairbanks attorney Mike Step-
ovich, who represents James, dis-
agreed with Knutson's assertion
that the jury bought her argu-
ment about where the fire
started.

"The jury found that the fire
started, as far as I was concerned,
in the furnace room," he said.

The IRHA bears responsibility
for the fire, said Stepovich, who
is confident regarding his
chances in the new trial.

"The housing authority signed
off on those houses with the
problems that were in place and
never did rectify any of the fur-
nace problems," Stepovich as-
serted.

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A family of four beavers had
plugged the culvert with a collec-
tion of rocks, mud and sticks
about halfway into the 30-foot
culvert. The culvert was almost
filled with water on the north
side of the road but only a small
stream flowed out on the south
side.

Lyle, Branville and Nichols
had already shoved a 2-inch pipe
through the length of culvert, at-
tached a chain to one end and
pulled the chain back through
the culvert, allowing them to at-
tach a series of three grappling
hooks to one end of the chain
while connecting the other end to
a winch on a hydro-ax.

The plan was simple: Yank the
dam out of the culvert.

"Take her on out," Nichols
yelled to Lyle when the hooks
were set.

The winch cable began moving
and the chain tightened.

"We've got something,"
Nichols speculated.

But the hook popped off what-
ever it was anchored to and the
chain slackened. It caught again
only to pull loose again. After 20
minutes of winching, the beaver
patrol had only a few sticks to
show for their efforts.

"We need the big hook," Bran-
ville suggested to Lyle who came
back to survey the situation.

The "big hook," an iron claw
about three feet wide, would ar-
rive later in the day but it would
still take the beaver patrol an-
other 24 days of work and the
help of a backhoe to clear the cul-
vert. Fortunately, the pipes run-
ning along the bottom of the
culvert that DOT uses to steam
thaw frozen culverts didn't get
ripped out so they wouldn't have
to be replaced.

Biologists and trappers kill be-
tween one and two dozen nu-
isance beavers a year, said area
management biologist Don
Young with the Alaska Depart-
ment of Fish and Game. The
number has been going up the

past few years with the beaver
population thriving, he noted.

Young himself took care of the
four beaver responsible for plug-
ging the Chena Hot Springs Road
culvert. He trapped two and shot
two. The hides will be salvaged
and used for educational pur-
poses, he said.

Without water to live in, the
beavers wouldn't have survived
the winter, said Young.

"Our philosophy is instead of
having them freeze out during
the winter and go to waste, we
might as well try to salvage the
beaver and get some use out of
them," he said.

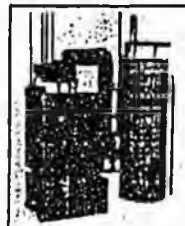
Young said the majority of
beaver calls Fish and Game gets
come from landowners upset that
beavers are chewing down trees
in their yard.

"If they only have a couple
trees we recommend they fence
them off," said Young. "If it's an
area where there are always
beaver and it's a chronic
problem, like Badger Slough,
we're more likely to (kill) them."

In the past, Fish and Game
has issued a handful of special
permits to trappers for beaver
problems in the lower Chena
River. This year, Young said the
permits will be issued to the
Alaska Trappers Association,
which will use the permits to
teach kids the art of beaver trap-
ping.

"The big picture is that we're
trying to manage the lower
Chena River and lower Badger
Slough for consumptive and non-
consumptive use," said Young.
"We're trying to manipulate the
population so we don't have too
many nuisance calls and we still
have beavers around for the
public to view."

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