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Federal Subsistence Board Closes Marten Trapping on Federal Lands on Kuiu Island

The Federal Subsistence Board has closed Federal public lands within Unit 3 on Kuiu Island to the trapping of marten for the December 1, 2012 to February 15, 2013 season. This action is in response to conservation concerns raised by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Recent studies indicate the marten population on Kuiu Island is among the lowest in Southeast Alaska and suggests that the population has continued to decline over the last several years. A high natural mortality rate and continued low recruitment has resulted in a conservation concern for the marten population. The low population density, isolation, and indications of decline in this population over the last several years suggest that an approach that minimizes risk and errs on the side of conservation is the best one to manage the Kuiu Island marten population. Closing the trapping season in the affected area will provide time for marten life cycles and populations to be enhanced without additional trapping mortality.

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