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ALASKA FUR REGULATIONS CHANGED.

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New regulations for the protection of land fur-bearing animals in Alaska have been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, effective September 1, 1923. The most important change is the establishing of a close season on beaver throughout the Territory until November 16, 1924. Reports received from important localities in which these valuable fur animals were formerly common are to the effect that they are becoming scarce and that in order properly to conserve them a close season should be established.

In view of the suitability of Kruzof and Partofshikof Islands, in southeastern Alaska, as game preserves, and in order to permit them to be restocked with game and fur bearers, the killing of any land fur-bearing animal on these two islands is prohibited until September 1, 1925.

Black, cinnamon, and glacier bears are now given protection in southeastern Alaska during the months of July and August, in order that they may be protected from ruthless slaughter at the height of the cannery operations in the Territory, a time when the fur of these animals is worthless.

A few minor changes were made in the open season in the three fur districts -- probably the most important being in the open season for trapping muskrats in districts 2 and 3, changed from December 1-May 31 to May 1-June 10. A uniform season for trapping red, cross, or silver foxes, and land otters and weasels was established for the Kodiak-Afognak Islands Group, to run from November 16 to February 15.

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