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SECRETARY JARDINE AMENDS
ALASKA TRAPPING REGULATIONS

Amendments to the regulations under the Alaska Game Law, to become effective April 1, 1928, have been adopted by Secretary Jardine and were to-day made public by the United States Department of Agriculture. The new amendments were adopted on recommendation of the Alaska Game Commission, as concurred in by officials of the Bureau of Biological Survey. Most important of the provisions is one continuing the close season on beaver on the Kenai Peninsula, which was to have opened on April 1. This action was taken because of the present scarcity of beavers in that region, a condition that has come to light through recent investigations.

Another provision requires that all skins of beavers and martens legally imported or taken shall be sealed by the Alaska Game Commission or its authorized representatives within 90 days after taking or importing. This amendment was made to clarify the intention of the existing regulations, which had been interpreted in some quarters to require the attachment of a seal within 90 days after a skin came into a person's possession. The intent is to have it attached within 90 days after the legal importation or taking.

When skins are to be shipped, the packages containing them must hereafter be marked on the outside to show the serial numbers of the seals of any beaver or marten skins in the package, and these numbers must also be entered on the reports of shipment that are required by law.

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