



Fact Sheet: Trapping Cabin Permits

A Trapping Cabin Permit is a nontransferable permit to construct and/or use a shelter on state land for trapping purposes.

Who is eligible to apply for a trapping cabin permit?

To qualify for a trapping cabin permit, you must have a current state trapping license and an established trapline in the area in which you are applying for a trapping cabin. You must provide proof that you have used the trapline on a regular basis for at least 2 years. The trapline must be of significant length to justify the need for a shelter.

What kind of proof will be needed to show that the trapline is used on a regular basis?

Tax returns reporting income from furs trapped; receipts or a signed letter from fur buyers showing date, quantity, and type; receipts for fur tanning; sealing certificates; and/or a statement from an Alaska Department of Fish and Game Biologist or Alaska Wildlife Trooper.

How do I apply?

- Check the land status to be sure that your applied-for location is on state land
- Fill out the appropriate application and provide all necessary documentation of proof
- Provide a map indicating the location of the cabin(s) and established trapline route
- Provide a plan for the removal of the structure
- Pay the application fee when submitting the application and documents to one of the DNR offices

Where can I apply to have a trapping cabin?

Most general state-owned land is open to trapping cabin permits. You must be at least 2 miles from any other authorized trapping cabins unless separated by a physical barrier such as a mountain range or a major river. Trapping cabins cannot be located within 10 miles of a road ordinarily used by automobiles during the trapping season.

Can I apply for an existing cabin?

Yes, but only if you have been using the cabin on a regular

basis for trapping since before August 1, 1984; the structure's intended use has been, and is, shelter while trapping; and you have documented proof as such.

How many cabins can I apply for?

Up to three cabins may be authorized under a single permit.

Are there any size restrictions?

Yes. One cabin (of up to 3) may be as large as 400 ft². Any subsequent cabins cannot exceed 192 ft². Worksheds, caches, and outbuildings can be constructed at each cabin site, but they must be within a 150 ft radius of the cabin and their combined size cannot exceed 192 ft².

How long is a Trapping Cabin Permit valid?

Trapping cabin permits may be authorized for a term of up to 10 years. Posting placards are issued for 2-years, and re-issued upon submission of the required biennial proof of trapping. At the end of the authorized term, a permit may be reissued if all conditions have been met and if continued use of the cabin does not conflict with other land uses planned by the Department.

Can a permit be transferred to another person?

No. The permit is not transferable. When the permit is terminated for any reason, the permittee must restore the site to its natural condition and remove the cabin.

What fees are associated with the permit?

An application fee must be submitted with the application, and there is an annual fee required with the permit. The Department may also request a performance guarantee (bond) on the cabin site. The bond is to ensure compliance by the permittee and upon removal of the cabin the bond will be relinquished to the permittee. For a detailed list of all fees, see [11 AAC 05.180](#) and [Director's Fee Order No. 3](#).

Where can I look up the statutes and regulations?

[AS 38.95.075](#), [AS 38.95.080](#), and [11 AAC 94](#) are the guiding statutes and regulations for Trapping Cabin Permits.

For additional information please contact one of the Regional Offices

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