

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-01-15

Issued at Craig, Alaska
18 February 2015

Effective Date: 22 February 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2015
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident and nonresident wolf trapping and hunting seasons in Game Management Unit 2. This order is effective at 11:59 PM, Sunday, February 22, 2015.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.056, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2:

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
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5 AAC 85.270. Furbearer trapping.

(13) Wolf

Unit 2

No limit.	Dec. 1-Feb. 22	Dec. 1-Feb. 22
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5 AAC 85.056. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolf.

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Unit 2

5 wolves	Dec. 1- Feb. 22	Dec. 1-Feb. 22
...	(General hunt only)	

All other hunting and trapping regulations in Unit 2 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Stephen Bethune
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Based on a harvest rate not to exceed 30% of the estimated fall population, Game Management Unit (GMU) 2 has a harvest limit of 25 wolves for the regulatory year (RY) 2014 season. As of Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 22 wolves are known to have been harvested in GMU 2. Recognizing that several trappers are actively trapping on the island at this time, and in order to avoid exceeding the 25 wolf harvest limit, the trapping and hunting seasons are being closed at 11:59 PM on Sunday, February 22, 2015. This timeframe is expected to allow trappers time to retrieve their traps from the field while also keeping the harvest within the guideline level.

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