

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Policy #81-28-GB

"Letter of Intent Regarding Wolf Reduction in Alaska"

- I. The primary purpose of wolf reduction is to rehabilitate and restore depressed ungulate populations. A secondary purpose is to maintain ungulate populations in selected areas at a desired level before they become depressed and to maintain desirable allocations of the annual surplus to consumptive uses.
- II. When the desired level of ungulate populations is reached in a selected area so that a sustained yield harvest is provided, and the population is within carrying capacity of the range, wolf reduction efforts will be suspended in that area and shifted to other areas of higher priority.
- III. In areas where wolf reduction is being conducted;
 - (1) ungulate and wolf surveys should be made at least once a year in control areas to provide estimates of population sizes, productivity, mortality factors, and distribution of the respective populations;
 - (2) in no case shall the number of wolves harvested in a selected control area reach a level that will jeopardize a viable wolf population in that area;
 - (3) generally, hunting seasons will be continued concurrently with wolf reduction in a control area, but on a conservative basis, allowing for a yearly increase of the ungulate populations so that the State ungulate population management goals will be reached within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the Department;
 - (4) to the maximum extent practicable, habitat should be manipulated in selected areas to provide for productive ungulate populations.

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VOTE: 6-0 (Bennett absent)

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