

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-18-15

Issued at Craig, Alaska
15 December 2015

Effective Date: 20 December 2015

Expiration Date: 30 June 2016
(unless superseded by a subsequent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, December 20, 2015.

REGULATORY TEXT:

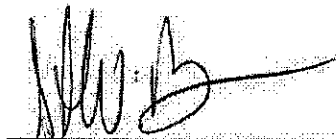
Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2:

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 2		
<u>5 AAC 84.270 Furbearer Trapping</u>		
No limit wolves per regulatory year by trapping only:	Dec. 1- Dec. 20	Dec. 1- Dec. 20
<u>5 AAC 85.056 Hunting Seasons and bag limits for wolf</u>		
5 wolves per regulatory year by hunting:	Dec. 1- Dec. 20 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1- Dec. 20

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
Asst. Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The regulatory year (RY) 2015 Game Management Unit (GMU) 2 wolf hunting and trapping harvest quota was jointly set with the U.S. Forest Service at 9 wolves. ADF&G currently manages Unit 2 wolves for an annual harvest that should not exceed 20 percent of the most recent unit-wide, fall population estimate. The RY 2015 harvest quota of nine wolves is 20 % of the fall 2014 population estimate (89 wolves) minus a 50% reduction to account for any other human-caused mortality. Reported harvest is approaching the 9-wolf quota, and we anticipate additional harvest by trappers still in the field may reach or surpass the quota. Therefore the RY 2015 State wolf hunting and trapping season is being closed.

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