

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-01-18

Issued at: Fairbanks, Alaska
March 30, 2018

Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
Hunting Seasons – April 02, 2018
Trapping Seasons - April 09, 2018

Expiration Date: June 30, 2018
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

Hunting seasons for wolves in Game Management Unit 20C west of the Savage River and bounded by Denali National Park and Preserve will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 02, 2018. Trapping seasons for wolves in Game Management Unit 20C west of the Savage River and bounded by Denali National Park and Preserve will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 09, 2018.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.056(a)(2), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLVES**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting wolves:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Units 12, 20A, 20B, 20C remainder, and 25(C) 10 wolves	Aug. 10-Apr. 2	Aug. 10-Apr. 2
Unit 20C west of the Savage River bounded by Denali National Park 10 wolves	Aug. 10-Apr. 2	Aug. 10-Apr. 2

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Additionally, the following regulations in **5AAC 84.270(13), FURBEARER TRAPPING**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping wolves:

Species and Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
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(13) Wolf		
Remainder of Unit 19, and Units 20 (except 20(C) west of the Savage River bounded by Denali National Park, 20(D) and 20(E)), 21(B), 21(C), 21(D), 21(E), 22-24, 25(A), 25(B), 25(C), and 26	Nov. 1-Apr. 30	No limit.
Unit 20(C) west of the Savage River bounded by Denali National Park	Nov. 1-Apr. 09	No limit.
Units 20(D) and 20(E)	Oct. 15-Apr. 30	No limit.
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All other wolf hunting and trapping regulations are not affected by this emergency order.

JUSTIFICATION:

The wolf harvest this season in the area described is more than the past 5-year average and there is the potential for more harvest to occur before the end of the regulatory hunting and trapping seasons. This wolf harvest closure is done in an effort to manage harvest closer to the previous 5-year average.

The hunting season for wolves in this area was scheduled to end by regulation on April 15, and trapping season was scheduled to end by regulation on April 30. There are no conservation concerns for wolves in Game Management Unit 20C, which includes a large portion of the park.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner



By delegation to: _____

Bruce Dale, Director
Division of Wildlife Conservation

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