HUNTING-TRAPPING Emergency Order ALASKA DEPARTMENT

OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-20-17

Issued at Juneau, Alaska 12 December 2017

Effective Date: 16 December 2017

Expiration Date: 30 June 2018 (unless superseded by a subsequent emergency order)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, December 16, 2017

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84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2: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		
No limit wolves per regulatory year by trapping only:	Dec. 1-Dec. 16	Dec. 1-Dec. 16
5 wolves per regulatory year	Dec. 1-Dec. 16	Dec. 1-Dec. 16
by hunting;	(General hunt only)	
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All other hunting and trapping regulations in Unit 2 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten Commissioner

Ryan Scott Regional Supervisor

By delegation to:

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JUSTIFICATION:

ADF&G and the U.S. Forest Service jointly set the regulatory year (RY) 2017 Game Management Unit (Unit) 2 wolf hunting and trapping harvest quota at 46 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 2017 harvest quota of forty six wolves is 20 % of the fall 2016 population estimate (231 wolves). As of Monday evening, December 11, 2017, a total of 34 wolves have been taken in Unit 2 had been sealed. We anticipate that by the closure date additional harvest by hunters and trappers still in the field will reach or surpass the quota. Therefore, the state wolf hunting and trapping season is being closed by emergency order.

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