

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-23-18

Issued at Juneau, Alaska
18 December, 2018

Effective Date: 21 December, 2018

Expiration Date: 30 June 2019
(unless superseded by a subsequent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 21, 2018.

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84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2: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
(1)		
Unit 2		
No limit wolves per regulatory year by trapping only:	Dec. 1-Dec. 21	Dec. 1-Dec. 21
5 wolves per regulatory year by hunting;	Dec. 1-Dec. 21 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1-Dec. 21

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

Doug Vincent-Lang
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tom Schumacher
Regional Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

ADF&G and the U.S. Forest Service jointly set the regulatory year (RY) 2018 Game Management Unit (Unit) 2 wolf hunting and trapping harvest quota at 45 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 45 wolves is 20 percent of the fall 2017 population estimate (225 wolves). As of Tuesday evening, December 18, 2018, a total of 28 wolves 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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