

PROPOSAL 44

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Extend the trapping season for wolf in Unit 2 as follows:

We would like to change the starting date for wolf trapping season on state and private lands in Unit 2 to align with the starting date for wolf trapping season on federal land.

Wolf season shall be [DECEMBER1] (same date as wolf trapping on Unit 2 federal lands) – March 31.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Unit 2 includes federal, state and private lands with different starting dates for wolf trapping season. The federal season currently starts two weeks earlier than state and private lands, which results in the harvest of more wolves on federal land than state and private lands. With the wolf season being so short, few wolves are taken on state or private lands before the season closes. It is also unfair to trappers who trap on state lands only. With very little harvest on state and private lands, the wolf population is proportionally increasing in these areas.

If the starting date of trapping season on state and private lands do not match the federal opener, harvests on state and private lands will continue to be lower than federal land. With trapping seasons being the same on all lands in Unit 2, enforcement will also be easier.

PROPOSED BY: Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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