

Comments from:

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Proposal 26: Due to the remote, rugged Alaska environment I do not agree that nonresidents should be nonguided, so I support a smaller bag limit and fewer permits issued for their safety and for Alaskans as well. It has been stated the population is declining in the area so a population study needs to be done. Lowering the number of permits would give a chance for the study and for the population to recover from over harvesting. With fewer permits the ability to have accurate harvest information along with investigating and preventing illegal kills and injury by ADF&G and wildlife troopers.

PROPOSAL 45 and 27

I feel the current wolf population objective of 150-200 is too low. Reading the Alaska Wildlife Alliance argument to increase and return to original population objective of approximately 250-350 makes sense. It has been shown that a healthy wolf population benefits the ecosystem. I do not support trapping of any furbearer as it is inhumane and in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in SE Alaska there is no need to harvest fur for comfort or survival. My understanding is the market for fur is also not profitable. Since trapping will continue, I also support having a 100-yard setback along public trails and roads and having the areas trapped, identified with posted notices. Why that restriction was not reinstated makes no sense to me.

PROPOSAL 46

If we want to increase population, why should we lengthen the hunting season? I am against this.

PROPOSAL 47

For populations to be accurately monitored, harvested animals need to be reported timely to prevent overharvesting and to keep a healthy population.

PROPOSAL 48

To protect a healthy wolf population which includes genetic diversity, a population needs to be large enough to prevent inbreeding. Local residents do not always look at the data or understand the complex issues of maintaining a healthy population. I find it stunning you'd allow the local residents to determine the population number.

Proposal 49-54

I support these proposals as monitoring populations has many aspects and all need to be considered when it comes to maintaining a sustainable, healthy population.

"The department is obligated under the Alaska State Constitution to manage wildlife resources on the sustained yield principle.<sup>1</sup> In common terms, sustained yield means managing for an ongoing annual harvest without jeopardizing the harvest (or yield) for future generations."

“Managing wolves by population objective requires accurate population size estimates. Tracking mortality requires accurate and timely reporting, as well as an estimate of illegal and natural mortality.”