Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. R1-12-26

Issued at: Ketchikan, Alaska. November 6, 2026

Effective Date: November 6, 2026

Expiration Date: June 30, 2027, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident and nonresident wolf trapping and hunting seasons in Game Management Unit (GMU) 2. This order is effective at 11:59 PM, 15 December 2026.

REGULATION:

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(13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF** and of 5 **AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2:

Units and bag limits	**Resident Open season (Subsistence and general hunts)**	**Nonresident open season**
Unit 2		
No limit wolves per regulatory year by trapping only:	Nov. 15 – Dec. 15	Nov. 15 – Dec. 15
5 wolves per regulatory year by hunting only;	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15	Sept. 1 – Dec. 15

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

Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By delegation to: _____

Anthony Crupi
Regional Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

In GMU 2, wolves are primarily harvested under trapping regulations, we regulate wolf harvest by setting a trapping season length prior to the beginning of the season.

Determining the trapping season length that will not exceed sustainable harvest involves analyzing recent population estimates, documented harvest rates, and regulatory guidance. Harvest rate, or the number of wolves harvested per day of trapping season, is related to trapping effort, trapping conditions, and wolf abundance.

Estimating the GMU 2 wolf population takes about 10 months, so each year's population estimate is used to inform harvest management in the following year. For example, the fall 2025 estimate informs GMU 2 wolf harvest management for this season. For fall 2025, ADF&G estimated the preharvest GMU 2 population to be 187 wolves with high confidence the true population size was within the range of 125 to 279 wolves (95% confidence interval). The overall trend of 2021 to 2025 indicates a steady trend in abundance estimates that can support a 31-day trapping season.