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(b) Unit 15(A) Predation Control Area.

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(5) the authorized methods and means used to take wolves include hunting and trapping of wolves by the public in Unit 15(A) during the term of the management program as provided in the hunting and trapping regulations; the commissioner may <u>use department employed or contracted wolf trappers, operating during the established wolf trapping season and using legal trapping techniques, and/or issue public aerial shooting permits, public land and shoot permits, or allow agents of the state, or department employees to conduct aerial, land and shoot, or ground-based shooting as a method of wolf removal under AS 16.05.783, including the use of any type of aircraft; prey harvest may include bull-only harvests with variable combinations of antler restrictions, any-bull hunts, and antlerless harvest; factors described in (3) of this section and other considerations unique to the situation indicate that aerial shooting of wolves by department employees is the desired option to reduce predation in the management area described in (1) of this section to a level sufficient to improve survival of moose and the potential for population growth;</u>

Unit 15(C) Predation Control Area.

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(c)(4) the authorized methods and means used to take wolves include hunting and trapping of wolves by the public in Unit 15(C) during the term of the management program as provided in the hunting and trapping regulations; the commissioner may <u>use department</u> <u>employed or contracted wolf trappers, operating during the established wolf trapping</u> <u>season and using legal trapping techniques, and/or</u> issue public aerial shooting permits, public land and shoot permits, or allow agents of the state, or department employees to conduct aerial, land and shoot, or ground-based shooting as a method of wolf removal under AS 16.05.783, including the use of any type of aircraft; prey harvest may include bull-only harvests with variable combinations of antler restrictions, any-bull hunts, or antlerless harvest; factors described in (3) of this subsection and other considerations unique to the situation indicate that aerial shooting of wolves by members of the public under permit is the desired option to reduce predation in the management area described in (1) of this subsection to a level sufficient to improve survival of moose and the potential for population growth; based on measured response of biological parameters additional airborne shooting of wolves by the department may be necessary to reach the upper levels of intensive management objectives for harvest;