

RE: Proposal 271 Positioning Language

While the existing language referred to on Proposal 271 might be appropriate for caribou statewide, it is grossly inappropriate for the taking of wolf and wolverine by snowmachine.

While the definition of positioning in Proposal 271 may make some sense for caribou, it is absurd for the hunting of wolf and wolverine.

The hunting of wolf & wolverine should be allowed with no restrictions on pursuit, distance, speed, repeated approaches, or causing the game to run? - They'll often run before closing to 300 yards .

Rather than curtailing the effectiveness of this method of predator control, regulation should be left the way it is. Any changes made should be to liberalize regulation, (and I use that word in it's original & best sense).

Requiring a machine to be completely shut off is not practical for boats or snow machines and should be changed. Stopping, slowing, or increasing engine speed changes the sound of a motor – puts wildlife immediately on guard, looking in that direction & soon running off.

Here is some suggested language for the hunting of wolf & wolverine while using a snowmachine.

Change the 5AAC 92.080(4)(B) to read:

"A snow machine may be used to approach, pursue, and kill wolf & wolverine, whether those animals or the snow machine are at rest or running. There are no restrictions in regard to the snow machine's speed, its distance from the game being sought, or the number of approaches required for success".

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