PROPOSAL 159

5 AAC 85.057. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolverine.

Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15 as follows:

Adjust the wolverine season to start August 10 in Units 7 and 15.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Currently the regulations for wolverine in Units 7 and 15 starts the season on September 1st. Wolverines are primarily found in the high country feeding on Dall sheep and mountain goats. By having a later season than Dall sheep and wolves, this means many hunters miss an opportunity to help manage these predators. If wolverines are harvested for their fur just like wolves and bears, why can a hunter harvest wolves and bears in August during sheep season, but not wolverine. The Dall sheep in the Kenai Mountains are on a steady decline while predators continue to grow.

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