

PROPOSAL 165

5 AAC 92.XXX. Intensive Management Plans.

Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D as follows:

Establish a wolf population reduction plan in Unit 25D and issue permits for same-day airborne shooting/public taking of wolves by land and shoot on private and state lands as allowed under 5 AAC 92.039.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Allow same-day airborne shooting/public taking of wolves by land and shoot in Unit 25D.

Our moose population in Unit 25D is low. Probably one of the lowest in the state. There are seven villages in Unit 25D which mostly subsist on moose meat as their primary food. The state managed lands are only a certain percentage of Unit 25D. This proposal mostly applies to tribal corporation/private lands in the refuge. Wolves and bears are becoming more and more abundant in Unit 25D. We are needing to hunt, trap, and shoot as many as possible in these seven communities. There have been reports of wolves and bears within the communities at certain times of year – bears in the summer months, and wolves in the winter months – all which are looking for food closer and closer to villages. Moose are tending to stay closer to communities in order to find safety. Wolf packs are always getting larger, breeding six to eight wolf pups per year. And living in remote areas of the refuge. Black bears and brown bears are hunting moose calves thru out the birthing times. We need more resources (tools in the toolbox) to address the need to reduce the number of wolves and bears in Unit 25D in order to bring our moose populations back up to a more sustainable level.

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