

Correction: The title for Proposal 187 incorrectly states the proposed change. The actual proposal asks to lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 20C to March 31.

PROPOSAL 187

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C as follows:

Units 19, 20C, 21, 24, 25A, 25B, and 25D..... Nov 1 - Mar 31.No limit

Units 20A, 20B, 20D, 20F, and 25C Nov 1 - Feb 28.....No limit

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to standardize the trapping season dates for wolverine in Unit 20C. Currently there is a small portion of the unit that has a much shorter trapping season than the remainder of the subunit. I would like to see the dates standardized to the longer season dates throughout. Sealing data indicates harvests of: 2017, 14 wolverine; 2018, 6 wolverine; 2019, 9 wolverine; 2020, 14 wolverine; and 2021,15 wolverines harvested for all of Unit 20C. With Denali Park located in this subunit there is a significant land mass where trapping of wolverines is not allowed. So, it is unlikely that an overharvest would occur as a result of this change. Current wolf season in this unit run Nov. 1 – Apr. 30, lynx season in this area is Nov. 1- Mar. 15. It is possible for a wolverine to be caught in one of these sets, and the trapper would then need to turn it in as an incidental harvest.

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