

Proposal 126

Methods and Means

Allow the use of electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers

Recommendation: Supports

Submitted by: Public

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5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions.
The following methods of taking game area prohibited:
...
(7) with the aid of
...
(E) **electronically enhanced night vision**, except that electronically enhanced night vision may be used for taking furbearers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C);
(F) **any forward looking infrared device**, except that a forward looking infrared device may be used for taking furbearers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C);

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**2024-2025
Alaska Trapping
Regulations**

Effective: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025



Before you start trapping:
It is your responsibility to check with the landowner before you trap. Contact the U.S. Bureau of Land Management or the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to find out who owns the land. For information about trapping on Federal public lands, call 1-800-478-1436.

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Methods and Means

Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers Nov 1 – Mar 31

Recommendation: Support with Amendments

Submitted by: Fairbanks AC

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Methods and Means

5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions. The following methods of taking game area prohibited:
...
(7) with the aid of
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(C) **artificial light**, except that artificial light may be used
(i) for the purpose of taking furbearers under a trapping license during an open season November1 – March 31 in Units 7 and 9-26;
...
(E) **electronically enhanced night vision**, except that electronically enhanced night vision may be used for taking furbearers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C);
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(7) with the aid of

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(C) artificial light, except that artificial light, **night vision goggles, and forward-looking infrared devices** may be used

(i) for the purpose of taking furbearers under a trapping license during an open season November1 – March 31 in Units 7 and 9-26;

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Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers Nov 1 – Mar 31

Recommendation: Supports with Amendments

Submitted by: Fairbanks AC

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Allow the use of night vision goggles and thermal optics for taking furbearers

Recommendation: Support with Amendments

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Allow the use of night vision goggles and thermal optics for taking furbearers

Recommendation: Support with Amendments

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Proposal 187

Methods and Means

Allow the use of laser sights, electronically-enhanced night vision, thermal forward looking infrared devices for taking predators

Recommendation: Support with Amendments

Submitted by: Public

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Proposal 187

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thermal forward looking infrared
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Proposal 129

Minimum Caliber

Establish A Minimum Standard of Centerfire Rifle Cartridges for Taking Big Game

Proposed by:
Public

Recommendation: Neutral



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Minimum Caliber

Current Regulation

- 5 AAC 92.085

(1) with the use of a firearm other than a shotgun, muzzleloader, or rifle or pistol using a center-firing cartridge, except that ...




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Minimum Caliber

- Firearm and caliber restrictions may be:
 - Method-based (e.g., muzzleloader)
 - Unit-based (e.g., Unit 18 nontoxic shot for taking small game)
 - Statewide (e.g., center-firing cartridges for taking big game)
- Reducing wounding loss tends to be a major consideration for restrictions
- Small calibers....
 - Leave little room for error with shot placement
 - If used correctly, can be effective at taking big game
 - Rifles are popular and easily accessible to hunters



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Minimum Caliber

Establish A Minimum Standard of Centerfire Rifle Cartridges for Taking Big Game

Proposed by:
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Recommendation: Neutral



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Minimum Caliber for Moose

Establish A Minimum Standard of Centerfire Rifle Cartridges for Taking Big Game

Proposed by:

Public

Recommendation: Neutral



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Current Regulation

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(1) with the use of a firearm other than a shotgun, muzzleloader, or rifle or pistol using a center-firing cartridge, except that ...




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Minimum Caliber for Moose

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Proposed by:
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Recommendation: Neutral



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Proposal 131

Trap/Snare ID Tags

Require Identification Tags on Traps and Snares

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Recommendation: Neutral



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Trap/Snare ID Tags

Background

- BOG required Southeast regionwide trap marking requirement in 2007
- FSB matched state regs
- BOG rescinded in 2016 & FSB followed suit
- Many trapping organizations post signage to let people know trapping is occurring



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Trap/Snare ID Tags


Discussion

Pros

- Aids enforcement
- ADFG can contact trappers
- Consistent with some fisheries (e.g., crab and shrimp pot fishing)

Cons

- Lay persons might discover trapper’s name.
- Concerns with additional enforcement attention
- Increased cost



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Prohibit nonresidents from using snowmachines to approach and pursue wolves and wolverine

Recommendation: Neutral

Submitted by: Public

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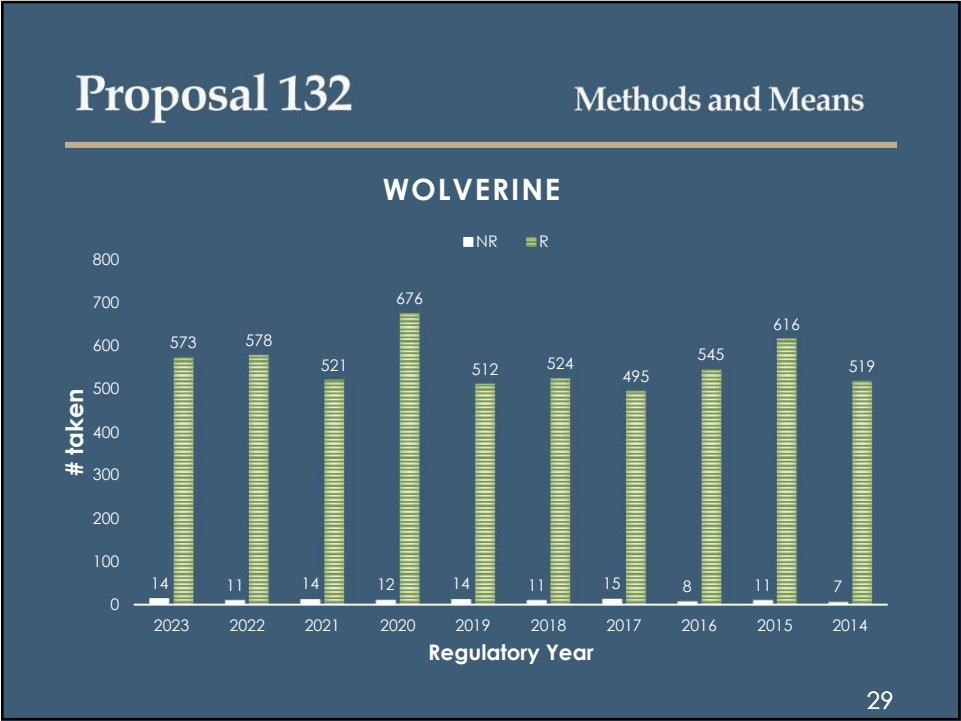
1) Snowmachines may be used to approach and pursue wolves and wolverine statewide.

2) Snowmachines may also be used to position wolves and wolverine, and wolves and wolverine may be shot from snowmachines in Units 22, 23, and 26A.

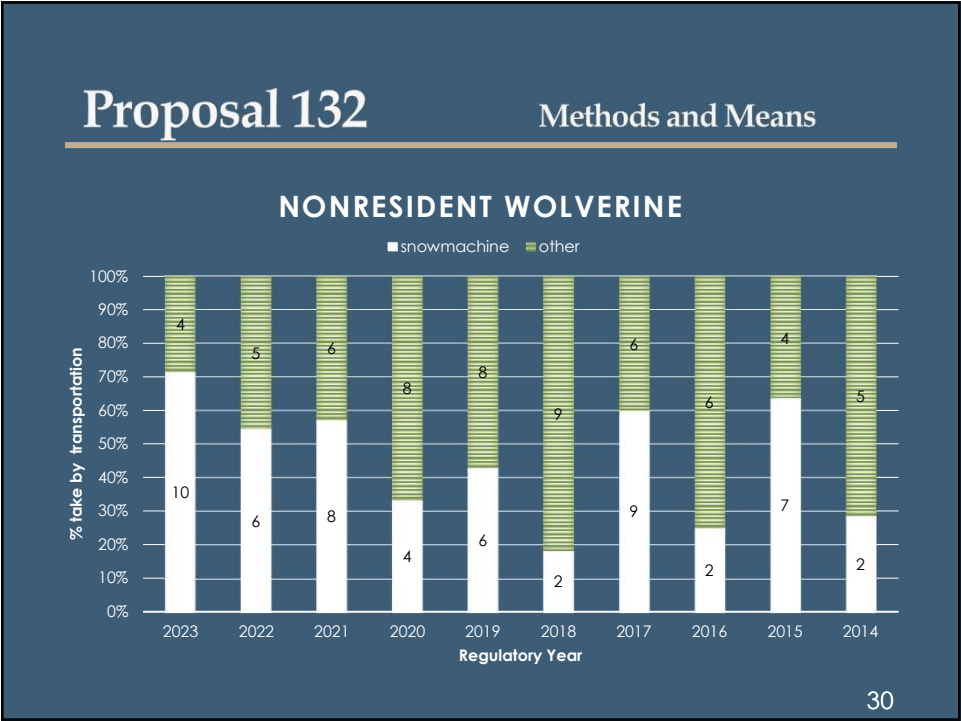
3) Snowmachines may be used to position hunters to select individual wolves for harvest, and wolves may be shot from stationary snowmachines in all wolf control implementation areas for which an intensive management plan exists.

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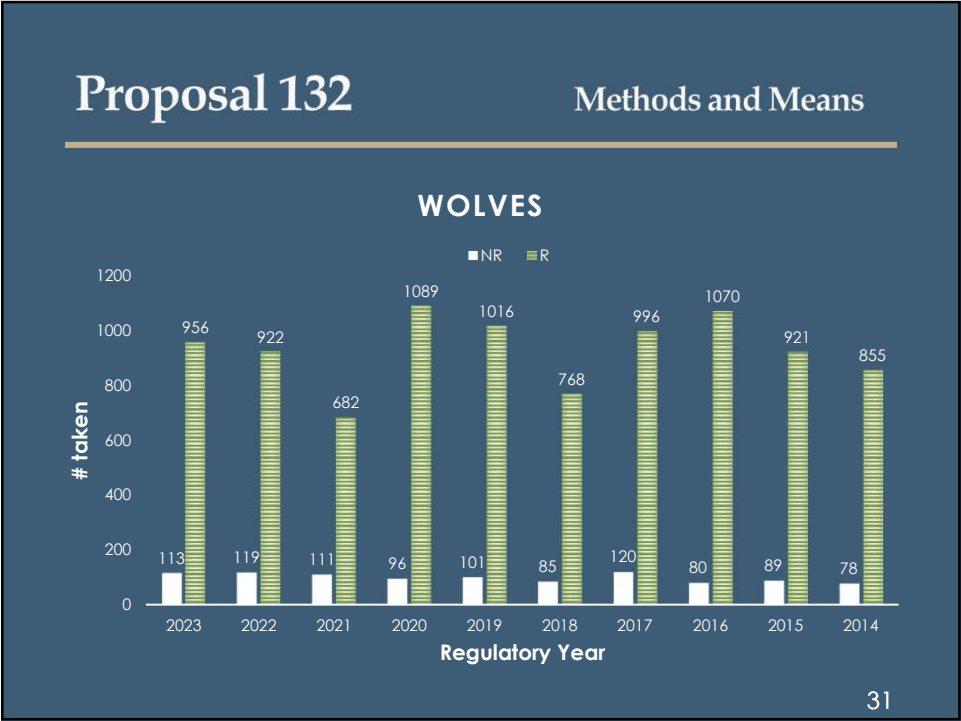
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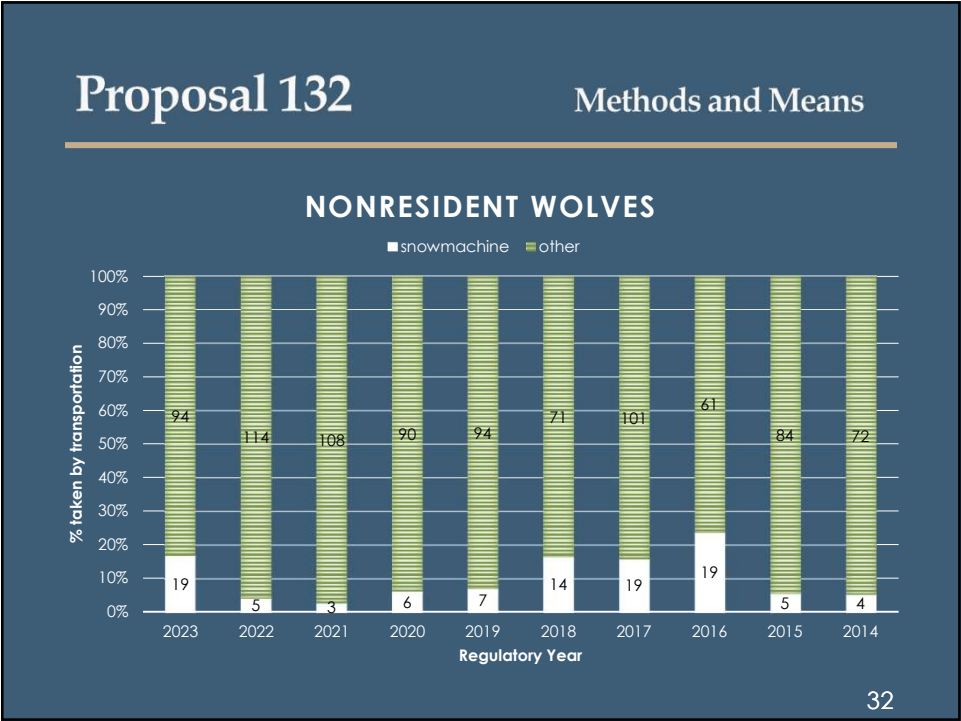
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Prohibit the use of snowmachines to approach and pursue wolverine

Recommendation: Neutral

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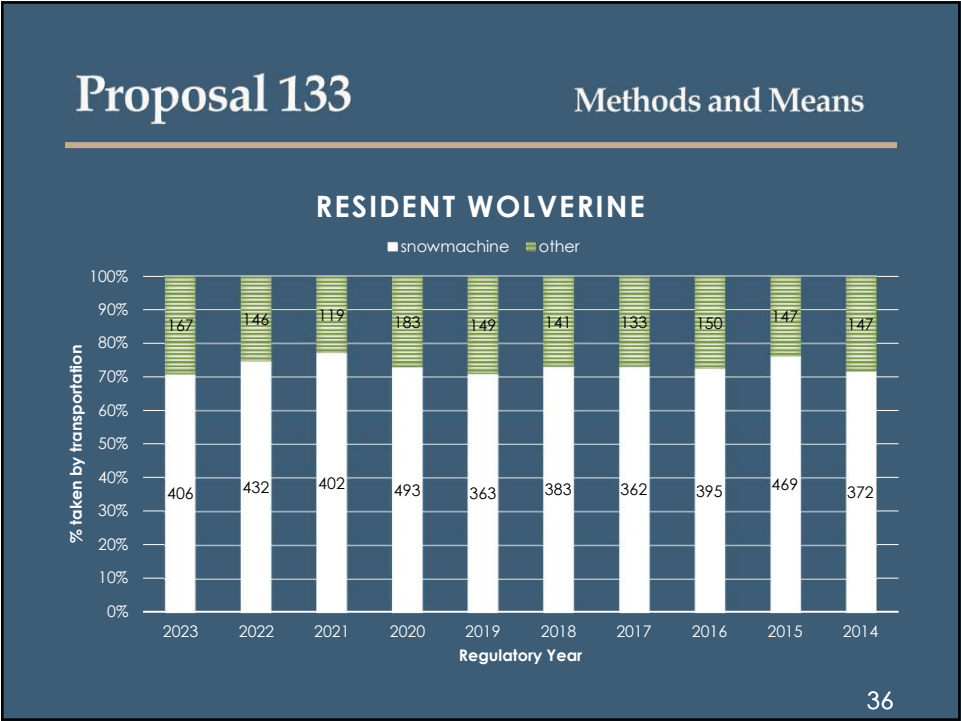
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There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for wolverine statewide in all units with a harvestable portion, with an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses of 90 percent of the harvestable portion.

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2) Snowmachines may also be used to position wolves and wolverine, and wolves and wolverine may be shot from snowmachines in Units 22, 23, and 26A.

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Proposal 133

Methods and Means

Prohibit the use of snowmachines to approach and pursue wolverine

Recommendation: Neutral

Submitted by: Public

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