

Proposal 51

5 AAC 85.060. Hunting seasons and bag limits for fur animals.

Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 22 to no closed season and no bag limit as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

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A companion proposal was submitted to change the trapping regulation to the same.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

In the last several years there has been a dramatic increase in the Coyote population in Unit 22, specifically in 22A. Noticeable population of this predator has expanded into the area which historically has not been present. It is the desire of residents to remove coyotes whenever possible. It is a concern that an increasing coyote population will displace other desired predators (fox, lynx) while having a negative impact on game prey species. The current regulations are restrictive and do not allow maximum flexibility to harvest this undesired predator.

Although prompted by the increase in the coyote population in 22A, applying the regulation to all of Unit 22 is recommended for simplicity. Over the years, most other game units in the State have had regulations changed to no closed season and no limit while hunting coyotes. Among Units 9-26, only Units 18 and 22 are not open year-round and with no limit.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

SNSAC has discussed this proposal with regional hunters and trappers. The Northern Norton Sound AC is aware of the proposal being submitted.

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