

Proposal 79

5 AAC 85.056. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolf.

Increase the wolf harvest limit in GMU 18 from 10 to 15 wolves 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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Unit 18

RESIDENTS/NONRESIDENTS:

Aug. 10 - Apr. 30

15 [10] wolves

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

Wolf numbers are high in Unit 18 and this proposal seeks to increase hunting opportunity for their harvest. There are no conservation concerns for wolves. The Department is conducting predator control of wolves to help the Mulchatna Caribou Herd recover. There are increased reports from area residents about wolves in and near communities that are causing safety concerns for people and pets.

The Federal Subsistence Board recently passed WP26-48, which increased the Federal hunting bag limit to 15 in Unit 18. This proposal seeks to align State and Federal hunting regulations for all hunters and reduce regulatory complexity.

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

The YKDRAC is comprised of 13 representatives from across the YKD region in Unit 18, many who also serve on their local Fish and Game Advisory Committees. Increasing the wolf harvest limit was discussed at two separate YKDRAC public meetings and there was support by attendees.

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