

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-17-19

Issued at Juneau, Alaska

Effective Date: 29 October, 2019

Expiration Date: 30 June 2020
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state resident and nonresident wolf trapping and hunting seasons in Game Management Unit 2. This order is effective at 11:59 PM, 15 January, 2020.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2:

Unit and Bag Limit	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
(1)		
Unit 2		
No limit wolves per regulatory year by trapping only:	Nov. 15-Jan. 15	Nov. 15-Jan. 15
5 wolves per regulatory year by hunting;	Dec. 1-Jan. 15 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1-Jan. 15

All other hunting and trapping regulations in Unit 2 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang
Acting Commissioner

By delegation to:



Tom Schumacher
Regional Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

Through the Board of Game process in January 2019, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) changed the harvest management strategy for wolves in Game Management Unit (Unit) 2 from one based on a harvest objective to one based on a population objective. The Alaska Board of Game adopted a Unit 2 fall population objective range of 150 to 200 wolves. ADF&G's most recent estimate of the Unit 2 wolf population is 170 wolves. Under ADF&G's harvest management plan, when the most current population estimate (170) is within the objective range (150-200) the trapping season may be up to two months long. During regulatory year 2019 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) the Unit 2 wolf trapping season will be open for the full two months. ADF&G believes a two-month season will allow the greatest harvest opportunity possible while also maintaining the population within the objective range.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution of this emergency order is to the attached listing. Copies are available from Alaska Department of Fish and Game offices in Juneau, Douglas, Petersburg, Ketchikan, Wrangell, Sitka, Yakutat, Haines, Anchorage, Nome, and Fairbanks.

Lieutenant Governor's Office

Assistant Attorney General (Board of Game Liaison)

Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

Division of Wildlife Conservation

Director

Deputy Director

Assistant Director

Regional Supervisors

Region 1 Area Biologists

Region 1 Wildlife Conservation Program Technicians

Marie Lam, HQ, Juneau

Webmaster HQ, Juneau

Section of Boards

Director

Division of Subsistence

Southeast Alaska Subsistence Resource Specialist

Fish and Game Advisory Committee Chairpersons

Craig

East Prince of Wales

Petersburg

Ketchikan

Sitka

Department of Public Safety, Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection

Director

Ketchikan Field Office

Prince of Wales Field Office

Petersburg Field Office

Sitka Field Office

U.S. Forest Service

Craig Ranger District

Thorne Bay Ranger District

Ketchikan Misty Fjords Ranger District

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Law enforcement

Native Corporations

Sealaska, Assistant Lands Manager

Municipal

City of Craig

City of Hydaburg
City of Wrangel
Craig City Clerk
Ketchikan City Clerk
Ketchikan Mayor
Klawock City Clerk
Thorne Bay City Clerk
Ketchikan Daily News
KCAW Radio, Sitka
KRBD Radio, Ketchikan
KSTK Radio, Wrangell
KFSK Radio, Petersburg
KFMJ Radio, Ketchikan
Petersburg Pilot, Petersburg
Sitka Sentinel, Sitka
SitNews website, Ketchikan
Prince of Wales License Vendors