

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-26-16

Issued at Juneau, Alaska
19 December 2016

Effective Date: 21 December 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017
(unless superseded by a subsequent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, Wednesday, December 21, 2016.

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84.270 (13), TRAPPING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF and of 5 AAC 85.045, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WOLF, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2: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:	Dec. 1-Dec. 21	Dec. 1-Dec. 21
5 wolves per regulatory year by hunting;	Dec. 1-Dec. 21 (General hunt only)	Dec. 1-Dec. 21

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

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:


Ryan Scott
Regional Supervisor

JUSTIFICATION:

ADF&G and the U.S. Forest Service jointly set the regulatory year (RY) 2016 Game Management Unit (GMU) 2 wolf hunting and trapping harvest quota at 11 wolves. ADF&G currently manages Unit 2 wolves for an annual harvest that should not exceed 20 percent of the most recent unit-wide, fall population estimate. The RY 2016 harvest quota of eleven wolves is 20 % of the fall 2015 population estimate (108 wolves) minus a 50% reduction to account for any other human-caused mortality. As of Friday evening, December 16, 2016, 10 wolves had been sealed by hunters and trappers. We anticipate additional harvest by trappers still in the field may reach or surpass the quota. Therefore, the state wolf hunting and trapping season is being closed by emergency order.

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