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Wolf Problem in Kiana, Alaska, Northwest Alaska

Approximately two weeks ago the city of Kiana responded to numerous calls from the community concerning large numbers of wolf sightings in and around our community. The city manager scheduled a community meeting to voice concerns and actions that could be used to address the situation at hand. With ideas placed forward the community decided to:

- 1) Dispatch patrols around the community borders and key locations approximately 3-5 miles out from town itself, by snow machine.
- 2) Fish and game were contacted in regards to the situation and laws associated with hunting the wolves with focus on the alpha male and female wolves.
- 3) The hunting laws were established and then discussed at the meeting in relationship to a safety issue as protection and emergency taking of game as written in the hunting regulations of Alaska on page 16.
- 4) Patrols were dispatched around the village by snow machines at various times controlled by Mr. Dan Douglas of Kiana Search and Rescue.
- 5) Through various conversations on the VHF the search crews did establish contact with the wolves and described numbers of approximately 30 wolves within that pack close to town.
- 6) Snow machine search crews were unable to engage the wolves due:
 - a. Lack of snow
 - b. Hunting regulations and restrictions located on page 20 of the 2013-2014 Hunting Regulations Book.

In Summary

- A) The wolf problem has subsided with the snow machine patrols as of now. But will probably return.
- B) As the law is stated on page 20, success of engaging and killing the alpha male/female are limited.
- C) Most of the people of Kiana who attended the community meeting were not aware of the law on page 20.
- D) The normally used method of hunting wolves has been to chase down the wolf, then slide to the left/right and dispatch the wolf with a weapon. This is the most efficient hunting process that I have heard since moving to Kiana 20 years ago.

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APPROX 2 WEEKS AGO THE CITY OF KIANA RESPONDED TO NUMEROUS CALLS FROM THE COMMUNITY CONCERNING LARGE NUMBERS OF WOLF SIGHTING IN AND AROUND OUR COMMUNITY. THE CITY MANAGER SCHEDULED A COMMUNITY MEETING TO VOICE CONCERNS AND ACTIONS THAT COULD BE USED TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION AT HAND. WITH IDEAS PLACED FORWARD THE COMMUNITY DECIDED TO:

A. DISPATCH PATROLS AROUND THE COMMUNITY BORDERS AND KEY LOCATIONS APPROX 3-5 MILES OUT FROM THE TOWN ITSELF, BY SNOW MACHINE.

B. FISH AND GAME WERE CONTACTED IN REGARDS TO THE SITUATION AND LAWS ASSOCIATED WITH HUNTING THE WOLVES WITH FOCUS ON THE ALPHA MALE AND FEMALE WOLVES.

C. THE HUNTING LAWS WERE ~~WERE~~ ESTABLISHED AND THEN DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IN RELATIONSHIP TO A SAFETY ISSUE AS PROTECTION AND

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(CONT C): EMERGENCY TAKING OF GAME AS WRITTEN IN THE HUNTING REGULATIONS OF ALASKA ON PAGE 16.

D. PATROLS WERE DISPATCHED AROUND THE VILLAGE BY SNOWMACHINES AT VARIOUS TIMES CONTROLLED BY MR. DAN DOUGLAS OF KIANA SEARCH AND RESCUE.

E. THROUGH VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS ON THE VHF THE SEARCH CREWS DID ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE WOLVES AND DESCRIBED NUMBERS OF APPROX 30 WOLVES WITHIN THAT PACK CLOSE TO TOWN.

F. SNOWMACHINE SEARCH CREWS WERE UNABLE TO ENGAGE THE WOLVES DUE TO 1. LACK OF SNOW

2. HUNTING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS LOCATED ON PAGE 20 OF THE 2013-2014 HUNTING REGULATION BOOK

ILN SUMMARY:

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C. MOST OF THE PEOPLE OF KIANA WHO ATTENDED THE COMMUNITY MEETING WERE NOT AWARE OF THE LAW ON PAGE 20.

D. THE NORM USED METHOD OF HUNTING WOLVES HAS BEEN TO CHASE DOWN THE WOLF, THEN SLIDE TO THE LEFT/OR RIGHT AND DISPATCH THE WOLF WITH A WEAPON. AS THE MOST EFFICIENT PROCESS IN HUNTING THAT I HAVE HEARD SINCE MOVING TO KIANA 20 YEARS AGO

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