

PROPOSAL 153

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Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20F as follows:

Change the wolverine trapping season to read:

Units 12, 20E and 20F.....Nov. 1 – Mar. 15.....No limit

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The wolverine trapping season in Unit 20F ends February 28, this is 15 days prior to the end of the lynx season (March 15). The topography and geography of Unit 20F is similar to surrounding Units 20C, 21B, 21C, 24A 24B, 25D; the lynx season in all these units end prior to the close of wolverine.

Incidental catch of wolverine can occur in lynx sets. Closing the wolverine season in Unit 20F on March 15, would coincide with lynx thereby eliminating incidental catches. Lengthening the season 15 days would not significantly increase the harvest of wolverine and there would be no biological impact to the resource.

Current Alaska trapping regulations state that “If you take an animal during a closed season or for which there is no open season, it is the property of the state. Transport it immediately to the nearest ADF&G or Alaska Wildlife Trooper office and surrender it.

Remote trappers in Unit 20F currently face great difficulty, expense and travel long distances getting to town. This would reduce the travel and financial burden on remote trappers who trap a wolverine out of season.

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