

PROPOSAL 48

5 AAC 85.056. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolf

Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C as follows:

I recommend wolf season to start August 1st instead on August 10th. The end date for the prospective area can stay the same.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to address the wolf season dates for Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C. The season is currently August 10th - May 31st (April 15th for Unit 20C, April 20th for Unit 26) in these units. I would like to see an extension of these dates due to predation of sheep/caribou by wolves. Caribou season in these areas begins August 1st, and sheep season August 10th. I believe that caribou hunters would harvest a wolf during that season at any time. Sheep hunters often go into the field prior to the opener of sheep season. I believe sheep hunters would harvest a wolf before opener if they are afield and see the wolf. They are less likely to take that same wolf during sheep season. The harvest of additional wolves would help declining sheep and caribou numbers in the Interior and Northeast Alaska.

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