

**PROPOSAL 22**

**5 AAC 85.057. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolverine.**

Shorten the season for hunting wolverine in Unit 9 for both residents and nonresidents as follows:

September 1 through **February 28** [March 31].

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Shorten the season dates for wolverine hunting in Unit 9.

Wolverine enter the breeding stage during late February and are in full swing by March with activity increasing drastically which makes them easy targets for hunting with a rifle on a snowmachine. Considering they only reproduce two - three kits per year and often fail to reproduce I believe the hunting season should coincide with the closure of trapping on February 28. This would give them the best chance at reproduction.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?** I developed this solution on my own and from personal experience in the area. I have trapped and hunted in this area for over 35 years and do not see how killing breeding wolverines allows a future in which we will be able to harvest them. Wolverines are now on the endangered species list in the lower 48.

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