

*Note: Trapping wolverine in Game Management Unit 18 is outside the scope of the Central Southwest Region meeting.*

**PROPOSAL 35**

**5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.**

Shorten the trapping seasons for wolverine in Units 9 and 17, to the last day of February as follows:

Return the wolverine seasons in Units 9B, 17 and 18 to November 10 - last day in February.

**Section 5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.**

Trapping seasons and bag limits for furbearers are as follows:

(14) Wolverine

Units 1 - 5	Nov. 10 - Last day of Feb.	No limit.
Units 6, 7, 9(A), 9(C), 9(D), 9(E), 11, 15, and 16(B)	Nov. 10 - Last day of Feb.	No limit.
Unit 9(B)	Nov. 10 - <del>last day of Feb.</del> [MAR. 31]	No limit.
Unit 10	No open season	
Unit 13	Nov. 10 - Feb. 15	No limit.
Unit 14(A)	Dec. 15 - Jan. 31	2 per season
Units 14(B), 14(C), and 16(A)	Nov. 10 - Jan. 31	2 per season
Units 20(A), 20(B), 20(C) east of the Toklat River, 20(D), 20(F), and 25(C)	Nov. 1 - Last day of Feb.	No limit.
Units 12 and 20(E)	Nov. 1 - Mar. 15	No limit.
Units 17 and 18	Nov. 10 - <del>last day of Feb.</del> [MAR. 31]	No limit.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The trapping season for wolverine in southwest Alaska extends into the denning period in March. If a female wolverine is trapped or shot during March, she may already have kits in the den. Changing this regulation would also maintain consistency across Unit 9 and 17 and 18 with similar habitat, terrain and latitude.

What will happen if nothing is done? Trappers will continue to trap and shoot wolverines into their denning period causing some newborns to die in the den.

**Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local Fish and Game Advisory Committee?** This has been a topic of conversation in the area since the wolverine

seasons was extended from the end of February to March 31 over 10 years ago. I have received input from other residents and trappers who the killing of female wolverines during the season is this extended trapping season is unethical.

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