

PROPOSAL 36

5 AAC 85.057 Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolverine.

Shorten the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 17 as follows:

Change the wolverine hunting season in Game Management Unit 17 to September 1 - February 29.

Section 5 AAC 85.057 - Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolverine

(a) In this section the phrase "General hunt only" means that there is a general hunt for residents, but no subsistence hunt during the relevant open season. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolverine are also as follows: **Resident Open Season (Subsistence and Nonresident Units and Bag Limits General Hunts) Open Season** Units 1 - 5, and 13 Sept. 1 - Feb. 15 Sept. 1 - Feb. 15 (General hunt only) 1 wolverine Units 6 - 9, 12, 15, 16(B), Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 **Sept. 1 - Feb. 29 Unit 17 1 wolverine**, Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 [17, AND] 19 - 25, and 26(A) 1 wolverine Unit 10 No open season. No open season. Units 11, 14, and 16(A) Sept. 1 - Jan. 31 Sept. 1 - Jan. 31 1 wolverine Unit 18 Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 Sept. 1 - Mar. 31 (General hunt only) 2 wolverine Units 26(8) and 26(C) Aug. 20-Mar. 31 Aug. 20-Mar. 31

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The hunting season for wolverine in southwest Alaska extends into the denning period. If a female wolverine is hunted and killed during March, she may already have kits in the den.

What will happen if nothing is done? Hunters will continue to be able to shoot wolverines into their denning period causing some newborns to be abandoned and 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 hunting and

trapping season for wolverine were extended from the end of February to March 31, over 10 years ago. I have received input from other residents who agree killing female wolverines during their denning period is unethical.

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