

Alaska Wildlife Alliance 2023 Board of Game Proposals



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Proposal 45

Raise the population objective from 150-200 wolves to 250-350 wolves in Unit 2, and raise the threshold for closing the season from 100 to 200 wolves

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 47

Require wolf harvest information be reported within 48 hours of recovery and sealing within 14 days in Unit 2

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 48

The minimum population objective for wolves in Unit 2 shall be based on a biological population viability analysis, using available demographic data. We recommend that ADF&G contract with a qualified researcher to conduct a population viability analysis for wolves in Unit 2 using available demographic data. From that research, ADF&G recommends a baseline population objective based on the results. This will ensure that the population objective considers genetic diversity (based on the agency's best available science), resilience to habitat loss or fragmentation, carrying capacity, and other biological factors.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 49

The lower confidence interval of the population estimate shall be utilized for the purposes of estimating the wolf population in Unit 2. To exercise the state's precautionary management policy in the face of high uncertainty, utilize the lower bound of the confidence interval as the assumed wolf population for purposes of management and quota-setting. To gauge the magnitude of this adjustment, this proposed change would lower the official estimated wolf population size in the fall of 2020 from 386 wolves to 320 wolves.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

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Southeast Board of Game Proposals



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Proposal 50

The preseason population estimate of wolves in Unit 2 shall be based on the estimated population of wolves on Prince of Wales Island alone, with no extrapolation for the outer islands in Unit 2. Estimate the population of wolves on Prince of Wales Island, alone, and set a harvest cap based on this number. This would directly align the trapper effort with the department's population estimate. To the extent that some Unit 2 wolves occur on small islands, they can provide a minor source of immigration to Prince of Wales if and when wolf packs on that island are over exploited. This proposal echoes a recommendation of the interagency wolf technical committee.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 51

Establish a percentage of the Unit 2 wolf population that can be harvested on a sustainable basis, develop a harvest quota each season, require in-season reporting, provide the harvest to the public in real time, and allow three days' notice before closing the season by emergency order

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 52

Establish a harvest quota for wolves, between 20% and 35% of the estimated wolf population in Unit 2.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 53

Establish an estimated unreported mortality rate for Unit 2 wolves to be used for establishing the harvest quota.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposal 54

Task the Department with identifying 2/3rds of Unit 2 land area for protected status for wolves. Work to ensure the protected areas have relatively high deer carrying capacity and are large enough to be buffered from trapping pressure. The areas subject to closure could be established permanently by the Board of Game, or rotated on a long-term schedule.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

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Southcentral Board of Game Proposals



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Proposal 145

Close all lands within 1/4 mile of the five wildlife crossing structures (underpasses and overpass) being constructed as part of the Sterling Highway MP 45-60 Project to hunting and trapping.

Submitted by Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Proposals 149-154

Trap setback and labelling proposals in the Cooper Landing area.

Submitted by Cooper Landing Safe Trails Committee

Proposal 147

Trap setbacks from Snomad mapped trails and Kachemak Nordic Ski Club trails in Homer.

Submitted by Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

If you would like to get involved in trap setback efforts, visit www.akwildlife.org/safetrails, email nicole@akwildlife.org, or text "trap" to 833-541-0408 to join our free text alert system.