



## Federal Subsistence Board



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### FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND TRAPPING FOR WOLF CLOSED IN UNIT 2

#### SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under Authority of: 50 CFR Part 100. 27(i)(13)(i) and (ii)  
36 CFR Part 242. 27(i)(13)(i) and (ii)

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Special Action No: 13-WO-09-17

Issued at: Craig, Alaska, December 12, 2017

Effective Date: Saturday, December 16, 2017 -- 11:59PM

Expiration Date: Saturday, March 31, 2018 -- 11:59 PM

**EXPLANATION:** This Special Action closes Federal lands within Unit 2 (GMU2) to the harvest of wolf. The closure begins on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. and continues through March 31, 2018. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also implemented a similar closure within Unit 2 for the State hunting and trapping seasons.

Authority has been delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board to both the Craig/Thorne Bay District Ranger to close the Federal hunting and trapping seasons for wolf in Unit 2 when the combined Federal-State harvest quota has been taken.

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to:

/s/ Matt Anderson

MATT ANDERSON

District Ranger

Craig/Thorne Bay Ranger Districts

12 December 2017

**JUSTIFICATION:** Wolf harvest in Unit 2 has reached higher levels during the past several seasons. This increase is believed to be due to a higher wolf population along with mild winter weather that kept much of the Unit 2 road system snow-free and accessible to trappers facilitating high trapper participation and effort. To conservatively manage wolves during the 2017/2018 hunting and trapping seasons, a harvest quota of 46 wolves was set for Unit 2. Managers anticipate that by the closure date additional wolf harvest by hunters and trappers with gear still in the field will reach the quota.

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