

# **Federal Subsistence Board**

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## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND TRAPPING CLOSURE DATE EXTENDED FOR WOLF IN UNIT 2

## SPECIAL ACTION: FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Under authority of: 36 CFR §242.10 and .19 50 CFR §100.10 and .19

Special Action No: 13-WO-13-18

Issued at: Craig Alaska, December 18, 2018

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018 Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, March 31, 2019 unless superseded by subsequent special action

## **EXPLANATION:**

This Special Action will supersede WSA 13-WO-12-18 which was issued on Friday, December 14, 2018 closing Federal public lands within Unit 2 (GMU2) to the harvest of wolf. This new action modifies the closure date to begin on Friday, December 21, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has also issued a similar Emergency Order (EO 1-23-18) adjusting the closing date for the State hunting and trapping seasons.

Authority has been delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board to both the Craig/Thorne Bay District Rangers to close, reopen, or adjust the Federal hunting and trapping seasons for wolves.

**REGULATION:** 36 CFR §242.26(n)(2) and 50 CFR §100.26(n)(2) are amended to read:

## Unit 2– Wolf (hunting)

5 wolves. Federal hunting and trapping season may be closed when the Sept. 1 March 31 combined Federal-State harvest quota is reached. Any wolf taken in Closed Unit 2 must be sealed within 14 days of harvest.

Unit 2 – Wolf (trapping)

No limit. Federal hunting and trapping season may be closed when the<br/>combined Federal-State harvest quota is reached. Any wolf taken inNov. 15 March 31Unit 2 must be sealed within 14 days of harvest.Closed

Federal Subsistence Board by delegation to \_/s/<u>Matt Anderson</u> Matt Anderson District Ranger Craig Ranger District December 18, 2018

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

On December 14, 2018, WSA 13-WO-12-18 was issued closing the Federal hunting and trapping seasons for wolves on Federal public lands in Unit 2 on December 18, 2018. Subsequent to that closure persistent storms have prevented trappers from safely collecting their trapping equipment from the field. In order to allow trappers the ability to safely collect their gear, this action is required to supersede WSA 13-WO-12-18. ADF&G has also taken similar action to extend the State hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 2.

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