

PROPOSAL 170

5 AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.

Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15 as follows:

Proposed regulatory language would read:

5 AAC 84.270(14) Wolverine.

Units 19, remainder of 20(C), 21, 24, and 25 (except **25(A)** and 25(C)) Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 No limit. Units 22, 23, and 26 Nov. 1 - Apr. 15 No limit.

Unit 25(A), Nov 1 - April 15, No limit.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to change the closing date for trapping wolverine in Unit 25A by extending the closure date from March 31 to April 15.

I am writing this proposal to request an extension of the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 25A. Wolverine trapping season currently closes on March 31. I am requesting that the season closure date be extended to April 15.

I have been a trapper in the upper part of Unit 25A since the 1980s and have not only seen some of the coldest winters in Alaska but also some of the longest. Many winters in this area last several weeks longer than many parts of the interior. This being said, I feel wolverine trapping can not only be extended until April 15, and still produce well primed pelts, but the weather at that time of year can be advantageous for longer trapping days.

Unit 26C is the adjacent unit to the north where the trapping season for wolverine is open until April 15th. With very similar winter conditions and seasonal changes for both units (at least in the upper portion of Unit 25A), I feel wolverine trapping for Unit 25A can be extended with no issues. Thank you for your consideration.

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