

- (3) have an unreasonable impact on the conservation, development, or utilization of game; or
- (4) constitute an unreasonable risk to public health or safety.

(c) The department may require a hunter or trapper who receives an exemption under this section to be accompanied by another hunter or trapper who has a valid hunting and trapping license and is capable of retrieving game.

(d) The department will not authorize an exemption under this section

(1) if the regulation does not substantially prohibit the person from meaningful access to the program, service, or benefit;

(2) that would allow exemption or modifications to seasons or bag limits; or

(3) for any accommodation if the Board of Game has previously reviewed and acted on the same request.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision in this title, the department may issue a permit to take brown bears with the use of bait during established seasons and with established bag limits to an applicant who qualifies for the hunt and meets the requirements of (a) and (b) of this section, and who is permanently wheelchair-bound or similarly disabled to the extent that use of bait is the only reasonable option the applicant has to harvest a brown bear.

Eff. 9/3/99, Register 151; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 6/23/2022, Register 242)

Authority: AS 16.05.020 AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270
AS 16.05.050 AS 16.05.258

Editor's note: The form specified in 5 AAC 92.104(a) is available at any Division of Wildlife Conservation regional office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

5 AAC 92.105. Local restrictions on taking game. Repealed 8/8/87.

Article 5.

Intensive Management and Predator Control.

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5 AAC 92.106. Intensive management of identified big game prey populations. For purposes of implementing AS 16.05.255(e) — (g), the Board of Game (board) will

(1) consider the following criteria when identifying big game prey populations that are important for providing high levels of human consumption use:

(A) harvest size: the average annual historic human harvest meets or exceeds values as follows:

- (i) caribou: 100;
- (ii) deer: 500;
- (iii) moose: 100;

(B) accessibility to harvest;

(C) utilization for meat: a population that is used primarily for food; and

(D) level of hunter demand: as reflected by total hunter effort, number of applications for permits, or other indicators;

(2) consider the following criteria when establishing population objectives and harvest objectives for each identified big game prey population consistent with maintaining near maximum sustainable yield from the population:

(A) effects of weather, habitat capability, diseases, and parasites;

(B) maintenance of viable predator populations;

(C) maintenance of habitat conditions suitable for other species in the area;

(D) effects on subsistence users;

(E) cost, feasibility, and potential effectiveness of possible management actions;

(F) land ownership patterns within the range of the population;

(G) accessibility to harvest; and

(H) other factors considered relevant by the board;

(3) find that depletion of a big game prey population or reduction of the productivity of a big game prey population has occurred when

(A) the number of animals, estimated by the department, that can be removed by human harvest from a population, or portion of a population, on an annual basis without reducing the population below the population objective, preventing growth of the population toward the population objective at a rate set by the board,

of altering a composition of the population in a biologically unacceptable manner is less than the harvest objective for the population; and

(B) the population size is less than the population objective for the population;

(4) determine whether a finding made under (3) of this section may result in a significant reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population;

(5) not consider as significant:

(A) any reduction in taking that continues to allow a level of harvest equal to or greater than the minimum harvest objective established by the board; or

(B) any reduction in taking that is intended or expected to be of a short-term and temporary nature and is necessary for the conservation of the population;

(6) utilize active management of habitat and predation as the major tools to reverse any significant reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population. (Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146)

Authority: AS 16.05.020 AS 16.05.050 AS 16.05.255

5 AAC 92.108. Identified big game prey populations and objectives. For purposes of implementing AS 16.05.255(e) — (g), the Board of Game has made the following findings on whether the listed big game prey populations, or portions of those populations, are identified as important for providing high levels of harvest for human consumptive use, and has established the following population and harvest objectives:

Population	Finding	Population Objective	Harvest Objective	Population	Finding	Objective	Harvest Objective
Deer				Galena Mountain	Negative		
GMU 1 (A)	Positive	15,000	700	Kenai Lowlands	Negative		
GMU 1 (B)	Negative			Kenai Mountains	Negative		
GMU 1 (C)	Positive	6,200	450	Killey River, Fox River, and Twin Lakes	Negative		
GMU 1 (D)	Negative			Macomb	Positive	600 - 800	30 - 50
GMU 2	Positive	71,000	2,700	Mentasta	Negative		
GMU 3	Positive	15,000	900	Mulchatna	Positive	30,000 - 80,000	2,400 - 8,000
GMU 4	Positive	125,000	7,800	Nelchina	Positive	35,000 - 40,000	3,000 - 6,000
GMU 5	Negative			Northern Alaska Peninsula	Positive	6,000 - 15,000	600 - 1,500
GMU 6	Positive	24,000 - 28,000	2,200 - 3,000	Nushagak Peninsula	Negative		
GMU 8	Positive	70,000 - 75,000	8,000 - 8,500	Porcupine	Positive	100,000 - 150,000	1,500 - 2,000
Caribou Herds				Rainy Pass	Negative		
Adak	Negative			Ray Mountain	Negative		
Beaver Mountain	Negative			Southern Alaska Peninsula	Positive	1,500 - 4,000	150 - 200
Central Arctic	Positive	28,000 - 32,000	1,400 - 1,600	Sunshine Mountain	Negative		
Chisana	Negative			Teshkepkuk	Positive	15,000 - 28,000	900 - 2,800
Delta	Negative			Tonzona	Negative		
Denali	Negative			Unimak Island	Negative		
Farewell/Big River	Negative			Western Arctic	Positive	at least 200,000	12,000 - 20,000
Fortymile	Positive	50,000 - 100,000	1,000 - 15,000	White Mountain	Negative		
				Wolf Mountain	Negative		
				Moose			
				GMU 1(A)	Negative		
				GMU 1(B)-Stikine River	Negative		
				GMU 1(B)-Thomas Bay	Negative		
				GMU 1(C)-Berners Bay	Negative		
				GMU 1(C)-Chilkat Range	Negative		
				GMU 1(C)-Taku	Negative		
				GMU 1(D)	Negative		
				GMU 3	Negative		
				GMU 5(A)-Nunatak Bench	Negative		
				GMU 5(A)-Yakutat Forelands	Negative		
				GMU 5(B)-Malaspina Forelands	Negative		
				GMU 6(A)	Negative		
				GMU 6(B)	Negative		
				GMU 6(C)	Negative		
				GMU 7	Negative		
				GMU 9(A)	Negative		
				GMU 9(B)	Positive	2,000 - 2,500	100 - 250
				GMU 9(C) and 9(E)	Positive	3,000 - 3,700	165 - 320
				GMU 9(D)	Negative		
				GMU 11	Negative		
				GMU 12	Positive	4,000 - 6,000	150 - 300
				GMU 13(A)	Positive	3,500 - 4,200	210 - 420
				GMU 13(B)	Positive	5,300 - 6,300	310 - 620
				GMU 13(C)	Positive	2,000 - 3,000	155 - 350
				GMU 13(D)	Positive	1,200 - 1,900	75 - 190
				GMU 13(E)	Positive	5,000 - 6,000	300 - 600
				GMU 14(A)	Positive	6,000 - 6,500	360 - 750
				GMU 14(B)	Positive	2,500 - 2,800	100 - 200
				GMU 14(C)	Positive	1,500 - 1,800	90 - 270
				GMU 15(A)	Positive	3,000 - 3,500	150 - 300
				GMU 15(B)			

	Objective	Investment Objective
GMU 15(C)	Positive	2,500 - 3,500
GMU 16(A)	Positive	3,500 - 4,000
GMU 16(B) (main-land)	Positive	6,500 - 7,500
GMU 16(B)		
Kalgin Is. 1	Negative	
GMU 17(A)	Negative	
GMU 17(B)	Positive	4,900 - 6,000
GMU 17(C)	Positive	2,800 - 3,500
GMU 18	Positive	1,000 - 2,000
GMU 19(A)	Positive	4,300 - 5,300
GMU 19(B)	Positive	5,900 - 7,200
GMU 19(C)	Positive	4,400 - 5,000
GMU 19(D)-East	Positive	6,000 - 8,000
GMU 19(D)-remainder	Positive	
19(E)	Positive	4,000 - 6,000
	Positive	3,300 - 4,000
GMU 20(A)	Positive	10,000 - 15,000
	Positive	12,000 - 15,000
GMU 20(B)	Positive	15,000
GMU 20(C)-outside Denali	Positive	3,000 - 4,000
GMU 20(D)	Positive	8,000 - 10,000
GMU 20(E)	Positive	8,000 - 10,000
GMU 20(F)	Negative	
GMU 21(A)	Negative	
GMU 21(B)	Positive	4,000 - 6,000
GMU 21(C)	Negative	
GMU 21(D)	Positive	7,000 - 10,000
GMU 21(E)	Positive	9,000 - 11,000
GMU 22	Positive	5,100 - 6,800
GMU 23	Positive	3,500 - 9,200
GMU 24(A)	Positive	1,200 - 1,500
GMU 24(B)	Positive	4,000 - 4,500
GMU 24(C)	Positive	1,000 - 1,500
GMU 24(D)	Positive	5,000 - 6,000
GMU 25(A)	Negative	
GMU 25(B)	Negative	
GMU 25(C)	Negative	
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GMU 25(D)	Positive	15,000
GMU 26(A)	Negative	
GMU 26(B)	Negative	
GMU 26(C)	Negative	

implementation plan adopted by the board, conduct a wolf population reduction or wolf population regulation program. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee, including contracted agents of other governmental agencies, may reduce wolf populations in an efficient manner, by any means, but as safely and humanely as practical, including the use of a helicopter.

- (b) Repealed 3/10/2006.
- (c) Repealed 10/1/93.
- (d) Repealed 3/10/2006.
- (e) After the board has adopted a predation control implementation plan, the commissioner may, at any time during the period for which the plan is in effect, determine whether to implement the plan and may, by regulation, amend the plan to apply additional restrictions in light of circumstances existing at the time of implementation.

(f) If the board authorizes issuance of public aerial shooting permits or public land and shoot permits as a method of wolf removal, the commissioner may, at any time while the plan is in effect, implement land and shoot or aerial shooting by order of the department. A permit may be issued under 5 AAC 92.039. The department may monitor programs involving the use of aircraft from the air.

(g) To the extent practicable, a person taking wolf under a wolf population reduction or wolf population regulation program must retrieve the wolf so that maximum economic and scientific value may be realized from each wolf.

(h) Poison may not be used to take a wolf, except that carbon monoxide cartridges may be used to humanely euthanize wolf young in the den in areas under a predation control implementation plan.

(i) The killing of wolf young in the den, commonly known as "denning", is prohibited, unless the commissioner authorizes the killing of wolf young in the den in areas under a predation control implementation plan.

(j) Repealed 5/16/2010.

(k) The commissioner shall stop the taking of wolves under the implementation plan and, if necessary, stop other taking in the affected area for the remainder of the regulatory year, when plan objectives adopted by the board for that area have been reached for that year.

(l) This section applies only to a specific program designed to reduce or regulate wolf populations for the purpose of managing wild prey populations. This section does not apply to other responsibilities of the commissioner, such as activities relating to

- (1) animal propagation;
- (2) scientific studies;
- (3) stocking conducted under AS 16.05.050;

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/99, Register 150; add'l am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/24/2021, Register 238; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8/10/2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.270

5 AAC 92.110. Control of predation by wolves. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this title, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may, in accordance with this section, and consistent with any applicable predation control

