

Gabe Davis Proposal Ideas

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We want to establish an open season for cougars in the Northern Region, Units 12, 19-21, 24, 25, 26B and 26C.

What solution do you recommend?

Hunting season: No closed season

Trapping season: November 1 to April 30

Limit: No limit

Salvage Requirements: Skull and hide.

Sealing Requirements: Skull and hide will be presented for sealing within 10 days of kill

Alaska's struggling ungulate population do not need new and potentially growing source of predation. Establishing seasons so that cougars can be legally taken would allow people to harvest cougars and provide valuable data to the ADF&G on the presence and distribution of cougars in the interior region.