

Wolf Regulation Motion:

I move to adopt the following Wolf Regulations for the 2021-22 Season

- A harvest of 450 wolves shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to hunting and trapping regulations. Thereafter the commission shall be similarly re-engaged at intervals of additional 50 wolves harvested, if season adjustments allow for additional wolf harvest. Additionally the following harvests by any Region alone shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to hunting and trapping regulations:
 - Region 1 195 wolves
 - Region 2 116 wolves
 - Region 3 82 wolves
 - Region 4 39 wolves
 - Region 5 11 wolves
 - Region 6 3 wolves
 - Region 7 4 wolves
- A non-target capture of one lynx or grizzly bear shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to trapping regulations. Afterwards the commission shall be similarly re-engaged for any additional non-target capture of lynx or grizzly bear.
- All non-target captures shall be reported to the department with 24 hours (as currently required) to include captures from foothold traps and snares.
- Wolf snares include required equipment and setting requirements to minimize the potential for snaring and holding non-target species. Specifically:
 - Snares must be equipped with a loop stop that will close to a loop no smaller than 2.5 inches in diameter (stop placed at no less than 8 inches from end of loop).
 - Snares must have a breakaway device rated at 1,000 lbs. or less installed on the loop end,
 - Snares must be placed such that the bottom of the snare loop is at least 18 inches above the surface.
 - If snares are allowed on public lands, power-assisted (e.g., spring-loaded) snare locks are prohibited on wolf snares on public lands.
 - A relaxing snare lock is required on snares in lynx protection zones (LPZs).
- Wolf and furbearer seasons continue to be set by the commission annually, to allow opportunity for season adjustments between consecutive seasons based upon review of harvest, population size, and conflicts.
- Hunters will be allowed to purchase and possess 10 wolf hunting licenses
- Trappers will be allowed a bag limit of 10 wolves
- Season dates for trapping wolves will be the first Monday after Thanksgiving to March 15 for the entire state. For those districts located in the federally designated Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone the Department will apply a floating open season date that could start the Monday after Thanksgiving or any day thereafter as determined by the Department based upon a real time reading of conditions. If the Department does not select a date prior to December 15, then the season will open on December 15 and close March 15.
- Snaring is permitted on public and private lands consistent with trapping season dates with the exception of those areas Federally designated as Grizzly Bear Recovery Zones.
- Night hunting is permitted on Private lands Statewide
- Use of baits for hunting/trapping wolves is permitted Statewide with current wolf trapping bait definition
- Eliminate quotas in WMUSs 110, 313, 316