

*Note: Proposal 194 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Central/Southwest Region meeting originally scheduled for January 2021. Because the board meeting was postponed to January 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board scheduled action on this proposal at a special meeting on March 18, 2021.*

**PROPOSAL 194**

**5 AAC 92.170. Sealing of marten, fisher, lynx, beaver, otter, wolf, and wolverine.**

Establish a requirement for all wolves taken in Unit 2 to be sealed within 7 days of harvest as follows:

Wolves taken during either the hunting season or during the trapping season must be sealed within 7 days of take.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** In 2019 the Department of Fish and Game (department) proposed the board eliminate the 14-day sealing requirement for wolves harvested in Unit 2, resulting in the sealing requirements for Unit 2 wolves to revert to within 30 days of harvest under a hunting license and within 30 days of the close of the season under a trapping license. Since that change the department has determined the short sealing period had enabled the department to estimate the number of wolves more accurately in Unit 2. Accurate population estimates are key to setting annual season length and maintaining the population within the objective range for this contentious population. The population objective for wolves in Unit 2 is 150-200 wolves.

**PROPOSED BY:** Alaska Department of Fish and Game (HQ-F20-ACR5)

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