



## Idaho Department of Fish & Game



### Statewide GRAY WOLF *Proposals for the 2019 - 2020 Big Game Seasons*

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The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will be proposing changes to expand regulated wolf hunting and trapping to provide additional hunting opportunity and to further reduce depredation conflicts with private livestock and predation on wild ungulates. Idaho's current wolf abundance, pack status, and distribution remains considerably higher than the ESA delisting criteria which demonstrates abundance, supports additional opportunity and demonstrates a need for conflict management.

The Fish and Game Commission has adopted increased wolf harvest opportunity in a step-wise fashion since 2011, adding additional time, areas, and methods, targeting conflicts in particular. The 2019-2020 proposals reflect an additional incremental increase.

Wolves are currently distributed throughout suitable habitat in the state. If wolf populations expand further into southern Idaho, conflicts with private livestock are inevitable. New expansions of trapping seasons on private lands in these high conflict areas are reflected in the season proposals to provide a mechanism to both document presence and to prevent wolf occupation where private livestock conflict would be inevitable.

#### **PANHANDLE REGION**

- Increase trapping opportunity by adding Oct 10 start date for foothold traps in additional units (Units 2, 3, 5)
- No change from original proposal – public input showed support for the recommendations

#### **CLEARWATER REGION**

- Standardize hunting season dates throughout Unit 16
- Add new trapping seasons in Units 8, 8A, 11, 11A
- Open trapping season Oct 10 in all Clearwater Region units (foothold traps only Oct 10 – Nov 14)
- No change from original proposal – public input showed support for the recommendations

#### **SOUTHWEST REGION**

- Expand harvest opportunities in areas with high rates of livestock depredation. Add opportunity and simplify regulations. Align predation management in elk zones not meeting population objectives.
- Open wolf hunting season on private land year-round in Units 22, 24, 31
- New wolf trapping seasons in Units 31, 32, 34, 35, and on private land only in Units 38, 40, 41, 42
- Open trapping season Oct 10 in all Southwest Region units (foothold traps only Oct 10 – Nov 14 in most units)
- Extend trapping season closing date to close Mar 31 in Units 13, 18, 19A, 22, 23, 24, 25
- No change from original proposal – public input showed support for the recommendations

#### **MAGIC VALLEY REGION**

- Original proposal included a new trapping season on private land only in Units 48 & 49
  - Proposal was eliminated in response to public opposition
- Open trapping season Oct 10 in Unit 45 (foothold traps only on public land)
- New wolf trapping seasons in Units 46, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 on private land only

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## **SOUTHEAST REGION**

- New wolf trapping seasons in all Southeast Region Units on private land only, Oct 10 – Mar 31

## **UPPER SNAKE REGION**

- Add new trapping season to Units 63, 63A
- Open trapping season earlier on Oct 10 (foothold traps only Oct 10 – Nov 14) in all Units except 60, 61, 62, 62A
- No change from original proposal – public input showed support for the recommendations

## **SALMON REGION**

- Expand hunting seasons to year-round on PRIVATE Lands in all units in Salmon Region to address wolf depredations on livestock.
- Expand trapping seasons to open earlier on Oct 10 in all units (foothold traps only Oct 10 – Nov 14)
- No change from original proposal – public input showed support for the recommendations

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- Add new trapping season to Units 63, 63A.
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## **SALMON REGION**

- Expand hunting seasons to year-round on PRIVATE Lands in all units in Salmon Region to address wolf depredations on livestock.
- Expand trapping seasons to open earlier on Oct 10 in all units (foothold traps only Oct 10 – Nov 14).
- No change from original proposal – recommendations were supported by majority of public input

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2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Wolf Hunting Seasons		
Units	Season Dates	Notes
1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 10A, 11, 11A, 13, 14, 15, 18	July 1 - June 30	<i>Private land only</i>
	Aug 1 - Mar 31	
16	July 1 - June 30	<i>Private land only</i>
	Aug 1 - Mar 31	<i>Hunting open in that portion of Unit 16 south of the Selway River only.</i>
	Aug 1 - June 30	<i>Hunting open in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River only</i>
	<b>Aug 1 - June 30</b>	
10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20	July 1 - June 30	<i>Private land only</i>
	Aug 1 - June 30	
20A, 26, 27	Aug 30 - June 30	
21, 28	<b>July 1 - June 30</b>	<i>Private land only</i>
	Aug 30 - June 30	
19A, 21A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 36B, 39, 43, 44, 48, 60, 60A, 61, 62, 62A, 63, 63A, 64, 65, 67	Aug 30 - Apr 30	
21A, 22, 24, 31, 36	<b>July 1 - June 30</b>	<i>Private land only</i>
	Aug 30 - Apr 30	
38, 40, 41, 42, 46, 54, 55, 57, 68, 68A, 71, 73A, 74	Aug 30 - Mar 31	
29, 30, 30A, 32, 32A, 36A, 37, 37A, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52, 58, 59, 59A, 66, 66A, 69, 76	Aug 30 - Apr 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See pages 102 - 104</i>
29, 30, 30A, 32, 32A, 36A, 37, 37A,	<b>July 1 - June 30</b>	<i>Private Land only, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See pages 102-104</i>
	Aug 30 - Apr 30	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See pages 102 - 104</i>
47, 52A, 53, 56, 70, 72, 73, 75, 77, 78	Aug 30 - Mar 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See pages 102 - 104</i>

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2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Wolf Trapping Seasons		
Units	Season Dates	Notes
1, 5, 10A, 14, 15, 16, 20A, 26, 27, 29, 36A, 37, 37A, 50, 51	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
2	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open only in portion of Unit 2 north of Highway 53.</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	<i>Trapping open only in portion of Unit 2 north of Highway 53.</i>
3	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open only in portion of Unit 3, See note 1, page 79.</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	<i>Trapping open only in portion of Unit 3, See note 1, page 79.</i>
4	Oct 10 - Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open in that portion of Unit 4 within the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene drainage north of Forest Highway 9.</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
4A	Oct 10 - Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open in that portion of Unit 4A south and west of Derr Creek drainage.</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
5	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
6	Oct 10 - Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open in that portion of Unit 6 east of and including the Slate Creek drainage on the north side of the St Joe River and east of and including the Marble Creek drainage on the south side of the St Joe River.</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
7, 9	Oct 10 - Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
8, 8A, 11, 11A, 31, 32, 34, 35,	<del>None</del> Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	<del>None</del> Nov 15 - Mar 31	
10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20	Oct 10 - Mar 31	
10A, 14, 15, 16, 20A, 26, 27, 29, 36A, 37, 37A, 50, 51	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	
13, 18, 22	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 15 31	<i>Private land only</i>

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19A, 25	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar <del>15</del> 31	
21, 21A, 30, 30A, 36B, 58, 59, 59A, <del>60</del> , 60A, <del>61, 62, 62A</del> , 64, 65, 67	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only, EXCEPT snares may be used on private land only</i>
23	Nov 15 – Mar <del>15</del> 31	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open only in portion of Unit 23, See note 2, page 79.</i>
24	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar <del>15</del> 31	<i>Foothold traps only, Trapping open only in portion of Unit 24, See note 3, page 79.</i>
28	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only, EXCEPT snares may be used on private land and in that portion of Unit 28 within designated wilderness</i>
32A, 33	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only, EXCEPT snares may be used on private land only</i>
36	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar 31	<i>Trapping open only in portion of Unit 36, See note 4, page 79, Foothold traps only, EXCEPT snares may be used on private land only</i>
39	Oct 10 - <del>Mar 31</del> Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only, That portion of Unit 39 within Ada County is closed, Trapping open in that portion of Unit 39 within the Boise and Elmore Counties only</i>
	<del>Oct 10</del> Nov 15 - Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only, That portion of Unit 39 within Ada County is closed, Trapping open in that portion of Unit 39 within the Boise and Elmore Counties only</i>
43, 44	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 – Mar 31	
45	Nov 15 – Mar <del>31</del> Oct 10 – Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only , EXCEPT snares may be used on private land only</i>
60, 61, 62, 62A	Nov 15 – Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only, EXCEPT snares may be used on private land only</i>

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66, 69	Oct 10 – Nov 14	<i>Foothold traps only</i>
	Nov 15 - Mar 31	<i>Foothold traps only, EXCEPT snares may be used on private land only</i>
8, 8A, 11, 11A, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 52, 52A, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 63, 63A, 66A, 68, 68A, 70, 71, 72, 73, 73A, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78	None Oct 10 – Mar 31	<i>Private land only</i>
48, 49	None	

Notes on Page 79:

1. That portion of Unit 3 within the Little North Fork Coeur d' Alene River drainage.
2. Trapping open only in the following portions of Unit 23: Open in that portion of Unit 23 west of U.S. Highway 95 and north of the Smoky Boulder Road. Also open within that portion of Unit 23 east of U.S. Highway 95 that is within Idaho County and outside the National Forest System boundary.
3. Trapping open on private land only in that portion of Unit 24 within the following boundary: beginning north of Cascade at the junction of State Highway 55 and Warm Lake road, then north on Highway 55 to West Roseberry Road, then west on West Roseberry Road to Norwood Road, then south on Norwood road to Tamarack Falls Road, then west on Tamarack Falls Road to West Mountain Road, then north on West Mountain Road to Forest Service Road 186, then northwest on Forest Service Road 186 to No Business Saddle, then south along the Unit 24/32A unit boundary to the intersection of the Unit 24/32A/33 unit boundaries at Smith's Ferry, then north along the Unit 24/33/25 boundary to the North Fork Gold Fork River, then downstream on the North Fork Gold Fork River to State Highway 55, then south on State Highway 55 to the point of beginning.
4. That portion of Unit 36 north of State Highway 21 and north of State Highway 75 from Stanley to the east border of Unit 36.