## Amendment to Fall 2022–Winter 2023 Furbearer and Wolf Trapping and Hunting Seasons and Quotas Submitted by Vice Chair Tabor

I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt the fall 2022—winter 2023 furbearer and wolf trapping and hunting seasons and quotas as presented by the department including boundary changes, with all other aspects regarding prior seasons and regulations included, except for those influenced by routine calendar rotations, with the exception of reducing the harvest quota from 10 to six wolves total for trapping and hunting in the newly described WMU 313.

## **FWP Response:**

This amendment to reduce the wolf quota in proposed WMU 313 from 10 to six will not biologically influence the trajectory of the wolf population in Montana. The iPOM model that is used to estimate the wolf population at the end of December and estimate the effect of hunting seasons on state and regional population levels cannot estimate wolf populations in such a small area, but the change in potential harvest of four wolves statewide will have no biologically meaningful effect. The amendment will cause no biological harm or effect on statewide management.