



MEMORANDUM

TO: Fish and Wildlife Commissioners

FROM: Quentin Kujala, Chief of Conservation Policy

DATE: July 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Postponing elements of wolf season setting until October 10 commission meeting

ACTION: Postpone until the Oct. 10, 2024 Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) meeting any action on wolf *trapping* dates and where those wolf *trapping* dates would be applied. All other elements of the 2024 wolf harvest regulations including *hunting* dates, harvest quotas, bag limits, trap setbacks, harvest reporting, and the proposed WMU 313 amendment would remain on the FWC's Aug. 16 meeting agenda.

JUSTIFICATION: This postponement is to provide additional opportunity for FWP to further assess various wolf *trapping* dates and where those wolf *trapping* dates would be applied. Proposed wolf *trapping* dates and where they would be proposed for implementation would be posted on the web for public review and comment prior to the Oct. 10 FWC meeting. By limiting the scope of postponed items to just wolf *trapping* dates and where those wolf *trapping* dates would be applied, all the wolf *hunting* regulations would be publicly available after the Aug. 16 FWC meeting for the start of the wolf *hunting* season. A supplement to those wolf harvest regulations communicating the wolf *trapping* dates and where those wolf *trapping* dates would apply would be made publicly available after the Oct. 10 FWC meeting in time for the start of the wolf *trapping* season.