



1 (c) the harvest of an unlimited number of wolves by the holder of a single wolf hunting or wolf  
2 trapping license;

3 (d) during the wolf trapping season, the use of bait while hunting or trapping wolves as long as no  
4 trap or snare trap is set within 30 feet of exposed bait visible from above; and

5 (e) the hunting of wolves on private lands outside of daylight hours with the use of artificial light or  
6 night vision scopes.

7 (3) The commission shall adopt rules to allow a landowner or the landowner's agent to take a wolf  
8 on the landowner's property at any time without the purchase of a Class E-1 or Class E-2 wolf license when the  
9 wolf is a potential threat to human safety, livestock, or dogs. The rules must:

10 (a) be consistent with the Montana gray wolf conservation and management plan and the adaptive  
11 management principles of the commission and the department for the Montana gray wolf population;

12 (b) require a landowner or the landowner's agent who takes a wolf pursuant to this subsection (3)  
13 to promptly report the taking to the department and to preserve the carcass of the wolf;

14 (c) establish a quota each year for the total number of wolves that may be taken pursuant to this  
15 subsection (3); and

16 (d) allow the commission to issue a moratorium on the taking of wolves pursuant to this subsection  
17 (3) before a quota is reached if the commission determines that circumstances require a limitation of the total  
18 number of wolves taken.

19 (4) Public land permittees who have experienced livestock depredation must obtain a special kill  
20 permit authorized in 87-5-131(3)(b) to take a wolf on public land without the purchase of a Class E-1 or Class  
21 E-2 license.

22 (5) When determining wolf populations using integrated patch occupancy model estimates, the  
23 department shall use the same modeling criteria for estimates made for subsequent years to ensure the data  
24 results are able to be interpreted consistently.

25 (6) The department shall report annually to the environmental quality council in accordance with 5-  
26 11-210 regarding the implementation of 87-5-131, 87-5-132, and this section.

27 "

28 - END -