

## Endangered Species in the News – February 2007

### Gray Wolf:

- Wolves will be removed (“delisted”) from the federal threatened species list March 12, 2007.
- After March 12, 2007, wolves will be protected by Minnesota state law. In NE Minnesota (Zone A), the wolf will continue to have a high level of protection; in other areas of the state (Zone B) circumstances where wolves may be killed to protect domestic animals are relaxed.
- Killing of wolves in cases of immediate threat to human life or domestic animals is allowed statewide (special conditions exist concerning protection of domestic animals – full reading of law is advised).
- There will be no open season for the trapping or hunting of gray wolves for five years following the Federal delisting of the gray wolf, and then only after public comment.
- More information at: <http://www.fws.gov/Midwest/wolf/2007delisting/index.htm>



### Bald Eagle:

- The decision to remove (“delist”) the bald eagle from the Federal Threatened Species List is delayed until June 29, 2007, at the earliest.
- If “delisted”, the eagle would be protected by the federal *Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act* (BGEPA), which prohibits the “take” of eagles or their nests or eggs without a permit. Under the BGEPA, “take” is defined as to "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb."
- More information at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/BaldEagle.htm>

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