Panel created for management of Alaska wolves

The Division of Wildlife Conservation announced recently the selection of 12 citizens to serve on a planning team to help defuse some of the controversy surrounding wolf management in Alaska, according to the division.

The team will meet four to six times a year. The first meeting will last two or three days. Subsequent meetings are expected to last one or two days and will include one or two public forums.

The division is a part of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Team members include Bob Ahgook, a subsistence hunter and trapper from Anaktuvuk Pass; Scott Bothwell, a sportsman from Fairbanks; Valerie Brown, an environmental activist from Anchorage; David Cline of the National Audubon Society in Anchorage; Ray Collins, a member of the McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee and the Interior Regional Council; Peggy Cowan, an education specialist from Juneau; John Doerr, a wolf enthusiast from Anchorage; Robert Heyano, a hunter and trapper from Dillingham; Larry Holmes, a member of the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee from Girdwood; Chuck McMahon, a hunter, trapper and pilot from Glennallen; Ann Ruggles, an environmentalist from Fairbanks; and Dean Wilson, a fur buyer from Copper Center.