

# **Wolf kill to continue**

The state's aerial wolf hunt can continue, Anchorage Superior Court Judge Milton Souter ruled late Monday.

But, melting snow and breakup conditions are hindering the state's efforts to kill off 170 wolves in the area between Mt. McKinley Park and the Yukon River.

Only about 50 wolves have been killed so far, according to the latest reports. The controversial hunt was initiated in an attempt to bolster the dwindling moose population in the 35,000 square mile area.

Environmentalists attacked the decision by Fish and Game Commissioner Ronald Skoog in both state and federal courts. They won in the federal courts when a U.S. District Court judge ruled in March that wolf hunting could not continue on federal lands unless an environmental impact statement was filed.

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But, the environmentalists lost in the state court when Judge Souter rejected their claims that Skoog lacked the power to order the hunt without prior approval of the state Board of Game. Souter said the board could delegate its power to Skoog.

Souter ruled also there had been no improper interference by Gov. Jay Hammond in the decision to allow the hunt.