

WOLF PREDATION ON SHEEP IN ALASKA



Several of the kills were accomplished by severing the wind pipes and jugular veins without other damage.



These pictures were taken by an Alaska Fish and Game Department biologist following a kill by 5 wolves of 20 healthy rams on November 9, 1988.

LOCATION: Wrangell St. Elias National Park/Preserve in Game Management Unit 11 between the Dadina and Chestasline Rivers.

NUMBER OF DEAD RAMS: 20

12 rams - little or no use by wolves

6 rams - 40 to 90% consumed by wolves

2 rams - No estimate of consumption. Checked too late-damaged by ravens.

BONE MARROW: All samples checked showed high fat levels. Animals not nutritionally stressed. All animals checked appeared in good physical condition with no defects making them susceptible to predation.

SHEEP AGES: 2-9 years old
SNOW DEPTH: 14"-29"