

# Federal Wildlife Proposal

**Proponent:** Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

## Issue

Extend the fall moose season and establish a winter moose hunt in the Unit 22A Unalakleet hunt area to match current State seasons. Specifically, extend the fall season to Aug. 1 – Sept. 30 and establish a winter hunt from Dec. 1 – last day of Feb.

## Current Federal regulation:

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## Proposed Federal regulation:

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## Justification

Extending the fall season and establishing the winter season will bring Federal regulations in alignment with State regulations, which were recently changed. This will reduce regulatory complexity and potential for confusion. Currently, Federal regulations are more restrictive than State regulations. This proposal will give federally qualified subsistence users additional opportunity to meet subsistence needs.