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Federal Subsistence Board closes the moose season on Federal Lands in Units 26C and 26B remainder

The Federal Subsistence Board has closed Federal public lands in Units 26C and 26B remainder to the hunting of moose from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Recent surveys, conducted in April 2014 by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, indicate that the moose population on the North Slope coastal plain within Unit 26C (North Slope population) has declined by over 50 percent since 2011. During the survey no yearlings were observed, which indicates limited or no recruitment will occur this year. Similar declines were observed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in the moose populations in adjacent Units 26A and 26B. Due to the population decline and limited or no recruitment, the moose season on Federal public lands in Units 26C and 26B remainder is closed for the 2014-2015 regulatory season. This action is consistent with actions taken by ADF&G in adjacent units and is necessary to address conservation concerns for the moose population.

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