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## Federal Subsistence Board Meeting Advisory



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### **Public Hearing to be held on Temporary Special Action Request to close the moose hunt in Unit 26C and 26B Remainder for conservation concerns**

A public meeting will be held in Kaktovik from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24 at the Kaktovik Community Hall to discuss and provide comment on a Temporary Special Action Request to close the moose hunt in Unit 26C and 26B Remainder due to conservation concerns. Currently, only residents of Kaktovik are eligible to hunt moose in this area under Federal subsistence regulations.

Temporary Special Action WSA14-02, submitted by Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, requests that the 2014 moose season in Unit 26B remainder and Unit 26C be closed. Results from the moose survey 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. Conservation concerns for the sustainability of this moose population have led to this request for a temporary closure in an effort to slow or reverse the population decline. If adopted, this action would close the moose hunt for the 2014-2015 regulatory year.

At this meeting, residents of Kaktovik will have an opportunity to provide testimony and comments to Refuge staff and representatives of the Federal Subsistence Management Program as part of the decision-making process. To comment, the meeting must be attended in person. There are no teleconference capabilities at this meeting location. Comments will be summarized and provided to the Federal Subsistence Board for its consideration on the special action request.

For more information on this action, contact Thomas Evans (907) 786-3814 or (800) 478-1456 Thomas\_Evans@fws.gov. Information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://www.doi.gov/subsistence/index.cfm>.

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