

Federal Subsistence 2014–2016 Wildlife Proposals



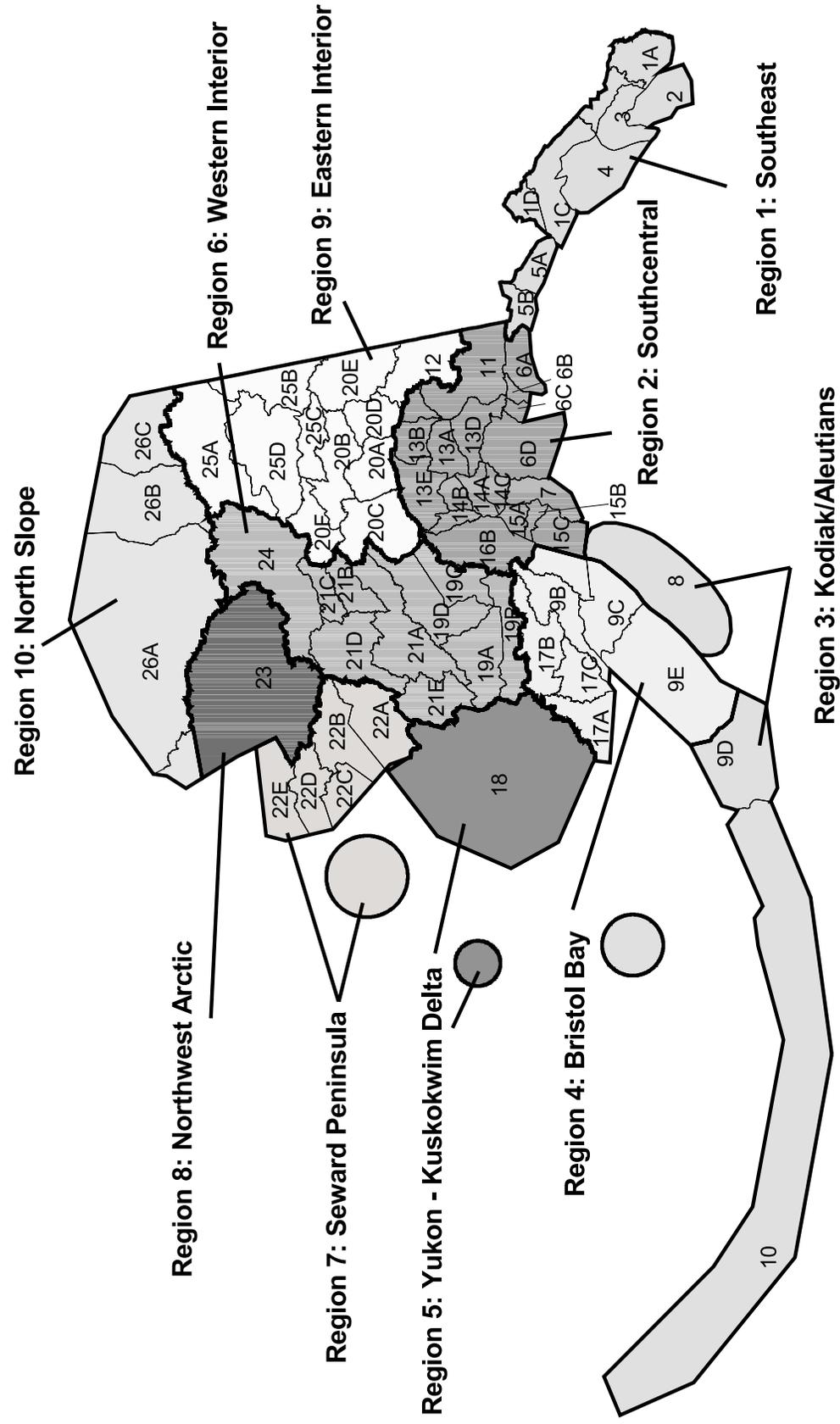
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Comment period open through July 12, 2013

Send your written comments on the enclosed proposals to:

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Federal Subsistence Resource Regions and Units



INTRODUCTION

The Federal Subsistence Board invites your comments on the enclosed proposals to change Federal subsistence wildlife hunting and trapping regulations for the 2014–2016 regulatory years (July 1, 2014 to June 31, 2016). These proposals seek changes to existing Federal subsistence regulations for the taking of wildlife on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska.

You may mail your comments to the Federal Subsistence Board at the address shown on the front cover of this book, fax them to (907) 786-3898, or E-mail them to subsistence@fws.gov. Please refer to a specific proposal number in your comments. All comments received by July 12, 2013 will be included in the meeting materials for the appropriate Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils to discuss at their fall meetings. Comments received after the fall Regional Council meetings will be submitted to the Board at its spring meeting.

Before making decisions on these proposals, the Board considers technical analyses prepared by its staff, recommendations from the 10 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, and any written public comments and oral testimony it receives on the proposals. Be advised, the Board may consider and act on alternatives that address the intent of a proposal while differing in approach. Once the Board makes its decisions, it will publish the changes as final regulations for the 2014–2016 regulatory years, effective July 1, 2014, and distribute the regulation book throughout Alaska.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Office of Subsistence Management at 800-478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or visit the website <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/index.cfm>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. Board members include the Alaska directors of five Federal agencies: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S. Forest Service. The Chair is a representative of the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. Two additional public members are appointed by the Secretaries to represent rural subsistence users.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, State of Alaska representatives, and the general public play an active role in the regulatory process. You can find information about the Federal Subsistence Board on the Subsistence website at: <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/index.cfm> or by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management at 800-478-1456 or (907) 786-3888.

Regional Advisory Councils

The Federal Subsistence Management Program divides Alaska into ten subsistence resource regions, each represented by a Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. These ten Councils provide an opportunity for Alaskans to contribute in a meaningful way to the management of subsistence resources. Resource users have the opportunity to comment and offer input on subsistence issues at Council meetings. Councils meet a least twice a year. The Councils develop proposals to change Federal subsistence regulations and review and make recommendations on proposals submitted by others.

Council membership

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture appoint Council members. Members must reside in the area they wish to represent and have knowledge of subsistence uses and needs. Each year the Office of Subsistence Management accepts applications and nominations for membership during August–February. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact Carl Johnson or the Council Coordinator for your region.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Coordinators

Council coordinators facilitate communication between the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board. Each coordinator is responsible for one or two regions and serves as a contact for the Councils, Federal agency staff, and the public. Contact a coordinator for more information on the activities of each Council.

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Statewide				
WP14-01	All	Furbearers	Require trap marking, establish a time limit for trap/snare checks, and require harvest reports.	5
WP14-02	All	Black Bear	Align federal regulations with less restrictive state regulations for use of black bear parts.	6
Southeast				
WP14-03	SE	Deer	Eliminate the taking of female deer.	7
WP14-04	SE	Deer	Establish an elder/disability season.	9
WP14-05	SE	Deer	Establish a hunt in a newly defined portion of Unit 3. Reduce season and harvest limit within the Lindenberg Peninsula portion of Unit 3.	11
Southcentral				
WP14-06	SC, SE	Goat	Revise harvest quotas in subareas of Unit 6D.	12
WP 14-07	SC	Moose	Revise customary and traditional use determination.	13
WP 14-08	SC	Caribou	Revise customary and traditional use determination.	16
WP14-09	SC	Black Bear	Revise baiting restrictions and extend the season in Unit 6.	19
WP14-10	SC	Moose	Include residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek in the customary and traditional use determination.	21
WP14-11	SC	Moose	Establish a season for community harvest in the portion of Unit 7 draining into Kings Bay.	22
WP14-12	SC	Deer	Revise the cultural/educational permit for the annual Old Chenega Memorial.	24
WP14-13	SC	Moose	Require antler destruction.	25
WP14-14	SC, EI	Goat	Revise customary and traditional use determination.	27
WP14-15	SC, EI	Caribou	Revise the list of eligible residents exempt from the closure.	29
WP14-16	SC, EI	Moose	Establish a hunt in a newly defined portion of Unit 11.	32
WP14-17	SC	Moose	Open the Resurrection Creek Closed Area.	35

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Southcentral (Continued)				
WP14-18	SC	Moose	Revise the issuing of permits and close public lands to nonsubsistence users.	38
WP14-19	SC	Moose	Establish a cow-only hunt.	40
Kodiak/Aleutians				
WP14-20	KA	Brown Bear	Increase the number of permits to be issued to communities.	42
Bristol Bay				
WP14-21	BB	Moose	Revise harvest limit restrictions and extend season.	44
WP14-22	BB, YKD, WI	Caribou	Require State registration permits.	46
Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta				
WP14-23	YKD, SP, WI	Moose	Lengthen the season and remove bulls-only restriction.	49
WP14-24	YKD, SP, WI	Moose	Revise the hunt area descriptor.	51
WP14-25	YKD, SP, WI	Moose	Revise the hunt area descriptor.	53
WP14-26	YKD, WI	Caribou	Require a permit, revise season dates, and grant closure authority to the refuge manager.	56
WP14-27	YKD, WI	Moose	Establish a new fall season.	58
WP14-28	YKD, WI	Moose	Extend the season dates and revise the harvest limit.	59
Western Interior				
WP14-29	WI	Moose	Remove expiration date from winter bull moose hunt (permit FM2402).	60
WP14-30	WI	Sheep	Revise horn size restrictions.	62
WP14-31	WI, YK	Moose	Establish a community winter hunt for residents of Nikolai.	64
WP14-32	WI, YK	Moose	Redefine the descriptor of the Paradise Controlled Use Area.	65

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Seward Peninsula				
WP14-33	SP	Muskox	Revise harvest limit and clarify permit requirements.	68
WP14-34	SP	Muskox	Revise harvest limit and clarify permit requirements.	70
WP14-35	SP	Muskox	Revise permit requirements and land manager, limit the number of permits issued.	72
WP14-36	SP	Muskox	Revise harvest limit and clarify permit requirements.	75
WP14-37	SP	Muskox	Revise harvest limit and clarify permit requirements.	77
WP14-38	SP	Muskox	Revise permit requirements, land manager, and limit the number of permits issued.	79
WP14-39	SP	Muskox	Revise permit requirements, land manager, and limit the number of permits issued.	83
Northwest Arctic				
WP14-40	NWA, EI	Brown Bear	Rescind the requirement for a state registration permit.	87
WP14-41	NWA	Muskox	Revise harvest limit, season dates, and clarify permit requirements.	89
Eastern Interior				
WP14-42	EI	Sheep	Establish a Federal subsistence priority and recognize the customary and traditional use of sheep for residents of Units 20E, 25B, and 25C.	91
WP14-43	EI	Sheep	Establish a harvest limit and season for Units 20E, and 25B, 25C, 25D.	93
WP14-44	EI	Moose	Extend the fall season.	94
WP14-45	EI, SC	Caribou	Revise the closure restrictions.	95
WP14-46	EI	Caribou	Revise customary and traditional use determination.	97
WP14-47	EI	Caribou	Revise customary and traditional use determination.	99
WP14-48	EI	Moose	Revise harvest limit; require a Federal permit; close Federal lands to non-Federally qualified users.	101
WP14-49	EI, SC	Caribou	Revise season dates for fall season and establish a winter season.	106

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Eastern Interior (Continued)				
WP14-50	EI	Brown Bear	Allow the use of bait.	108
WP14-51	EI, NS	Sheep	Rescind closure in portions of Actic Village Sheep Management Area.	110
North Slope				
WP14-52	NS	Brown Bear	Rescind the requirement to have a State registration permit.	112
WP14-53	NS	Moose	Revise the area descriptor.	114
WP14-54	NS	Moose	Increase the quota and lengthen the season.	116
WP14-55	NS	Moose	Rescind the closure.	118

The proposals are published as submitted by the proponents and vary in format.