

WP16-21

Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations Proposal

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1. What regulations do you wish to change? Include management unit number and species. Quote the current regulation if known. If you are proposing a new regulation, please state “new regulation.”

Current Federal Regulation

Unit 9 - Caribou

Unit 9C remainder – Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou *No open season*

Unit 9E – Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou *No open season*

2. How should the new regulation read? Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written in the regulations.

Proposed Federal Regulation

Unit 9 – Caribou

Unit 9C remainder – ~~Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou~~ 1 bull by Federal registration permit or State Tier II permit. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by residents of Units 9C and 9E, hunting under these regulations. *~~No open season~~ To be announced*

Unit 9E – ~~Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou~~ 1 bull by Federal registration permit or State Tier II permit. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by residents of Units 9C and 9E, hunting under these regulations. *~~No open season~~ To be announced*

Federal permits may be issued in conjunction with the State Tier II hunt. Both Federal and State agencies will decide how many total permits to issue for both subunits to make sure that the actual harvest will not significantly exceed the harvestable surplus. Quotas and any needed closures will be announced by the Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge Manager after consultation with ADF&G.

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

- The Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (NAPCH) population status has been slowly improving and in the most recent survey the bull:cow composition index suggests there are more bulls available than are needed to grow the herd.
- The caribou season has been closed since 2005-2006 season. Subsistence users should have an opportunity to harvest the available surplus while still allowing the herd to grow.
- At the Feb. 25, 2015 Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting it was reported by the State area biologist that he may open a Tier II hunt in the fall of 2016 if NAPCH survey results continue to show positive composition counts and population estimates.
- This change will allow the Manager, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof National Wildlife Refuge to provide opportunities for local subsistence users and open a Federal hunt concurrent with a State Tier II hunt.

You should also provide any additional information that you believe will help the Board in evaluating the proposed change.

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Effective: 2016-1018 Regulatory Years

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1. What regulations do you wish to change? Include management unit number and species. Quote the current regulation if known. If you are proposing a new regulation, please state "new regulation."

Current Federal Regulation
Unit 9 – Moose

Table with 2 columns: Regulation description and Dates. Row 1: Unit 9C - that portion draining into the Naknek River from the south - 1 bull. A State registration permit is required during the Aug. 20 - Sept. 20 season; a Federal registration permit is required during the Dec. 1 -31 season. Aug. 20 - Sept. 20, Dec. 1 - Dec. 31. Row 2: Public lands are closed during Dec. for the harvest of moose, except by rural Alaska residents of Units 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9E.

2. How should the new regulation read? Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written in the regulations.

Proposed Federal Regulation
Unit 9 – Moose

Table with 2 columns: Regulation description and Dates. Row 1: Unit 9C - that portion draining into the Naknek River from the south - 1 bull by Federal registration permit. All hunters are also required to acquire a State registration permit and report their hunt via that permit. A State registration permit is required during the Aug. 20 - Sept. 20 season; a Federal registration permit is required during the Dec. 1 -31 season. Aug. 20 - Sept. 20, Dec. 1 - Dec. 31. Row 2: Public lands are closed during December for the hunting of moose, except by Federally qualified

<i>subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i>	
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3. Why should this regulation change be made?

Both the State Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board have passed regulations aimed at minimizing user conflict among moose hunters in Unit 9 in recent years, including the use of a State registration permit throughout the unit. In Unit 9C, the use of this permit is creating confusion due to the differing State and Federal season dates. .

The Unit 9C Federal fall moose hunt season starts 12 days before the State season and continues 5 days beyond the end of the State season. Federally qualified subsistence users hunting with a State registration permit (as is currently required) are therefore hunting with a permit whose dates differ from that of the Federal season. This causes confusion and concern for hunters. A Federal registration permit would create a consistent requirement for both the fall and December hunts, and give hunters a permit which accurately reflects the season dates of the hunt in which they are participating.

Recently, at the February 2015 Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting, the Council recommended adoption of the Emergency Special Action request to require a Federal permit during the fall moose season. At the RAC meeting, the State area biologist stated that he has reviewed the request, had several discussions with Refuge staff and State Fish and Wildlife Troopers in King Salmon and they all agree with requiring a Federal permit.

However state and federal biologists agree that requiring hunters to report via the State system yields more accurate data (due to penalties imposed for non-reporting) and that it would be beneficial to have as much of the reporting for Unit 9 in one system as possible. This is also consistent with the recommendations of the Unit 9 moose working group. For that reason, we are also proposing that users be required to report their hunt via a state permit. Because most local hunters also desire to hunt on state land, almost all subsistence hunters will already be in possession of a state registration permit when they request their Federal permit, so this requirement is unlikely to cause them to get a permit they were not already planning to acquire. To avoid confusion about reporting requirements, the Federal permit will clearly state that reporting should be done via the state permit.

You should also provide any additional information that you believe will help the Board in evaluating the proposed change.

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I am requesting a change in the number of permits that are available in the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve for the purpose of Brown Bear hunting.

Regulation now reads

Brown Bear hunting - In unit 9B, Lake Clark National Park & Preserve, residents of Iliamna, Nondalton, Newhalen, Pedro Bay and Port Alsworth may hunt by federal registration permit (FB0911) in lieu of a resident tag. Ten permits will be available. At least 1 permit will be issued in each community, but no more than 5 permits each per community

I request that it be changed to read

Brown Bear hunting - In unit 9B, Lake Clark National Park & Preserve, residents of Iliamna, Nondalton, Newhalen, Pedro Bay and Port Alsworth may hunt by federal registration permit (FB0911) in lieu of a resident tag. By announcement of the

Lake Clark National Park and Preserve Superintendent the season will be closed when ~~one to~~ four females or ten bears have been taken, whichever occurs first.

why the regulatory change.

I believe it will insure that all qualified subsistence hunters have the opportunity to hunt brown bears.

This change will reflect the way permits are issued for Dall sheep.

This will keep any who may not approve of bear hunting from holding a permit and keeping others from hunting.

This fall I tried to get a brown bear permit and none were available.

I don't believe it has been often that we have reached ~~the~~ bear quota. This change would do little if any ~~to~~ impact to the population.

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1. What regulations do you wish to change? Include management unit number and species. Quote the current regulation if known. If you are proposing a new regulation, please state “new regulation.”

Current Federal Regulation

Unit 9 - Moose

<p><i>Unit 9B – 1 bull by State registration permit</i></p>	<p><i>Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 Dec. 1 – Jan. 15</i></p>
<p><i>Unit 9C – that portion draining into the Naknek River from the north – 1 bull by State registration permit.</i></p>	<p><i>Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 Dec. 1 – Dec. 31</i></p>
<p><i>Unit 9C – that portion draining into the Naknek River from the south – 1 bull. A State registration permit is required during the Aug.20 – Sept. 20 season;</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p><i>A Federal registration permit (FM0904) is required during the Dec. 1 – Dec. 31 season.</i></p> <p><i>Public lands are closed during December for the hunting of moose, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i></p>	<p><i>Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 Dec. 1 – Dec. 31</i></p>
<p><i>Unit 9C remainder – 1 bull by State registration permit.</i></p>	<p><i>Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 Dec. 15 – Jan. 15</i></p>

2. How should the new regulation read? Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written in the regulations.

Proposed Federal Regulation

Unit 9 – Moose

<p>Unit 9B – 1 bull by State registration permit</p> <p>Public lands are closed for the hunting of moose, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</p>	<p>Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 Dec. 1 – Jan. 15</p>
<p>Unit 9C – that portion draining into the Naknek River from the north – 1 bull by State registration permit.</p> <p>Public lands are closed for the hunting of moose, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</p>	<p>Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 Dec. 1 – Dec. 31</p>
<p>Unit 9C – that portion draining into the Naknek River from the south – 1 bull. A State registration permit is required during the Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 season; a Federal registration permit is required during the Dec. 1 – Dec. 31 season.</p> <p>Public lands are closed during December for the hunting of moose, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</p>	<p>Aug. 20 – Sept. 20 Dec. 1 – Dec. 31</p>
<p>Unit 9C remainder – 1 bull by State registration permit.</p> <p>Public lands are closed for the hunting of moose, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</p>	<p>Sept. 1 – Sept. 20 Dec. 15 – Jan. 15</p>

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

- This change will allow greater opportunity to Federally qualified subsistence users through lessened competition for a low density moose population.
- Moose in Unit 9 have become much more important to local hunters since the decline of caribou in the area.
- Because of repeated poor snow conditions in Units 9B and 9C for moose surveys, the current moose population estimates have been difficult to obtain. Therefore limiting the hunt to local residents in low harvestable moose populations would be a more conservation management approach.

You should also provide any additional information that you believe will help the Board in evaluating the proposed change.

Look at current state and federal moose surveys and harvest efforts to support conservation approach.

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**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
2016-2018 FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGULATIONS**

DATE: 3/20/2015

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1. What regulation do you want changed?

Caribou Unit 17(A) and (C) - That portion of 17(A) and (C) consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

Dec. 1 - Mar. 31

Up to 2 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC1702). Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point, and Ekok.

2. How would you like to see the regulation changed?

Caribou Unit 17(A) and (C) - That portion of 17(A) and (C) consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay

Aug. 1 - Mar. 31

Up to 3 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC1702). Public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point, and Ekok.

3. Why should this regulation be changed?

This regulation should be changed because: 1) a healthy and viable caribou population with a harvestable surplus exists on the Nushagak Peninsula; 2) the harvest of only 102 caribou last season (2013-2014) was well below the harvest objective of 179 caribou; 3) hunters have harvested only 16 caribou from a harvest objective of 268 with only 10 days left in the 2014-2015 season.

4. How will this change affect wildlife populations?

Expanding the current harvest limit of up to 2 caribou to up to 3 caribou would help slow the growth of caribou herd, provided adequate travel conditions exist.

5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

Subsistence users with a customary and traditional use determination for caribou on the Nushagak Peninsula would be provided a greater opportunity (up to 3 caribou and 61 more days) to harvest caribou.

6. Additional information to support your proposal:

Poor travel conditions the last 2 winters deterred many permit holders from hunting the Nushagak Peninsula for caribou.

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PROPOSAL TO CHANGE
2016-2018 FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGULATIONS

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Federal Subsistence Regulations Booklet:

Year: 2014-2016

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1. What regulation do you want changed?

Caribou Unit 17(A) and (C) - That portion of 17(A) and (C) consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

Dec. 1 - Mar. 31

Up to 2 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC1702). Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point, and Ekuk.

2. How would you like to see the regulation changed?

Caribou Unit 17(A) and (C) - That portion of 17(A) and (C) consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula south of the Igushik River, Tuklung River and Tuklung Hills, west to Tvativak Bay

Aug. 1 - Mar. 31

Up to 3 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC1702). Public lands are closed to the taking of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point, and Ekuk.

3. Why should this regulation be changed?

This regulation should be changed because: 1) a healthy and viable caribou population with a harvestable surplus exists on the Nushagak Peninsula; 2) the harvest of only 102 caribou last season (2013-2014) was well below the harvest objective of 179 caribou; 3) hunters have harvested only 16 caribou from a harvest objective of 268 with only 10 days left in the 2014-2015 season.

4. How will this change affect wildlife populations?

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5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

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6. Additional information to support your proposal:

Poor travel conditions the last 2 winters deterred many permit holders from hunting the Nushagak Peninsula for caribou.

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PROPOSAL to change 2016-2018 Federal Subsistence Regulations for the Taking of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands

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1. **What regulation do you wish to change?**
Moose, Unit 17A - up to 2 moose by State registration permit. Up to a 31-day season may be announced between Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
2. **How should the new regulation read?**
Moose, Unit 17A – up to 2 moose (one antlered bull and one antlerless) by State registration permit. Up to a 31-day season may be announced between Dec. 1-end of Feb.
3. **Why should this regulation change be made?**
This regulation change should be made to align with the State window.
4. **What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?**
This change is intended to slightly reduce the Unit 17A moose population to keep it in a healthy and productive state and to prevent over-browsing of the habitat.
5. **How will this change affect subsistence uses?**
This change will allow subsistence moose hunters a longer window (28 days) in which a 31-day season could occur to hunt in Unit 17A.
6. **How will this change affect other uses?**
This change is not anticipated to have any affects on other uses.

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NUSHAGAK AC proposal to FSB B winter moose in 17A align Fed & State

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2016-2018 Federal Subsistence Regulations for the
Taking of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands**

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1. What regulation do you wish to change?

Moose, Unit 17A - up to 2 moose by State registration permit. Up to a 31-day season may be announced between Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

2. How should the new regulation read?

Moose, Unit 17A – up to 2 moose (one antlered bull and one antlerless) by State registration permit. Up to a 31-day season may be announced between Dec. 1-end of Feb.

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

This regulation change should be made to align with the State window.

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?

This change is intended to slightly reduce the Unit 17A moose population to keep it in a healthy and productive state and to prevent over-browsing of the habitat.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This change will allow subsistence moose hunters a longer window (28 days) in which a 31-day season could occur to hunt in Unit 17A.

6. How will this change affect other uses?

This change is not anticipated to have any effects on other uses.

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1. What regulation do you wish to change?

Caribou Unit 9B-2 caribou; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

Unit 17A, all drainages west of Right Hand Point-2 caribou; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

Units 17A remainder and 17C remainder-Selected drainages, a harvest limit of up to 2 caribou will be determined at the time the season is announced. *Season may be announced between Aug. 1-Mar. 15.*

The harvest limit and hunt area to be announced by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager between Aug. 1-Mar.31.

Units 17B and that portion of 17C east of the Wood River and Wood River Lakes-2 caribou; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

2. How should the new regulation read?

Caribou Unit 9B-2 caribou by State registration permit; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 31*

Unit 17A, all drainages west of Right Hand Point-2 caribou by State registration permit; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 31*

Units 17A remainder and 17C remainder-Selected drainages, a harvest limit of up to 2 caribou by State registration permit will be determined at the time the season is announced. *Season may be announced by the between Aug. 1-Mar. 31.*

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Bristol Bay

The harvest limit and hunt area to be announced by the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager between Aug. 1-Mar. 31.

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Aug. 1-Mar. 31

- 3. Why should this regulation change be made?**
These regulation changes should be made to be consistent with regulations recently adopted by the Alaska Board of Game.
- 4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?**
These changes are not anticipated to have any affects on wildlife populations.
- 5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?**
These season changes will: 1) reduce potential confusion about the correct season for Mulchatna caribou in Units 9B and 17
- 6. How will this change affect other uses?**
These changes are not anticipated to have any affects on other uses.

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Unit 17A, all drainages west of Right Hand Point-2 caribou; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

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2. How should the new regulation read?

Caribou Unit 9B-2 caribou by State registration permit; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 31*

Unit 17A, all drainages west of Right Hand Point-2 caribou by State registration permit; no more than 1 caribou may be a bull, and no more than 1 caribou may be taken Aug. 1-Jan. 31. *Aug. 1-Mar. 31*

Units 17A remainder and 17C remainder-Selected drainages, a harvest limit of up to 2 caribou by State registration permit will be determined at the time the season is announced. *Season may be announced by the between Aug. 1-Mar. 31.*

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These regulation changes should be made to be consistent with regulations recently adopted by the Alaska Board of Game.

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?

These changes are not anticipated to have any affects on wildlife populations.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

These season changes will: 1) reduce potential confusion about the correct season for Mulchatna caribou in Units 9B and 17

6. How will this change affect other uses?

These changes are not anticipated to have any affects on other uses.

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NUSHAGAK AC proposal to FSB D same day airborne Nush Pen. caribou.

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1. What regulation do you want changed?

Take or assist in the taking of an ungulate, bear, wolf, wolverine, or other furbearer before 3:00 a.m. following the day in which airborne travel occurred (except for flights in regularly scheduled commercial aircraft). This restriction does not apply to subsistence taking of taking of deer (except within NPS areas), the setting of snares or traps, or the removal of furbearers from traps or snares.

2. How would you like to see the regulation changed?

Take or assist in the taking of an ungulate, bear, wolf, wolverine, or other furbearer before 3:00 a.m. following the day in which airborne travel occurred (except for flights in regularly scheduled commercial aircraft). This restriction does not apply to subsistence taking of caribou on the Nushagak Peninsula (a portion of Units 17A and 17C) during Jan. 1-Mar. 31, provided the hunter is 300 feet from the airplane, or to subsistence taking of deer (except within NPS areas), the setting of snares or traps, or the removal of furbearers from traps or snares.

3. Why should this regulation be changed?

This regulation should be changed because: 1) aircraft have been traditionally used to access subsistence resources in the Bristol Bay Region. 2) the harvest of only 102 caribou last season (2013-2014) was well below the harvest objective of 179 caribou; 3) hunters have harvested only 16 caribou from a harvest objective of 268 with only 10 days left in the 2014-2015 season.

4. How will this change affect wildlife populations?

Allowing hunting on the same day a hunter has flown would not affect the caribou herd as the harvest is controlled by the number of permits issued.

5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

Subsistence users with a customary and traditional use determination for caribou on the Nushagak Peninsula would be provided a greater opportunity to harvest caribou.

6. Additional information to support your proposal:

Poor travel conditions the last 2 winters deterred many permit holders from hunting the Nushagak Peninsula for caribou.

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This regulation should be changed because: 1) aircraft have been traditionally used to access subsistence resources in the Bristol Bay Region. 2) the harvest of only 102 caribou last season (2013-2014) was well below the harvest objective of 179 caribou; 3) hunters have harvested only 16 caribou from a harvest objective of 268 with only 10 days left in the 2014-2015 season.

4. How will this change affect wildlife populations?

Allowing hunting on the same day a hunter has flown would not affect the caribou herd as the harvest is controlled by the number of permits issued.

5. How will this change affect subsistence users?

Subsistence users with a customary and traditional use determination for caribou on the Nushagak Peninsula would be provided a greater opportunity to harvest caribou.

6. Additional information to support your proposal:

Poor travel conditions the last 2 winters deterred many permit holders from hunting the Nushagak Peninsula for caribou.