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Wildlife Proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board**Name:** Eastern Interior Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council**Date:** March 5, 2015**Organization:** Office of Subsistence Management**Address:** 1011 E. Tudor Rd. Anchorage, AK 99503**Contact:** Eva Patton, Council Coordinator**Phone:** 907-786-3358**Name:** Eastern Interior Alaska Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council**1: What Regulation do you wish to change?** Trapping regulations for coyote in Unit 25.**Existing Trapping Regulation: Unit 25 – Coyote**

<i>Coyote: No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.</i>
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Proposed Trapping Regulation: Unit 25 – Coyote

<i>Coyote: No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 October 1 - Apr. 30</i>
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Why the regulation should be changed? Changing the coyote trapping season in Unit 25 to October 1 – April 30 would align the coyote trapping season with the wolf trapping season currently in Federal regulation for Unit 25. Extending the coyote season to April 30 would also coincide with the current closing date for the *hunting* of coyote under Federal regulations in Unit 25. This proposed season change would provide more opportunity for subsistence trappers and simplify regulations by aligning the coyote trapping season with the current federal trapping season for wolf in Unit 25. The Council notes that coyote are abundant and increasing in the region.

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1: What Regulation do you wish to change? Hunting regulations for beaver in Unit 25.

Existing Hunting Regulation: Unit 25 – Beaver

<i>Beaver:</i>	
<i>Unit 25A, 25B, and 25D—1 beaver per day; 1 in possession</i>	<i>Apr. 16 - Oct. 31.</i>
<i>Unit 25C</i>	<i>No open season.</i>

Proposed Hunting Regulation: Unit 25 – Beaver

<i>Beaver:</i>	
<i>Unit 25A, 25B, and 25D—1 beaver per day; 1 in possession No limit</i>	<i>Apr. 16 - Oct. 31 June 10.</i>
<i>Unit 25A, 25B, and 25D—1 beaver per day; 1 in possession</i>	<i>Apr. 16 June 11 – Oct. 31</i>
<i>Unit 25C</i>	<i>No open season.</i>

Why the regulation should be changed? Changing the federal beaver hunting regulations in Unit 25A, 25B, and 25D to allow for no harvest limit from April 16th to June 10th and then revert back to 1 beaver per day; 1 in possession June 11 – October 31 would align the Federal regulations with the State regulations. This regulation change will allow greater harvest opportunity for federal subsistence hunters in an area of abundant beaver and simplify regulations for Federal subsistence hunters in Unit 25.

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<i>Lynx: No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Feb. 28</i>
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Proposed Trapping Regulation: Unit 25 – Lynx

<i>Lynx: No Limit</i>	<i>November 1 – Feb. 28 March 31</i>
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Why the regulation should be changed? Changing the Lynx trapping season to extend to March 31 would align the Lynx season with the current federal regulations for wolverine trapping season in Unit 25. Aligning the federal regulations for trapping of lynx and wolverine in Unit 25 would simplify the regulations for rural subsistence trappers and help avoid the potential circumstance of catching lynx out of season while targeting wolverine.

Council discussion with public attending from Fort Yukon (Walter Peter) highlighted that locally there most people do not start trapping until last week of November or first week of December because the fur is short and brown prior to that time and the lynx fur doesn't fully come into prime until later. The Council confirmed with public input that the prime fur conditions extend beyond the current trapping end date of February 28th. Weather typically remains very cold throughout the Month of March and fur is nice, thick and silver. Extending the season would allow more opportunity for local trappers and their family and community to trap lynx when their fur is on prime condition.

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1: What Regulation do you wish to change? Trapping regulations for wolverine in Unit 25C

Existing Trapping Regulation: Unit 25C – Wolverine

<i>Wolverine:</i>	
<i>Unit 25C—No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.</i>
<i>Unit 25, remainder—No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.</i>

Proposed Trapping Regulation: Unit 25C – Wolverine

<i>Wolverine:</i>	
<i>Unit 25C—No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Feb. 28. March 31</i>
<i>Unit 25, remainder—No limit</i>	<i>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.</i>

Why the regulation should be changed? Extending the current federal wolverine trapping season in Unit 25C to March 31 would align Unit 25C with the federal trapping season for wolverine in the rest of Unit 25, remainder; thereby reducing confusion and increasing opportunity for rural residents trapping throughout federal lands in Unit 25.

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1: What Regulation do you wish to change?

<i>Unit 25D remainder</i>	<i>Moose</i>	<i>Season: Aug. 25–Oct. 1</i>
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2: How would the new regulation read?

<i>Unit 25D remainder</i>	<i>Moose</i>	<i>Season: Aug. 25–Oct 1 <u>Sept. 10–Oct. 1</u></i>
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3: Why should this regulation change be made?

Due to the decline of Yukon River king salmon, residents of the Yukon Flats area must wait for the fall chum salmon run to meet their salmon needs. Currently the Unit 25A remainder open season date for federal subsistence moose hunting conflicts with the arrival of the fall chum run. Changing the federal open season date for subsistence moose hunting in Unit 25D remainder from August 25 to September 10 will provide subsistence users the time they need to harvest salmon for their families when they are plentiful in the river. It will also alleviate confusion for all users by having the federal and state moose hunting seasons open on the same date. A common opening date is especially helpful due to the checkerboard nature of federal, state, and private land in the Yukon Flats area

4: What impact will this change have on wildlife populations? **None.**

5: How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This change will allow subsistence users the time they need to harvest fall chum salmon and alleviate confusion when it comes time to hunt for their moose.

6: How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?

None.

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From: Upper Tanana–Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Tok, Alaska
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1: What Regulation do you wish to change?

Allow all hunters with a C&T for Chisana Caribou to participate in the Chisana Caribou Hunt and issue an unlimited number of Chisana (FC1205) permits (currently limited to 18 total permits that are allocated among qualified communities).

<p><i>Unit 12—that portion east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier and south of the Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian border</i></p>	<p><i>Caribou</i></p>	<p><i>1 bull by Federal registration permit (FC1205) only.</i></p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by residents of Chisana, Chistochina, Mentasta, Northway, Tetlin, Tok, Unit 12 along the Nabesna Road (mileposts 25-46), and that portion of Unit 12 east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier and south of the Winter Trail.</i></p>
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2: How would the new regulation read?

<p><i>Unit 12—that portion east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier and south of the Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian border</i></p>	<p><i>Caribou</i></p>	<p><i>1 bull by Federal registration permit (FC1205) only.</i></p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by residents of Chisana, Chistochina, Mentasta, Northway, Tetlin, Tok, Unit 12 along the Nabesna Road (mileposts 25-46), and that portion of Unit 12 east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier and south of the Winter Trail.</i></p>
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3: Why should this regulation change be made?

This hunt has been open for 3 years now and the hunt has been under subscribed (less than 18 permits issued, only 7-8 hunters hunting and only 2-3 caribou harvested, *see Table 1 below*) in all years. Based on this information, and with an annual quota of 7 bulls, it is clear that there is no reason to exclude anyone that has a C&T from hunting this herd, and no reason to limit the

number of permits issued for this hunt. This herd is extremely remote and logistically very difficult to access. These changes are unlikely to have any effect on total annual harvest, but will eliminate restrictions that have been proven to be unnecessary.

Table 1. Chisana Caribou Hunt (FC1205) Summary 2012–2014 (from WRST Spring 2015 Subsistence Report).

	2012	2013	2014
Permits Issued	9	9	11
Individuals Hunting	8	7	7
Animals Harvested	2	3	2
Success Rate (%)	25.0	42.9	28.6

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

None. These changes are unlikely to have any effect on total annual harvest

5: How will this change affect subsistence uses?

Will eliminate restrictions that have been proven to be unnecessary and will increase opportunity for those currently excluded from this hunt.

6: How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?

None.