

WP16-43

Wildlife Proposals
 Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
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Approved for submission at a public meeting in Nome on February 19, 2015

Seward Peninsula Management Areas: 18 & 22 Season and Bag: Yes Method and Means: No

1. What regulations do you wish to change?

Caribou

Caribou:	
Units 22A, 22B remainder, that portion of Unit 22D in the Kougaruk, Kuzitrin (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage), American, and Agiapuk River Drainages, and Unit 22E, that portion east of and including the Sanaguich River drainage—5 caribou per day; cow caribou may not be taken May 16-June 30	July 1-June 30.

Caribou:	
Unit 18 – that portion to the east and south of the Kuskokwim River – 2 caribou by State registration permit;	Aug. 1 – Mar. 15
Unit 18 remainder – 2 caribou by State registration permit;	Aug. 1 – Mar.15

2. How should the new regulation read?

Caribou:	
Units 22A, 22B remainder, that portion of Unit 22D in the Kougaruk, Kuzitrin (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage), American, and Agiapuk River Drainages, and Unit 22E, that portion east of and including the Sanaguich River drainage—5 caribou per day; cow caribou may not be taken May 16-June 30. Unit 22A – for that portion south of Unalakleet River, Federal public lands are closed to the hunting of caribou, which can be opened by the in-season manager if caribou are present.	July 1-June 30.

Caribou:	
Unit 18 – that portion to the east and south of the Kuskokwim River – 2 caribou by State registration permit;	Aug. 1 – Mar. 15
Unit 18 remainder – 2 caribou by State registration permit;	Aug. 1 – Mar.15
Unit 18 – for that portion that includes all upper drainages of the Andreafsky River, Federal public lands are closed to the taking of caribou, but can be opened by the in-season manager	

<i>if caribou are present.</i>	
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3. Why should this regulation change be made?

To prevent incidental take of privately-owned reindeer under caribou hunting regulations.

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

There would be no impact as caribou have not been present in this area for 15-20 years.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal, if adopted, would ensure that privately-owned reindeer are not being harvested under caribou regulations when caribou are not present.

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

The proposal if passed would benefit reindeer herders in the area as their herd numbers would not be impacted by caribou hunters. There would be no adverse impact on sport, recreational or commercial users as the harvest of privately-owned reindeer under caribou regulations is illegal.

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Seward Peninsula Management Area: 22 Season and Bag: Yes Method and Means: No

1. What regulations do you wish to change?

Brown Bear

Brown Bear:	
Unit 22A, 22B, 22D, and 22E—1 bear by State registration permit only	Aug. 1-May 31.
Unit 22C—1 bear by State registration permit only	Aug. 1-Oct. 31 May 10-25.

2. How should the new regulation read?

Bear

Brown Bear:	
Unit 22A, 22B, and 22E—1 bear by State registration permit only	Aug. 1-May 31
Unit 22C—1 bear by State registration permit only	Aug. 1 – May 25
<i>Unit 22D, , that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage, west of the west bank of the unnamed creek originating at the unit boundary opposite the headwaters of McAdam’s Creek to its confluence with Tuksuk Channel—2 bears</i>	<i>Aug. 1-July 31</i>

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

There are enough bears in this area to support an increased level of hunting.

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

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1. What regulations do you wish to change?

Caribou

Caribou:	
Units 22A, 22B remainder, that portion of Unit 22D in the Kougaruk, Kuzitrin (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage), American, and Agiapuk River Drainages, and Unit 22E, that portion east of and including the Sanaguich River drainage—5 caribou per day; cow caribou may not be taken May 16-June 30.	July 1- June 30.

2. How should the new regulation read?

Caribou:	
Units 22A, 22B remainder, that portion of Unit 22D in the Kougaruk, Kuzitrin (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage), American, and Agiapuk River Drainages, and Unit 22E, that portion east of and including the Sanaguich River drainage Tin Creek drainage up to the west headwaters at Ear Mountain —5 caribou per day; cow caribou may not be taken May 16-June 30.	July 1- June 30.

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

To provide more local opportunities for subsistence caribou harvesting.

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

There are no anticipated adverse impacts on caribou.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal if adopted provide Federally qualified subsistence users more opportunity to obtain caribou in a hunt in the Sanaguich River/Tin Creek area and around Ear Mountain.

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

The only perceived impact could be on reindeer herders in the area; however, herders who were contacted about the proposal indicated they did not object.

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Seward Peninsula Management Area: 22 Season and Bag: Yes Method and Means: No

1. What regulations do you wish to change?

Moose

Unit 22E—1 antlered bull. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i>	Aug. 1-Mar. 15.
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2. How should the new regulation read?

Moose

Unit 22E—1 antlered bull. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i>	Aug. 1-Mar. 15.
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3. Why should this regulation change be made?

To provide more opportunities for subsistence users to harvest moose.

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

Little as the moose population has been increasing and no cows with calves will be taken.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal if adopted will provide federal subsistence users more opportunity to obtain moose in the area.

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

The proposal if passed would not impact sport hunters or commercial guides, as the Federal public lands are currently closed to non-Federally qualified users. However, if the closure is lifted (see separate proposal), this change would benefit sport moose hunters and commercial guides with sport hunting clients by giving them the opportunity to hunt moose in this area.

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1. What regulations do you wish to change?

Moose

Unit 22E—1 antlered bull. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of moose except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations	Jan. 1-31. Aug. 1- Mar. 15.
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2. How should the new regulation read?

Moose

Unit 22E—1 antlered bull.	Aug. 1 – Mar. 15
<i>Unit 22E—1 moose (except calves or a cow accompanied by a calf).</i>	<i>Jul.15 - Dec 31</i>

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

To provide more harvest opportunities for subsistence users.

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

Little as Moose population has been increasing slightly and no cows with calves will be taken.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal if adopted will provide Federal subsistence users more opportunity to obtain moose in the area.

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

The proposal if passed could impact current sport/commercial moose hunters.