



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

The recently adopted BOG regulations are designed to take bull and cow caribou at specific times of the year when they are of best quality for use, and to add conservation during specific times of the year. The expectation is to modulate harvest down slightly to conserve caribou, and remain within sustained yield. Eliminating taking calves will allow any calves produced to enter the population as recruitment. It is imperative to conserve caribou to maintain the health of the Western Arctic, and Teshekpuk Caribou Herds.

**5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?**

There will be restrictions placed upon rural hunters. The restrictions to protect caribou at certain times of the year will not greatly affect subsistence users from meeting their needs.

**6. How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial?**

The Board of Game has restricted non-resident harvest of caribou severely to prioritize caribou uses. The Federal regulatory change will not affect sport uses greatly.

**Amended language for Proposal 202  
Submitted by ADF&G**

**5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. (a) ...**

<u>Units and Bag Limits</u>	<u>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</u>	<u>Nonresident Open Season</u>
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Remainder of Unit 21(D); <i>(Note to reader: this hunt area is Unit 21(D), north of the Yukon River and west of the Koyukuk River)</i>		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: <b><u>5 caribou per day, as follows:</u></b>		
<b><u>up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;</u></b>	<b><u>July 1 – Oct. 14 Feb. 1 – June 30</u></b>	
<b><u>up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 1 – Mar. 31</u></b>	
[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]	[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: <b><u>1 bull; however, calves may not be taken</u></b>		<b><u>Aug. 1 – Sept. 30</u></b>
[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]		[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]
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Unit 22(A), <b><u>that portion north of the Golsovia River drainage</u></b>		
RESIDENT HUNTERS: <b><u>5 caribou per day, as follows:</u></b>		
<b><u>up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;</u></b>	<b><u>July 1 – Oct. 14 Feb. 1 – June 30</u></b>	

**up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken**

**Sept. 1 – Mar. 31**

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:  
**1 bull; however, calves may not be taken**

**Aug. 1 – Sept. 30**

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

Unit 22(B), that portion west of Golovnin Bay, and west of a line along the west bank of the Fish and Niukluk Rivers to the mouth of the Libby River, and excluding all portions of the Niukluk River drainage upstream from and including the Libby River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:  
**5 caribou per day, as follows:**

**up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;**

**Oct. 1 – Oct. 14**  
**Feb. 1 – Apr. 30**

**up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken;**

**Oct. 1 – Mar. 31**

**up to 5 caribou per day; however, calves may not be taken; during the period May 1 – Sept. 30, a season may be announced by emergency order; however, cow caribou may not be taken April 1 – Aug 31; bull caribou may not be taken Oct. 15 – Jan 31**

**(Season to be announced by emergency order)**

[5 CARIBOU PER DAY; AND]

[OCT. 1 – APR. 30]

[5 CARIBOU PER DAY; DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1 – SEPT. 30, A SEASON MAY BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER, HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE

[(SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER)]

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NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

[5 CARIBOU; OR]

[OCT. 1 – APR. 30]

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

[5 CARIBOU]; during the period Aug. 1 [MAY 1] – Sept. 30,

a season may be announced by emergency order [, HOWEVER COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

Remainder of Unit 22(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day, as follows:

up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;

July 1 – Oct. 14  
Feb. 1 – June 30

up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken

Sept. 1 – Mar. 31

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

Unit 22(D), that portion in the Pilgrim River drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day, as follows:

up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;

Oct. 1 – Oct. 14  
Feb. 1 – Apr. 30

up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken,

Oct. 1 – Mar. 31

up to 5 caribou per day; however, calves may not be taken; during the period May 1 – Sept. 30, a season may be announced by emergency order; however,

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

**cow caribou may not be taken April 1 – Aug. 31**

[5 CARIBOU PER DAY, AND] [OCT. 1 – APR. 30]

[5 CARIBOU PER DAY, DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1 – SEPT. 30, A SEASON MAY BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[(SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED BY EMERGENCY ORDER)]

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

[5 CARIBOU; OR] [OCT. 1 – APR. 30]

**1 bull; however, calves may not be taken**

[5 CARIBOU]; during the period **Aug. 1** [MAY 1] – Sept. 30, a season may be announced by emergency order [; HOWEVER COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

(Season to be announced by emergency order)

Unit 22(D), that portion in the Kuzitrin River drainage (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage) and the Agiapuk River drainage, including the tributaries

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:****5 caribou per day, as follows:****up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;****July 1 – Oct. 14**  
**Feb. 1 – June 30****up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken****Sept. 1 – Mar. 31**

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:****1 bull; however, calves may not be taken****Aug. 1 – Sept. 30**

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

Unit 22(E), that portion east of and including the Sanaguich River

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RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day, as follows:

up to 5 bulls per day; however,  
calves may not be taken;

July 1 – Oct. 14  
Feb. 1 – June 30

up to 5 cows per day; however,  
calves may not be taken

Sept. 1 – Mar. 31

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER,  
COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE  
TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken

Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER,  
COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE  
TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

Remainder of Unit 22

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou per day; however,  
calves may not be taken;

(Season to be  
announced by  
emergency order)

cow caribou may not be  
taken Apr. 1 – Aug. 31;  
bull caribou may not be taken  
Oct. 15 – Jan. 31

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER,  
COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE  
TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken;

(Season to be  
announced by

during the period Aug. 1 – Sept. 30  
a season may be announced by  
emergency order

emergency order)

[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER,  
COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE  
TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]

[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

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Unit 23, that portion north of  
and including the Singoalik  
River drainage

**RESIDENT HUNTERS****5 caribou per day, as follows:**

<b>up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;</b>	<b>July 1 – Oct. 14</b> <b>Feb. 1 – June 30</b>
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<b>up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken</b>	<b>Jul. 15 – Apr. 30</b>
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<b>[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]</b>	<b>[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]</b>
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**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS**

<b>1 bull; however, calves may not be taken</b>	<b>Aug. 1 – Sept. 30</b>
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<b>[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]</b>	<b>[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]</b>
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**Remainder of Unit 23****RESIDENT HUNTERS:****5 caribou per day, as follows:**

<b>up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;</b>	<b>July 1 – Oct. 14</b> <b>Feb. 1 – June 30</b>
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<b>up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken</b>	<b>Sept. 1 – Mar. 31</b>
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<b>[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]</b>	<b>[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]</b>
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**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

<b>1 bull; however, calves may not be taken</b>	<b>Aug. 1 – Sept. 30</b>
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<b>[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]</b>	<b>[JULY 1 – JUNE 30]</b>
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Remainder of Unit 24(A) and  
Remainder of Unit 24(B)  
(Note to reader, this hunt area is  
Unit 24(A), north of the south bank  
of the Kanuti River)

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*(Note to reader, the 'Remainder of Unit 24(B)' is Unit 24(B) north of the south bank of the Kamuti River downstream from the Kamuti-Killitna River drainage)*

**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

**5 caribou per day, as follows:**

**up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;** July 1 – Oct. 14  
Feb. 1 – June 30

**up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken** Jul. 15 – Apr. 30

**[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]** [JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS**

**1 bull; however, calves may not be taken** Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

**[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]** [JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

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Units 24(C) and 24(D)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

**5 caribou per day, as follows:**

**up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken;** July 1 – Oct. 14  
Feb. 1 – June 30

**up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken** Sept. 1 – Mar. 31

**[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]** [JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

**1 bull; however, calves may not be taken** Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

**[5 CARIBOU; HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30]** [JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

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Unit 26(A), that portion of the Colville River drainage upstream from the Anaktuvuk River, and drainages of the Chukchi Sea south and west of, and including the Utukok River drainage

**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

5 caribou per day, as follows:

up to 5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken; July 1 – Oct. 14  
Feb. 1 – June 30

up to 5 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken Jul. 15 – Apr. 30

5 CARIBOU, HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30 [JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS**

1 bull; however, calves may not be taken Aug. 1 – Sept. 30

5 CARIBOU, HOWEVER, COW CARIBOU MAY NOT BE TAKEN MAY 16 – JUNE 30 [JULY 1 – JUNE 30]

**Remainder of Unit 26(A)****RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken; July 1 - July 15

5 caribou per day; however, no more than 3 cows per day; cows accompanied by calves and calves may not be taken; July 16 - Oct. 15

3 cows per day; however, calves may not be taken; Oct. 16 - Dec. 31

5 caribou per day; however, no more than 3 cows per day; calves may not be taken; Jan. 1 - Mar. 15

5 bulls per day; however, calves may not be taken; Mar. 16 - June 30

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**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

**1 bull; however, calves may not be taken**

**Aug. 1 – Sept. 30**

Unit 26(B), that portion north of 69° 30' N. lat. and west of the east bank of the Kuparuk River to a point at 70° 10' N. lat., 149° 04' W. long., then west approximately 22 miles to 70° 10' N. lat. and 149° 56' W. long., then following the east bank of the Kalubik River to the Arctic Ocean

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

5 caribou per day; however, cow caribou may not be taken May 16 – June 30

July 1 – June 30

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

5 caribou

July 1 – Apr. 30

**Unit 26(B), that portion south of 69° 30' N. lat. and west of the Dalton Highway**

**5 caribou; however, cow caribou may be taken only from July 1 – Oct. 10**

**July 1 – Oct. 10**  
**May 16 – June 30**

**July 1 – Oct. 10**  
**May 16 – June 30**

Unit 26(B), that portion south of 69° 30' N. lat. **and east of the Dalton Highway**

5 caribou; however, cow caribou may be taken only from July 1 - May 15

July 1 – July 30

July 1 – June 30

Remainder of Unit 26(B)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

5 caribou;

July 1 – Apr. 30

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

5 caribou

July 1 – Apr. 30

**5 AAC 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.** The following methods and means of taking big game are prohibited in addition to the prohibitions in 5 AAC 92.080:

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(8) a person who has been airborne may not take or assist in taking a big game animal until after 3:00 a.m. following the day in which the flying occurred; however, this paragraph does not apply to

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[(D) TAKING CARIBOU FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 15, IN UNIT 22 IF THE HUNTER IS AT LEAST 300 FEET FROM THE AIRPLANE AT THE TIME OF TAKING; ]

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FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATION PROPOSAL  
2016-2018 REGULATIONS

SUBMIT BY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 CALL 1-800-478-1456

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Proposal is change to (check all that apply):

- Harvest Season     Method or Means of Harvest
- Harvest Limit      Customary and Traditional Use Determination

State CURRENT regulation needing change, including Unit # and species:

FEB 15 - MARCH 15 FEDERAL REGISTRATION PERMIT  
MOOSE HUNT MOOSE MAY NOT BE TAKEN WITHIN ONE  
-HALF MILE OF THE INWOKA OR YUKON RIVER DURING  
THE WINTER SEASON

State PROPOSED regulation, including Unit # and species:

1 MOOSE CAN BE TAKEN ANY WHERE ON FEDERAL  
LAND IN UNIT 21E DURING THE FEB 15 - MARCH 15  
FEDERAL MOOSE HUNT

Reason for change:

BECAUSE OF CLIMATE CHANGE CONDITIONS THAT  
MAKE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO HARVEST A MOOSE

Reason for change, continued:

CONFUSION ON THE HALF-MILE LIMIT AND MOST  
FEDERAL LANDS ARE big ISLANDS, CAUSING CONFUSION

Potential impact on wildlife populations:

NO IMPACT BECAUSE OF THE REGISTERED HUNT

Potential impact on subsistence users:

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTERS WILL HAVE A BETTER  
CHANCE OF HARVESTING A MOOSE.

Reason for change, continued:

CONFUSION ON THE HALF-MILE LIMIT AND MOST  
FEDERAL LANDS ARE big ISLANDS, CAUSING CONFUSION

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Potential impact on wildlife populations:

NO IMPACT BECAUSE OF THE REGISTERED HUNT

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Potential impact on subsistence users:

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE HUNTERS WILL HAVE A BETTER  
CHANCE OF HARVESTING A MOOSE.

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Potential impact on commercial/sport users:

NO IMPACT

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## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD HUNTING PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL TO ALLOW TAKE OF BLACK BEARS IN DENS, INCLUDING SOWS WITH CUBS, WITH THE USE OF LIGHTS IN GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

NAME: Louie Cormack Jr., Chair

Signed: 

ORGANIZATION: Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission

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1. This proposal would be a new federal subsistence hunting regulation. The proposal would allow residents of Units 24 A, B, and C to hunt black bears in dens with the use of artificial lights, including sows with cubs, within the boundaries of Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. This activity is currently not allowed in National Park System areas. The State of Alaska rule at 5 AAC 92.080 (7)(C)(iv) allows the use of artificial light, "by a resident hunter taking black bear under customary and traditional use activities at a den site from October 15 through April 30 in ... Unit 24." The State law allows any Alaskan resident to use these methods; however, this proposed rule would allow only local rural residents to hunt black bears with these methods in the park and preserve.
2. The regulation should read: "Local rural residents of Units 24 A, B, and C are allowed to take black bear with the aid of artificial lights at a den site from October 15 through April 30 in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve."
3. This regulation should be made to allow Upper Koyukuk River residents to continue a traditional and cultural practice that has been passed down for centuries. This hunting method was particularly important during times of need when fish and other game resources were scarce. The practice is planned and performed only by men under strict and confidential protocol to show respect for the bears. This new regulation would allow the legal take of black bears within this season and this type of method. Artificial lights would be allowed instead of the more traditional torches, which would be safer for hunters and the land. This regulation would be limited to local rural residents; it would not authorize all Alaska residents to partake in this activity. State rules would still apply in Unit 24 outside of park boundaries.

Name: Louie Commack, Chairman

Signed: *Louie Commack*

Organization: Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission

This proposal suggests a change to:

Harvest Season                       Methods and means of harvest

Harvest limit(s)                       C&T use determination(s)

**1. What regulation(s) do you wish to change?**

Dall's Sheep – Units 24A and 24B, that portion of Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents – 3 sheep, Aug 1-Apr 30

**2. How should the new regulation read?**

Dall's Sheep – Unit 24A and 24B, those portions within Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents – 3 sheep with no more than 1 being a ewe, Aug 1-Apr 30.

**3. Why should this regulation change be made?**

Large declines (~60%) in the sheep population, including a decline in ewe-like sheep (ewes, yearlings and young ewes and rams) and lamb recruitment, have been detected within northeastern Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The Subsistence Resource Commission feels that at these population levels, ewe harvest must be restricted at this time, and that this measure may help ease the decline and enhance recovery of the population. This will be a temporary measure until the population has recovered.

**4. How will this change affect subsistence uses?**

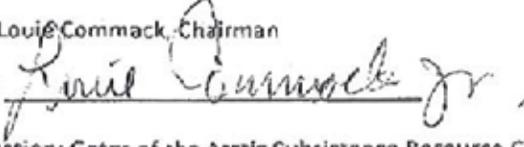
Subsistence users would have to limit their harvest of ewes from a maximum of 3 to 1 ewe per season in Units 24A and 24B (except residents of Anaktuvuk Pass).

**5. How will this change affect other users?**

There should be little to no impact on other users.

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Name: Louis Commack, Chairman

Signed: 

Organization: Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission

This proposal suggests a change to:

- Harvest Season                       Methods and means of harvest  
 Harvest limit(s)                       C&T use determination(s)

1. What regulation(s) do you wish to change?

Dall's Sheep – Units 24A and 24B, that portion of Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents – 3 sheep, Aug 1-Apr 30

2. How should the new regulation read?

Dall's Sheep – Unit 24A and 24B, those portions within Gates of the Arctic National Park, excluding Anaktuvuk Pass residents – 3 sheep with no more than 1 being a ewe, Aug 1-Apr 30. Dall's sheep horns taken in Gates of the Arctic National Park are eliminated from any sealing requirements.

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

Large declines (~60%) in the sheep population, including a decline in ewe-like sheep (ewes, yearlings and young ewes and rams) and lamb recruitment, have been detected within northeastern Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The Subsistence Resource Commission feels that at these population levels, ewe harvest must be restricted at this time, and that this measure may help ease the decline and enhance recovery of the population. This will be a temporary measure until the population has recovered.

Subsistence hunters do not have a horn size requirement in Gates of the Arctic National Park. The current horn sealing requirement serves no benefit to managers and is an extreme burden to subsistence users to transport horns to be sealed in Fairbanks.

4. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

Subsistence users would have to limit their harvest of ewes from a maximum of 3 to 1 ewe per season in Units 24A and 24B (except residents of Anaktuvuk Pass).

5. How will this change affect other users?

There should be little to no impact on other users.



There has been consistent use of the Allakaket/Alatna to Bettles/ Evansville winter trail. The Federal lands North and East of the Henshaw drainage hold accessible moose populations for subsistence harvest.

The Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds have been in decline. The caribou that have been close to Bettles in the past few years in winter, most likely will retract from using extensive ranges, and will unavailable for winter protein source by Unit 24B residents.

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

There would be minimal impact to the moose population because it is limited to only federally qualified hunters and the harvest limit of one antlered bull, and challenges of a winter hunt.

**5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?**

Re-establishing this winter hunt will give the residents of Bettles, Evansville, Alatna, and Allakaket additional hunting opportunity and an “insurance” opportunity to meet their subsistence needs when unsuccessful during the fall season. Additionally, such a hunt may expose areas underutilized during open water periods because the timing allows travel to extract the harvested animal formerly unavailable (cannot shoot what you cannot extract). Also, those without a boat (prohibitive expense) could participate effectively with other means of transportation; same for those without freezers. As an aside, but important none-the-less, it's good politics with those people living in qualified locations and the benefits reach out to those who cannot hunt anymore for whatever reasons.

**6. How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial?**

Re-establishing this winter hunt will have little effect on other uses because of parts of the subunit federal public lands are closed to other users, it is limited only to federally qualified hunters and restricted to antlered bulls which will have little impact on the moose population associated with the subunit.