

WP14-06

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

- Harvest season Method and means of harvest
 Harvest limit Customary and traditional use determination

1 What regulation do you wish to change?

Unit 6D (sub areas RG242, RG243, RG244, RG249, RG252, RG266) – 1 goat by Federal registration permit.

In each of the Unit 6D subareas, goat seasons will be closed when harvest limits for that subarea are reached. Harvest quotas are as follows: RG242 – 2 goats, RG243 – 4 goats, RG244 – 2 goats, RG249 – 4 goats, RG252 – 1 goats, RG266 – 4 goats,

2 How should the new regulation read?

Unit 6D (sub areas RG242, RG243, ~~RG244~~ **RG245**, RG249, RG252, RG266) – 1 goat by Federal registration permit.

In each of the Unit 6D subareas, goat seasons will be closed when harvest limits for that subarea are reached. Harvest quotas are as follows: RG242 – 2 goats, RG243 – 4 goats, ~~RG244 – 2 goats~~ **RG245 – 2 goats**, RG249 – 4 goats, RG252 – 1 goats, RG266 – 4 goats,

3 Why should this regulation change be made? Most of mountain goat unit RG244 consists of non-federal land. In fact, most of the mountain goat habitat in RG244, except the north aspect of a ridge on the south side of Jack Bay, is non-federal land, therefore, not legal for federal subsistence hunters.

4 What impact will this change have on wildlife populations? This proposal would not change the number of mountain goats harvested. It would remove the temptation to hunt a unit which is largely illegal for federal subsistence hunters to hunt mountain goats

5 How will this change affect subsistence uses? It would point federally qualified mountain goat hunters to a unit where there is more mountain goat habitat which falls on federal public land

6 How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial? None

Answer questions 7–9 only if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.

7 Which communities have used this resource?

8 Where has this resource been harvested? Indicate specific areas if possible.

9 In what months has this resource been harvested?

WP14-07

Federal Subsistence Board
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To change regulations during the two-year regulatory cycle, submit a request to change the regulations by providing the following information:

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1. What regulation 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.”)

Existing Regulation for Unit 15

MOOSE		
Units 15A and 15B—Rural residents of Cooper Landing, Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Port Graham, and Seldovia	Unit 15A Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area	No Federal open season
Unit 15C— Rural residents of Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Port Graham, and Seldovia	Units 15A remainder, 15B, and 15C—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit <u>(FM1505)</u> only.	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
<i>Federal permits are available from the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge office in Soldotna, or the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge office in Homer. (See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i>	Units 15B and 15C—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit <u>(FM1505)</u> only. The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager is authorized to close the Oct./ Nov. season based on conservation concerns, in consultation with ADF&G and the Chair of the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.	Oct. 20–Nov. 10

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

The regulation change being requested is to ADD the rural community Cooper Landing to the moose hunt in Unit 15C

MOOSE		
Units 15A and 15B—Rural residents of Cooper Landing, Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Port Graham, and Seldovia	Unit 15A Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area	No Federal open season
Unit 15C— Rural residents of Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Port Graham, Seldovia, and Cooper Landing	Units 15A remainder, 15B, and 15C—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only.	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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3. Why should this regulation change be made?

To be consistent with the Customary and Traditional Use Determination for the rural community of Cooper Landing for the moose hunt in Unit 15C.

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

No negative impact will occur with the wildlife population.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

It will provide more opportunity for subsistence users to harvest moose for subsistence purposes within the rural community of Copper Landing.

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

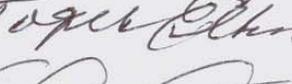
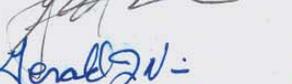
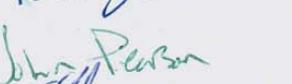
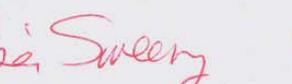
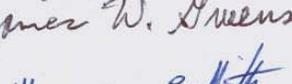
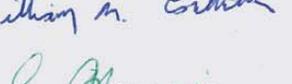
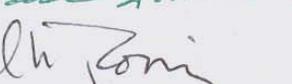
Other user groups will not be affected by this regulation change.

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Please attach any additional information to support your proposal.

The following signatures signify support for this proposal within the rural community of Cooper Landing

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WP14-08

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1. What regulation 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.”)

Existing Regulation for Unit 7

CARIBOU		
Unit 7—Rural residents of Hope	Unit 7—north of the Sterling Highway and west of the Seward Highway—1 caribou by Federal registration permit (<u>FC0702</u>) only. The Seward Ranger District will close the Federal season when 5 caribou are harvested by Federal registration permit.	Aug. 10–Dec. 31
Unit 7 remainder		No Federal open season

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

The regulation change being requested is to ADD the rural community Cooper Landing to the caribou hunt in Unit 7

CARIBOU		
Unit 7—Rural residents of Hope and Cooper Landing	Unit 7—north of the Sterling Highway and west of the Seward Highway—1 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC0702) only. The Seward Ranger District will close the Federal season when 5 caribou are harvested by Federal registration permit.	Aug. 10–Dec. 31
Unit 7 remainder		No Federal open season

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

Both rural communities of Hope and Cooper Landing have Customary & Traditional Use Determination for the moose hunt in Unit 7 remainder so we ask that Cooper Landing be granted this for the caribou hunt as well.

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

Without a change to the present harvest limit there should be no negative impact to the caribou herd population.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

It will provide more opportunity for subsistence users to harvest caribou for subsistence purposes within the rural community of Cooper Landing.

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

Other user groups will not be affected by this regulation change since at the time of the hunt August 10 - December 31 the area is extremely difficult to access. The area is in a limited motorized use area of the Chugach National Forest, but not limited to subsistence uses.

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State Regulations under a draw permit allows harvest of caribou for 2011 250 permits were issued, 93 of these permits hunted and 26 caribou were harvested. The reason for this proposal is to give opportunity to harvest under Federal Subsistence hunt.

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WP14-09

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest season | <input type="checkbox"/> Method and means of harvest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest limit | <input type="checkbox"/> Customary and traditional use determination |

1. What regulation do you wish to change? Federal Subsistence Black Bear Season unit 6 on Federal public lands: Special Provisions for Unit 6 states Bait may only be used to hunt black bear between April 15 – June 15.

2. How should the new regulation read?

Special provisions for Unit 6 : Bait may be used to hunt black bears between April 15 - June 30.

3. Why should this regulation change be made? In the past (early 90s), we used to be able to hunt and bait black bears until June 30th. In unit 6 most subsistence black bears were harvested under state sport hunting regulations that ended June 30th. After the opening of the Whittier Tunnel, due to conservation concerns, the state shortened the unit 6 black bear season to end on June 10th which coincided the baiting season to end on that date as well. This consequently made it less likely for our resident hunters to get their bear on years with heavy snowfall and a late spring. Increased hunting pressure did occur with an influx of many hunters from the road system consequently putting more effort and hunting pressure primarily into NW PWS. The shortened state season consequently made less bears harvestable for the PWS residents in 6D due to decreased baiting opportunity. Baiting increases the likelihood of harvesting a bear. On years when winter snow is deep and spring melt comes late, the bears remain longer in their winter dens and have been proven to be unavailable before the baiting season closes. We would like to have the federal black bear baiting season last until June 30th. This will enable the extremely limited number of resident subsistence black bear hunters in Prince William Sound to be more likely to harvest their bear. On normal years, the bears, both sport and subsistence harvested, are commonly taken earlier in May after they emerge from their dens at normal timing.

We would simply like to see the spring season for hunting and baiting of federal subsistence black bears in unit 6 be extended by two weeks to coincide with the last day of the federal subsistence black bear hunting season. There were multiple black bear hunters last spring (May and June 2012) that were unable to harvest their bear. Few bears had emerged before the baiting season closed. Extending the federal subsistence baiting season to June 30th would likely ensure residents the capability to succeed in obtaining their bear meat and would have no significant impact on the bear population.

This baiting season extension request is supported by Federal regulations from 1991-92 which states that Chenega residents were the only ones with Customary & Traditional Use designation for black bear in unit 6D and there was no baiting prohibition at that time.

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations? This proposal would not significantly change the number of bears harvested. It would only allow black bear to be baited for a period of 2 more weeks, which still remains during the current federal black bear subsistence hunting season that ends June 30th. The potential mortality could be considered compensatory and not additive.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses? Personal supplies of black bear meat would more likely be harvested in years when bears emerge late from their dens, otherwise the subsistence users will likely harvest their meat earlier under state regulations.

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6. How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial? Little to none, most black bears on normal years are harvested under state sport regulations in May and early June. Few, if any, bears are harvested under federal subsistence regulations when this occurs.

Answer questions 7–9 only if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.

7 Which communities have used this resource?

8 Where has this resource been harvested? Indicate specific areas if possible.

9 In what months has this resource been harvested?

— Please attach any additional information that would support your proposal. —

WP14-10

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

Harvest season

Method and means of harvest

Harvest limit

X Customary and traditional use determination

1. What regulation do you wish to change? UNIT 7 Customary and Traditional Use Determination -Federal Subsistence Moose on Federal public lands: Unit 7 remainder- rural residents of Cooper Landing and Hope

2. How should the new regulation read? UNIT 7 Customary and Traditional Use Determination -Federal Subsistence Moose on Federal public lands: Unit 7 remainder- rural residents of Cooper Landing, Hope, Chenega Bay, and Tatitlek.

3. Why should this regulation change be made? In the past the villages of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek historically had hunted moose in Kings Bay drainages. A proposal was made at the last cycle to allow harvest of one cow moose per village. Consequently the board opted to create a “no federal open season” for that subsistence resource, while adding “rural residents of Cooper Landing and Hope to the list of communities included under Customary and Traditional Use Determination.

With no open federal season in the Kings Bay drainages and with new addition of those 2 communities to the list of customary and traditional users. It is only fair that the rural residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek be added to the list of communities (Cooper Landing and Hope) that are designated for the remainder of Unit 7.

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations? This proposal would not significantly change the number of moose harvested. It would only allow subsistence moose to be harvested by rural residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek, who are extremely limited in number. The potential mortality to the moose population could be considered compensatory and not additive.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses? Personal supplies of moose meat would more likely be harvested in years when rural residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek expand their focus to Unit 7 for subsistence moose hunting.

6. How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial? Little to none. Most of the moose the rural residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek utilize are harvested under state sport hunting in other zones or on the Copper River drainage out of Cordova both federally and by state regulations.

Answer questions 7–9 only if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.

7. Which communities have used this resource? Historically the residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek, and others in Prince William Sound were nomadic. At times when the resources became scarce the people ranged farther to obtain the resources they hunted for. They were known to move far onto the Kenai peninsula and Copper river drainages to obtain resources for hunting and trade.

8. Where has this resource been harvested? Kenai Peninsula, Turnagain Arm, North Coast of Gulf of Alaska.

9. In what months has this resource been harvested? Whenever necessary and whenever possible.

WP14-11

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Harvest season | Method and means of harvest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Harvest limit | Customary and traditional use determination |

1. What regulation do you wish to change? UNIT 7 Open Season Subsistence Moose on Federal public lands: Unit 7 , that portion draining into Kings Bay- Federal Public Lands are closed to the harvest of moose.” This is for C&T designation for Chenega Bay and Tatitlek, as well as the newly designated Cooper Landing and Hope communities. For a current status of “No Federal Open Season”.

2. How should the new regulation read? UNIT 7 Open Season Subsistence Moose on Federal public lands: Unit 7 , that portion draining into Kings Bay- Federal Public Lands are open to harvest of moose as one bull per every 4 regulatory years per each community.” This is was a long standing C&T designation for Chenega Bay and Tatitlek, and now listed as well for the newly designated Cooper Landing and Hope communities under current status of “No Federal Open Season” that needs to be reopened for a limited harvest opportunity for the Communities to enable each community to harvest one bull per every 4 regulatory years.

3. Why should this regulation change be made? In the past the villages of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek historically had hunted moose in Kings Bay drainages. A proposal was made at the last cycle to allow harvest of one cow moose per village. Consequently the board opted to create a “no federal open season” for that subsistence resource, while adding “rural residents of Cooper Landing and Hope to the list of communities included under Customary and Traditional Use Determination. The villages would like to point out that no recent population surveys have taken place and that historical average harvest of moose from the Kings Bay Drainage for Tatitlek and Chenega Bay has been approximately one bull moose every 10 years (or more). The villages do not want to see the occasional opportunity for hunting closed to federal moose season that their ancestors commonly utilized even though current use is rare and opportunistic. Use of the resources has been known to skip common use from generation to generation, however it is still taken advantage of from time to time as a valued resource for the Prince William Sound Communities. Penalizing the past historical C&T users from use of a resource by closing federal season cannot be proven to be pertinent when there has been no recent population survey and it is simply presumed the resource is limited and that it exists at unharvestable population levels. We understand the federal managers have tried to use the state to make surveys that have yet to take place. We understand conservation concerns, and feel previous actions taken under federal regulations to restrict use altogether must be proven to be warranted. We feel allowing one bull moose to be harvested per each community once every 4 regulatory years will allow a sustainable population to exist in perpetuity when using local knowledge for considering historical use of the resource. Moose commonly move freely into the area on an annual basis.

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations? This proposal would not significantly change the number of moose harvested. It is general knowledge that the moose population of the Kings Bay Drainage on the Prince William Sound side is approximately 10 or 12 animals. These moose are known to immigrate from the Seward area of habitat from the west and emigrate as well. A residual group of a limited number of moose is known to overwinter in the drainage and historically the people’s of Prince William Sound harvested moose there after accessing the coastline there by skin boat baidarka kayaks as well as by modern boats. The potential mortality to the moose population could be considered compensatory and not additive when considering habitat limitations and the annual immigration and emigration of moose to and from the area from the source of more suitable moose habitat to the west where they presumably originate from.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses? Personal supplies of moose meat would more likely be harvested in the rare years when rural residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek (and Cooper landing and Hope) expand their focus to hunt moose at the mouth of the Kings river on once every 4 regulatory years.

6. How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial? Little to none. Most of the moose the rural residents of Chenega Bay and Tatitlek utilize are harvested under state sport hunting in other zones or on the Copper River drainage out of Cordova both federally and by state regulations.

Answer questions 7–9 only if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.

7. Which communities have used this resource?

8. Where has this resource been harvested?

9. In what months has this resource been harvested?

— Please attach any additional information that would support your proposal. —

WP14-12

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

- Harvest season** **Method and means of harvest**
 Harvest limit **Customary and traditional use determination**

1. What regulation do you wish to change? Up to five permits will be issued by the Cordova District Ranger to the Native Village of Chenega annually to harvest up to 5 deer total from Federal public lands in Unit 6D for their annual Old Chenega Memorial. Permits will have effective dates of July 1 – June 30

2. How should the new regulation read? Up to five permits will be issued by the Cordova District Ranger to the Native Village of Chenega annually to harvest up to 5 deer total from Federal public lands in Unit 6D for their annual Old Chenega Memorial **and other traditional memorial potlatch ceremonies**. Permits will have effective dates of July 1 – June 30

3. Why should this regulation change be made? Chenega Bay holds an annual memorial to the old village site to commemorate the people lost and the loss of the old village during the 1964 earthquake. However other potlatches are held throughout the summer, fall, and winter, often on short notice. The village would like the flexibility to use deer taken under these permits at other traditional ceremonies in the village

4. What impact will this change have on wildlife populations? This proposal would not change the number of deer harvested. It would only allow harvested deer to be used in traditional ceremonies other than the Old Chenega Memorial Potlatch

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses? Personal supplies of harvested deer would not need to be used for potlatch ceremonies.

6. How will this change affect other uses, i.e., sport/recreational and commercial? none

Answer questions 7–9 only if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.

7. Which communities have used this resource?

8. Where has this resource been harvested? Indicate specific areas if possible.

9. In what months has this resource been harvested?

— Please attach any additional information that would support your proposal. —

WP14-13

Docket: [FWS-R7-SM-2012-0104](#)

2014–15 and 2015–16 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations

Comment On: [FWS-R7-SM-2012-0104-0001](#)

Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska: 2014-15 and 2015-16
Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations

Document: [FWS-R7-SM-2012-0104-0003](#)

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Government Agency Type: Federal

General Comment

Units 15B and 15C-1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50" antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit only.

Please add to the regulation for subsistence moose hunting in 15-B and 15C to read "Any subsistence harvested bull moose will have the antler cut in half on one side" of which Fish&Wildlife will keep.

Why-This is done on the Koyukuk and other places where people subsist. If a person is truly subsistence hunting, it won't matter if the antler is cut.

What will it save- This will eliminate using a subsistence hunt for trophy hunting, thus preserving breeding bulls. 15B and 15C have many predators-bears and wolves that have severely impacted the moose population. Allowing "trophy subsistence" hunting only further impacts the moose population.

Who will it impact-no one, for the subsistence hunters will still get to take the moose. Most true subsistence hunters will be after young bulls any way.

How will this affect sport recreational hunters-It will help them because the breeding bulls will increase the moose population.

Docket: [FWS-R7-SM-2012-0104](#)

2014–15 and 2015–16 Subsistence Taking of Wildlife Regulations

Comment On: [FWS-R7-SM-2012-0104-0001](#)

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General Comment

Additional clarification to my proposal(Dan Presley)- the "one antler of a subsistence harvested bull in 15B and/or 15C must be cut through the palm, with Fish and Wildlife retaining the cut piece"

Again this would limit the seeking of large bulls for trophy purposes. If some one says we carve- well you still can carve the remainder. Thank you

WP14-14

Proposal to Change Federal Subsistence Hunting and Trapping Regulations

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This proposal suggests a change to: Customary and traditional use determination for goat in Unit 11

1. **What regulation 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.”**

This proposal would modify the list of communities with a positive customary and traditional use determination for goat in Unit 11.

Unit 11 Goat

C&T Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Seasons
Rural residents of Unit 11, Chitina, Chistochina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Mentasta Lake, Slana, Tazlina, Tok Cutoff Road (mileposts 79-110 Mentasta Pass), Nabesna Road (mileposts 25-46) and Tonsina	Unit 11—that portion within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve that is bounded by the Chitina and Nizina rivers on the south, the Kennicott River and Glacier on the southeast, and the Root Glacier on the east—1 goat by Federal registration permit (FG1101) only.	Aug. 25–Dec. 31
	Unit 11—the remainder of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—1 goat by Federal registration permit only (FG1101).	Aug. 10–Dec. 31
	Unit 11, that portion outside of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	No Federal open season

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

Add Kenny Lake to the list of communities with a positive customary and traditional use determination for goat in Unit 11.

Unit 11 Goat

C&T Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Seasons
Rural residents of Unit 11, Chitina, Chistochina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake , Mentasta Lake, Slana, Tazlina, Tok Cutoff Road (mileposts 79-110 Mentasta Pass), Nabesna Road (mileposts 25-46) and Tonsina	Unit 11—that portion within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve that is bounded by the Chitina and Nizina rivers on the south, the Kennicott River and Glacier on the southeast, and the Root Glacier on the east—1 goat by Federal registration permit (FG1101) only.	Aug. 25–Dec. 31
	Unit 11—the remainder of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—1 goat by Federal registration permit only (FG1101).	Aug. 10–Dec. 31
	Unit 11, that portion outside of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve	No Federal open season

3. Why should this regulatory change be made?

Kenny Lake residents have customarily and traditionally harvested goat in Unit 11, however their use of this resource has never been recognized with a positive customary and traditional use determination. This proposal would correct this omission.

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

Not applicable. This question is not relevant to the request to recognize a community’s customary and traditional use of the resource.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal would recognize the customary and traditional subsistence uses of this resource by residents of Kenny Lake.

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

Minimal. Subsistence goat harvests in Unit 11 are consistently low.

Please attach any additional information that would support your proposal.

WP14-15

Proposal to Change Federal Subsistence Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Name _____

Organization Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource CommissionAddress PO Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573Phone (907) 822-7236 (message)Fax (907) 822-3281 (message)

E-mail address _____

This proposal suggests a change to: ANILCA Section 804 analysis

- 1. What regulation 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.”**

This proposal would modify the list of communities eligible to participate in the Unit 12 caribou hunt that takes place east of the Nabesna River and Glacier and south of the Winter Trail.

Unit 12 Caribou

C&T Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Seasons
Rural residents of Unit 12, Chistochina, Dot Lake, Healy Lake, and Mentasta Lake	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 —1 bull by Federal registration permit only. Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by residents of Chisana, Chistochina, Mentasta, Northway, Tetlin, and Tok.	Sept. 1-Sept. 30

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

Add residents of the hunt area and residents of the Unit 12 portion of the Nabesna Road (mileposts 25-46) to the list of communities and areas eligible for this hunt (results of 804 analysis).

Unit 12 Caribou

C&T Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Seasons
Rural residents of Unit 12, Chistochina, Dot Lake, Healy	Unit 12—that portion east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier	Sept. 1-Sept. 30

<p>Lake, and Mentasta Lake</p>	<p>and south of the Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian border —1 bull by Federal registration permit only.</p> <p>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by residents of Chisana, Chistochina, Mentasta, Northway, Tetlin, Tok, <u>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.</u></p>	
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3. Why should this regulatory change be made?

Like residents of Chisana, other residents of the hunt area similarly depend for their subsistence on resources close to where they live. They should be included in the ANILCA Section 804 determination for this hunt.

Prior to the closure of the Chisana caribou herd hunt in 1994, residents of Nabesna harvested caribou in that part of Unit 12 that is east of the Nabesna River/Glacier and south of the Winter Trail. (For clarity, this proposal defines Nabesna as Unit 12 along the Nabesna Road (MP 25-46)). Nabesna is one of the closest communities to the hunt area. Like residents of Chisana, they live in a remote location relatively close to the hunt area and depend for their subsistence on resources close to where they live. They should be included in the 804 determination for this hunt.

In our October 20, 2011, letter to the Federal Subsistence Board regarding the 2012-2014 wildlife proposals, the Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission recommended including Nabesna in the 804 analysis for this hunt (Proposal WP12-66). The Eastern Interior RAC made a similar recommendation. Perhaps these recommendations came too late in the process for a more thorough consideration of Nabesna. Due to its small population (about nine households) and fact that it shares a zip code with the much larger community of Gakona, harvest patterns for Nabesna are sometimes difficult to see in the harvest data. We continue to believe that residents of Nabesna should be eligible to participate in this harvest, based on their proximity to and dependence on this resource, and would like to see them specifically analyzed for inclusion in the 804.

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

No effect. The harvest quota would not change.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal would recognize that residents of the Nabesna Road in Unit 12 along with residents of the hunt area have traditionally harvested this resource, as much or more than the other communities included in the 804 determination for this hunt.

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

No effect. This harvest opportunity is only open to federally qualified subsistence users from those communities most dependent on the resource.

Please attach any additional information that would support your proposal.

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Organization Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Subsistence Resource Commission _____

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This proposal suggests a change to: harvest season and harvest limit

- 1. What regulation 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.”**

New Regulation: This proposal would establish a new winter hunt for moose in the southern portion of Unit 11.

Unit 11 Moose

C&T Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Seasons
Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Rural residents of Units 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 13C, and 13D, Chickaloon, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake	Unit 11—that portion draining into the east bank of the Copper River upstream from and including the Slana River drainage—1 antlered bull by joint State/Federal registration permit.	Aug. 20–Sept. 20
Unit 11 remainder—Rural residents of Units 11, 13A, 13B, 13C and 13D, and Chickaloon	Unit 11 Remainder—1 antlered bull by Federal registration permit (FM1106) only.	Aug. 20–Sept. 20

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

Unit 11 Moose

C&T Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Seasons
Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Rural residents of Units 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 13C, and 13D, Chickaloon, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake	Unit 11—that portion draining into the east bank of the Copper River upstream from and including the Slana River drainage—1 antlered bull by joint State/Federal registration permit.	Aug. 20–Sept. 20

Unit 11 remainder—Rural residents of Units 11, 13A, 13B, 13C and 13D, and Chickaloon	<i>Unit 11 – that portion south and east of a line running along the north bank of the Chitina River, the north and west banks of the Nazina River, and the west bank of West Fork of the Nazina River, continuing along the western edge of the West Fork Glacier to the summit of Regal Mountain</i> —1 antlered bull by Federal registration permit (FM1106) only.	Aug. 20–Sept. 20
	<i>Unit 11 – that portion south and east of a line running along the north bank of the Chitina River, the north and west banks of the Nazina River, and the west bank of West Fork of the Nazina River, continuing along the western edge of the West Fork Glacier to the summit of Regal Mountain – 1 bull by federal registration permit. The annual harvest quota will be announced by Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.</i>	Nov. 20--Dec. 20
	Unit 11 Remainder—1 antlered bull by Federal registration permit (FM1106) only.	Aug. 20–Sept. 20

Note: No change is being proposed to the hunt area, season, or harvest limit for the existing fall season. Because the hunt area for the current FM1106 is described using the term “remainder”, we are trying to clarify that the proposed area for the new winter hunt would be open both during the existing fall season and during the proposed winter season.

3. Why should this regulatory change be made?

The proposed hunt would provide subsistence users with a harvest opportunity on a moose population that is difficult to access during the current fall season. During the fall hunting season, most moose in the proposed hunt area are at high elevations and therefore inaccessible. In addition, subsistence users in remote areas often live off the electrical grid and consequently do not have freezers to store their meat. The proposed winter season addresses both of these issues. During the winter season, the moose move down in elevation and snowmachines can be used to access the valleys where they winter. Thus the winter season would allow for better access to this largely remote hunt area. In addition, with cooler weather later in the year, meat could be stored without the need for a freezer.

In the body of the proposal, we list season dates of Nov. 20 to Dec. 20. River crossings are better later in the season, however, and additional discussion of the dates might be warranted. For example, would a hunt during the month of December provide better access for subsistence users?

The proposed hunt area is a large area with relatively minimal harvest. To ensure that harvest levels are sustainable, the hunt would require a federal registration permit with a harvest quota announced by the National Park Service based on current population data. A month-long season will provide hunters with more flexibility in the event of bad weather (e.g., extreme cold). The proposed harvest limit is one bull, rather than one antlered bull, because by early to mid-December, many bulls have dropped their antlers.

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

Minimal. A limited, bulls-only quota will protect against impacts to the resource.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

The hunt will provide an opportunity for local rural residents to access a resource that is not otherwise accessible.

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

Minimal. The harvest quota will ensure that harvest levels are sustainable. In addition, the vast majority of the hunt area is in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which is only open to hunting by NPS qualified local rural residents hunting under federal subsistence regulations. These communities include Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, McCarthy, Mentasta Lake, Slana, Tazlina and Tonsina. In the area that falls within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve, residents of all the communities with an existing C&T determination would be able to utilize the season.

Please attach any additional information that would support your proposal.

We are also submitting a map that shows the proposed hunt area boundary.

WP14-17

Federal Subsistence Board
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To change regulations during the two-year regulatory cycle, submit a request to change the regulations by providing the following information:

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- E-mail *akskogstad@aol.com*

1. What regulation 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.”)

Existing Regulation for Unit 7

Special Provisions

Resurrection Creek Closed Area, which consists of Resurrection Creek down stream from Rimrock and Highland creeks including Palmer Creek, **is closed** to the taking of moose.

MOOSE

Unit 7, that portion draining into Kings Bay—Rural residents of Chenega Bay, Cooper Landing, Hope and Tatitlek	Unit 7—that portion draining into Kings Bay. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose.</i>	No Federal open season
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Unit 7 remainder—Rural residents of Cooper Landing and Hope	Unit 7 remainder—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM0004) only.	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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2. How should the new regulation read? (Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written.)

The regulation change being requested is to ADD the rural community Cooper Landing to the caribou hunt in Unit 7

Special Provisions

Resurrection Creek Closed Area, which consists of Resurrection Creek down stream from Rimrock and Highland creeks including Palmer Creek, is OPEN to the taking of moose.

MOOSE

Unit 7, that portion draining into Kings Bay—Rural residents of Chenega Bay, Cooper Landing, Hope and Tatitlek	Unit 7—that portion draining into Kings Bay. <i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose.</i>	No Federal open season
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Unit 7 remainder—Rural residents of Cooper Landing and Hope	Unit 7 remainder—1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM0004) only.	Aug. 10–Sept. 20
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3. Why should this regulation change be made?

To be consistant with the Alaska Board of Games regulations.

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

To mirror the Alaska Board of Games regulations this change will have minimal, if any, impact.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This will allow local subsistence users ten earlier days to hunt.

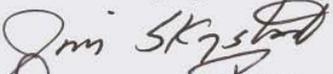
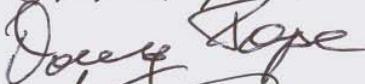
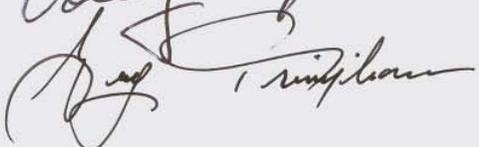
6. How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?

The small number of local subsistence hunters will have minimal impact on other users in this area. The real impact is when it opens August 20 to all Alaska hunters.

Please attach any additional information to support your proposal.

The Community of Hope submitted a proposal, 151, to the Alaska Board of Game in 2013 to change this area back to a closed to the taking of Moose area. The Board voted down this proposal leaving it open to the taking of Moose. We feel it would be consistant for the Federal regulations to be consistant with the state regulations.

The following signatures signify support for this proposal within the rural community of Hope

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 Greg Rimmington Box 3 Hope, AK 99605

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This proposal suggests a change to (check all that apply):

- Harvest season Method and means of harvest
- Harvest limit Customary and traditional use determination

1) What regulation do you wish to change?

Harvest Limit – Moose

Unit 6C – 1 antlerless moose by Federal drawing permit only	Sept. 1 – Oct.31
Unit 6C – 1 bull by Federal drawing permit only.	Sept. 1 – Dec.31
<i>Only one moose permit may be issued per household. A household receiving a State permit for Unit 6C moose permit may not receive a Federal permit. The annual harvest quota will be announced by the U.S. Forest Service, Cordova Office, in consultation with ADF&G. The Federal harvest allocation will be 100% of the antlerless moose permits and 75% of the bull permits</i>	

2) How should the new regulation read?

Unit 6C – 1 antlerless moose by Federal drawing permit only	Sept. 1 – Oct.31; <i>permits for the portion of the antlerless moose quota not harvested Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 may be available for redistribution Nov. 1 – Dec. 31</i>
Unit 6C – 1 bull by Federal drawing permit only.	Sept. 1 – Dec.31
<i>Only one moose permit may be issued per household. A household receiving a State Unit 6C moose permit may not receive a Federal permit. The annual harvest quota will be announced by the U.S. Forest Service, Cordova Office, in consultation with ADF&G. The Federal harvest allocation will be 100% of</i>	

<p><i>the antlerless moose permits and 75% of the bull permits. Federal Public Lands shall be closed to the harvest of moose except by Federally qualified hunters holding a Federal Subsistence permit for Unit 6C moose, November 1 through December 31.</i></p>	
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3) Why should this regulation change be made?

At their Southcentral Region Meeting in Kenai, March 15-19, 2013, the Alaska Board of Game passed the amended Proposal 129 to authorize a State registration hunt for moose in Unit 6C, with a bag limit of 1 moose, November 1 – December 31 at the request of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The amendment to Proposal 129 was unanimously rejected by the Copper River/Prince William Sound State Advisory Committee on February 1, 2013. The State’s proposal was intended to harvest moose allocated to the Federal quota that may not be taken during the Federal subsistence hunt.

The current Federal regulation, generated with great community support, has worked well since it was approved in its current form by the Federal Subsistence Board in 2001. The intention of the current Federal regulation is clear: that all antlerless moose harvest and 75% of the bull moose harvest in Unit 6C will take place by Federally qualified rural residents of Units 6A, 6B, and 6C, specifically, residents of Cordova.

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

This proposal would not change the number of moose available for harvest. The total allowable harvest would still be determined, using sound biological principles, by U.S. Forest Service, Cordova office, in consultation with the ADF&G.

5) How will this change affect subsistence uses?

This proposal would ensure that the intentions of ANILCA and the Federal Subsistence Board would be met by allowing only Federally qualified rural residents to harvest antlerless moose in Unit 6C.

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

Non-rural Alaska residents and non-qualified rural residents of Alaska (those living outside of Units 6A, 6B, and 6C) would be unable to hunt moose on Federal Lands in Unit 6C from November 1 through December 31. There would remain opportunity for these hunters to participate in the State registration hunts for moose in Units 6A and 6B.

Answer questions 7–9 only if you are proposing a change to a customary and traditional use determination.

7) **Which communities have used this resource?**

8) **Where has this resource been harvested?** Indicate specific areas if possible.

9) **In what months has this resource been harvested?**

WP14-19

To change regulations during the two-year regulatory cycle, submit a request to change the regulations by providing the following information:

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1. What regulation 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.”*)

Moose:

Ninilchik rural residents-

Units 15A remainder, 15B, and 15C- 1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only. Aug. 10-Sept. 20

Units 15B and 15C- 1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only. The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager is authorized to close the Oct./Nov. season based on conservation concerns, in consultation with ADF&G and the Chair of the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council. Oct. 20-Nov. 10

2. How should the new regulation read? (*Write the regulation the way you would like to see it written.*)

Moose:

Ninilchik rural residents-

Units 15A remainder, 15B, and 15C- 1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only. Aug. 10-Sept. 20

Units 15B and 15C- 1 antlered bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or with 3 or more brow tines on either antler, by Federal registration permit (FM1505) only. The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager is authorized to close the Oct./Nov. season based on conservation concerns, in consultation with ADF&G and the Chair of the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council. Oct. 20-Nov. 10

Units 15B and 15C- 1 cow by Federal registration permit only. The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Manager is authorized to close the Oct./Nov. season based on conservation concerns, in consultation with ADF&G and the Chair of the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council. Oct. 20-Nov. 10 – Not to exceed 15 cows taken per year.

3. Why should this regulation change be made?

Due to the recent restrictions in the bull moose hunting regulations, many subsistence users have not been able to harvest meat. The lack of moose harvested in the community has an adverse impact on the conditional, social and spiritual well-being of the community. This will also help in providing a meaningful preference for Ninilchik subsistence users.

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

This will not have an adverse impact on wildlife populations. Cows are plentiful in Units 15B and 15C. A registration hunt that can be limited in total take per year, along with the small number of cows requested, will not have an impact on wildlife populations.

5. How will this change affect subsistence uses?

It will provide a meaningful preference for the community of Ninilchik, allowing moose to be harvested and thereby fully benefiting subsistence uses.

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

Please attach any additional information to support your proposal.

It will not affect other uses, due to the limited number of moose taken.