Federal Subsistence Management Program
Addendum to 2016-2018 Wildlife Proposals

Comment period open through May 28, 2015

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Send your written comments on the enclosed proposals to:

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INTRODUCTION

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) invites your comments on the enclosed proposals to change Federal subsistence wildlife hunting and trapping regulations for the 2016–2018 regulatory years (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018). These proposals seek changes to existing Federal subsistence regulations for the taking of wildlife on Federal public lands and waters in Alaska.

You may mail your comments to the Federal Subsistence Board at the address on the previous page of this book, fax them to (907) 786-3898, or E-mail them to subsistence@fws.gov. Please refer to a specific proposal number in your comments. All comments received by **May 28, 2015** will be included in the meeting materials for the appropriate Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils to discuss at their fall meetings and the Board at its spring meeting.

Before making decisions on these proposals, the Board considers technical analyses prepared by its staff, recommendations from the 10 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, and any written public comments and oral testimony it receives on the proposal, along with Tribal and Alaska Native Corporations' comments received during government to government consultations. The Board may consider and act on alternatives that address the intent of a proposal while differing in approach. Once the Board makes its decisions, it will publish the changes as final regulations for the 2016–2018 regulatory years, effective July 1, 2016, and distribute the regulation book throughout Alaska.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Office of Subsistence Management at 800-478-1456 or 907- 786-3888, visit our website at www.doi.gov/index.cfm or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

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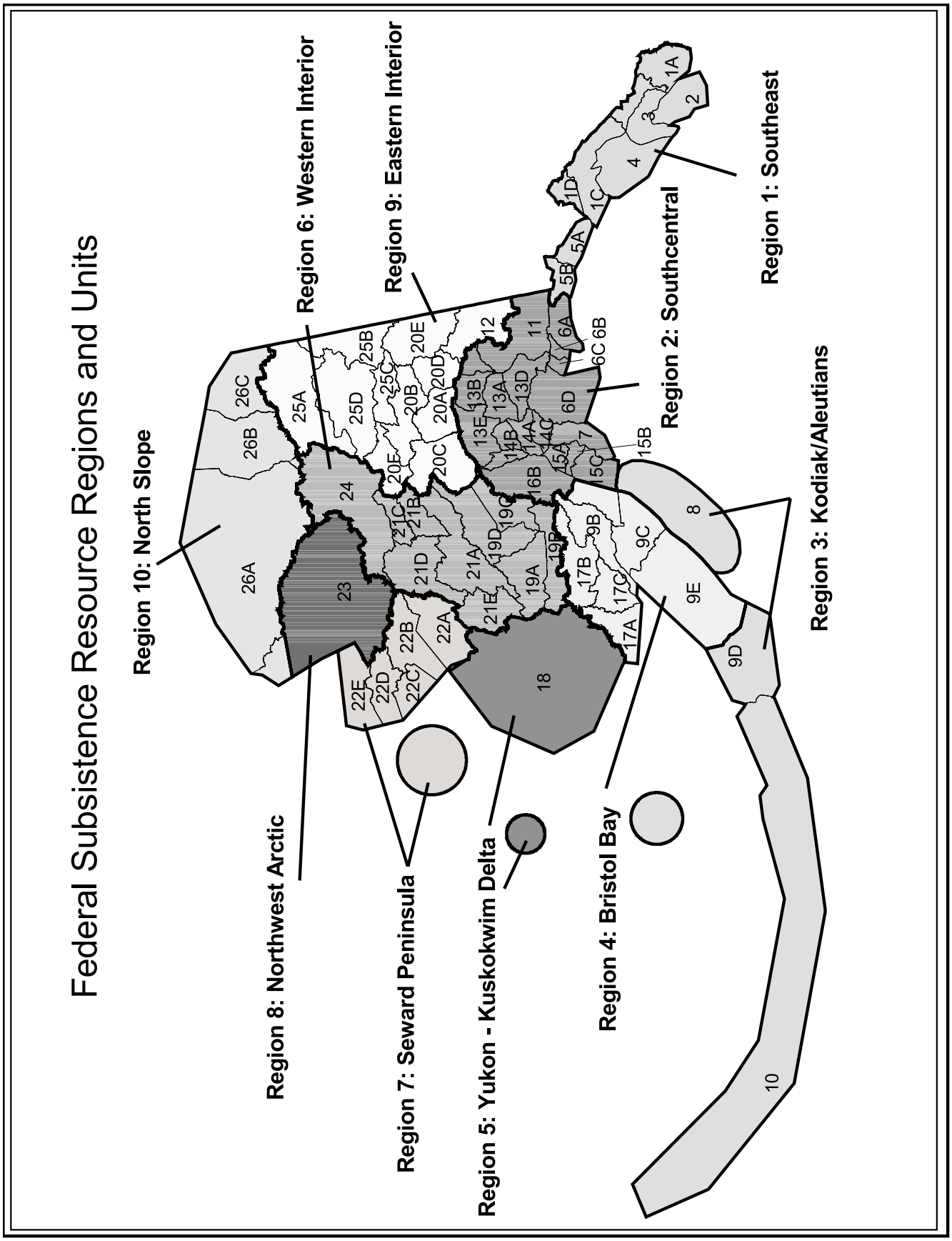
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Federal Subsistence Board

The Federal Subsistence Board oversees the Federal Subsistence Management Program. Board members include the Alaska directors of five Federal agencies: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S. Forest Service. The Chair is a representative of the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. Two additional public members are appointed by the Secretaries to represent rural subsistence users.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Council(s)), State of Alaska representatives, and the general public play an active role in the regulatory process. You can find information about the Federal Subsistence Board on the Program website at: www.doi.gov/index.cfm or by contacting the Office of Subsistence Management at 800-478-1456 or 907-786-3888.

Regional Advisory Councils

The Federal Subsistence Management Program divides Alaska into 10 subsistence resource regions, each represented by a Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. These 10 Councils provide an opportunity for Alaskans to contribute in a meaningful way to the management of subsistence resources. Subsistence users have the opportunity to comment and offer input on subsistence issues at Council meetings. Councils meet a least twice a year. The Councils develop proposals to change Federal subsistence regulations and review and make recommendations on proposals submitted by others.

Council membership

The Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture appoint Council members. Members must reside in the area they wish to represent and have knowledge of subsistence uses and needs. Each year the Office of Subsistence Management accepts applications and nominations for membership during August–January. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact Carl Johnson or the council coordinator for your region.

Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Coordinators

Council coordinators facilitate communication between the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board. Each coordinator is responsible for one or two regions and serves as a contact for the Councils, Federal agency staff, and the public. Contact a coordinator for more information on the activities of each Council.

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Proposal Number	Affected Region(s)	Species	General Description	Page
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The proposals are published as submitted by the proponents and vary in color, format, size, and type.

WP16-01

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March 18, 2015

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RE: Unit 2 Deer Harvest Limit Proposal

Dear Mr. Matuskowitz,

The Craig Tribal Association (CTA) is submitting a proposal with support documentation to the Federal Subsistence Board for consideration on the Unit 2 deer harvest limit.

Current Unit 2 Harvest Limits:
5 deer, no more than one may be female deer. Female deer may be taken only during the period Oct.15- Dec 31. The harvest limit may be reduced to 4 deer based on conservation concerns.

Federal Public Lands on Prince of Wales Island, excluding the Southeast portion (land south of West Arm of Cholmondeley Sound draining into Cholmondeley Sound or draining eastward into Clarence Strait) are closed to hunting of deer from August 1-August 15, except by Federal qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

Proposed Unit 2 Harvest Limits:
5 deer, no more than one may be female deer. Female Deer may be taken only during the period Oct.15- Dec.31. The harvest limit may be reduced to 4 deer based on conservation concerns.

Federal Public Lands on Prince of Wales Island, excluding the Southeast portion (land south of West Arm of Cholmondeley Sound drainage into Cholmondeley Sound or drainage eastward into Clarence Strait) are closed to hunting of deer from August 1-August 15, except by Federal qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

Federal Public Lands on Prince of Wales Island will be limited to 2 deer except by Federal qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations. Extend Deer Season to January 31 for Federal qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

Statement of Necessary:
Title VIII of ANILCA and the ability of the Rural Federal Subsistence Users of Prince of Wales Island ability to get their needs fulfilled hunting under these regulations. This would also assist in the conservation concerns that the Rural Federal Subsistence Users of Prince of Wales Island have and sustain this resource.

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WP16-67

From: Upper Tanana–Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Council, Tok, Alaska

1: What Regulation do you wish to change?

Unit 12 and 20E	*Beaver (Trapping)*	*Season: Sept.20 - May 15.* *25 Beaver per season. Only firearms may be used during Sept. 20 –Oct. 31 and Apr.16 – May 15, to take up to 6 beaver. Only traps or snares may be used Nov.1 – Apr.15. The total annual harvest limit for beaver is 25, of which no more than 6 may be taken by firearm under trapping or hunting regulations. Meat from beaver harvested by firearm must be salvaged for human consumption.*

2: How would the new regulation read?

Unit 12 and 20E	*Beaver (Trapping)*	~~*Season: Sept.20 - May 15.*~~ ~~*25 Beaver per season. Only firearms may be used during Sept. 20 - Oct. 31 and Apr.16 - May 15, to take up to 6 beaver. Only traps or snares may be used Nov.1 - Apr.15. The total annual harvest limit for beaver is 25, of which no more than 6 may be taken by firearm under trapping or hunting regulations. Meat from beaver harvested by firearm must be salvaged for human consumption.*~~ ***Season: Sept.15 – June 10.*** ***No Limit. Hide or Meat must be salvaged.*** ***Traps, Snares or Firearms may be used.***

3: **Why should this regulation change be made?**
To align the Federal Beaver Trapping Regulations in units 12 and 20E with the more liberal State Beaver Regulations.

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

5: **How will this change affect subsistence uses?**
Provide increased subsistence trapping opportunity.

6: **How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?**
None.

WP16-68

From: Upper Tanana–Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Council, Tok, Alaska

1: What Regulation do you wish to change?

Unit 12 and 20E	*Lynx (Trapping)*	*Season: Nov. 1 – Dec 31* *No Limit, However no more than 5 lynx may be taken between Nov. 1 – Nov. 30.*

2: How would the new regulation read?

Unit 12 and 20E	*Lynx (Trapping)*	~~*Season: Nov. 1 – Dec 31*~~ ~~*No Limit, However no more than 5 lynx may be taken between Nov.1 – Nov.30.*~~ ***Season: Nov.1 – Mar.15.*** ***No Limit.***

3: **Why should this regulation change be made?**
To align the Federal Lynx Trapping Regulations in Unit 12 and 20E with the more liberal State Regulations.

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

5: **How will this change affect subsistence uses?**
Provide increased subsistence trapping opportunity.

6: **How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?**
None.

WP16-69

From: Upper Tanana–Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Council, Tok, Alaska

1: What Regulation do you wish to change?

Unit 20E remainder	*Moose*	*Season: Aug. 24–Sept. 25*

2: How would the new regulation read?

Unit 20E remainder	*Moose*	*Season: ~~**Aug. 24–Sept. 25**~~ **Aug. 20–Sept. 30***

3: **Why should this regulation change be made?**
To provide hunting opportunities to federal subsistence hunters that work or are unable to hunt during the limited State Moose Hunting Season.

4: What impact will this change have on wildlife populations?
Likely to result in a very small (0-2 moose/year) increase in moose harvest, which will have no impact on Moose Populations in Unit 20E.

5: **How will this change affect subsistence uses?**
Will provide additional hunting opportunity.

6: **How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial?**
None.

WP16-70

FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD HUNTING FROPOSAL

From: David Bachrach
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This proposal suggests to change: Means and methods of harvest

1. What Regulation do you wish to change?

Allowing for brown bears to be hunted over bait in Game Management Unit (GMU) 25D.

2: How would the new regulation read?

Remove: Under Special Revisions in the 2014-2016 Subsistence Regulations, Page 116 [in Unit 25D you may use bait to hunt brown bear between April 15 and June 30 and between August 1 and September 25.]

3: Why should this regulation change be made?

Conservation Concerns - lack of current and accurate population data.

The Federal Subsistence Board raised the limit from one to two bears as of July 9 2012, and the effects of that increased opportunity are not known.

The data used was from the 1980's and 1990's over 20 - 30 years old and not even for the same area where the regulation was implemented.

This regulation is inconsistent with the NPS and USFWS current and proposed rules prohibiting the taking of brown bears over bait on federal lands.

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

Unknown at this time, since some brown bear home ranges may overlap with state lands, where the taking of brown bears of bait may occur.

5: How will this change affect subsistence uses?

No change, as there is ample opportunity to hunt brown bears on federal lands in this GMU.

6: How will this change affect other uses, such as sport/recreational and commercial? Minimal affect, as this would only eliminate hunting of brown bears over bait on federal lands.

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