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## Federal Subsistence Board eliminates December cow moose season in Unit 22D remainder

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) has approved Emergency Special Action WSA 17-06 with modification to change the harvest limit from one moose to one antlered bull in Unit 22D remainder for the December 1 - 31, 2017 season.

The moose population in Unit 22D has declined since 2011, and the estimated annual harvest from the Unit 22D remainder hunt area exceeds the estimated sustainable harvest level. Approval of this request is consistent with recent conservation measures taken by the State to eliminate antlerless hunts from their regulations, and it provides additional protection for the Unit 22D moose population. While this decision may result in reduced opportunity for Federally qualified subsistence users in the short term, it is intended to ensure long term population viability and subsistence opportunity.

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