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Federal Subsistence Board to hold teleconference on Temporary Wildlife Special Action Requests WSA20-01 (Unit 13 Caribou), WSA20-02 (Unit 12 Caribou/Moose), WSA20-03 (Unit 13 Caribou/Moose), WSA20-04 (Mulchatna Caribou Herd) and Emergency Wildlife Special Action Request WSA20-05 (Unit 18 Moose)

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) will hold a teleconference on July 16, 2020, beginning at 1:00 p.m., to take action on one Emergency and four Temporary Wildlife Special Action Requests.

The public is invited to participate in this teleconference. To participate, dial toll-free (888) 566-1030, passcode is 3344290.

Temporary Special Action Request WSA20-01, submitted by William Amberg of Copper Center, requests a continuous caribou season in Unit 13 from Aug. 1 – Mar. 31 and that the caribou harvest limit in Unit 13 remainder be changed to two caribou for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 seasons.

Temporary Special Action request WSA20-02, submitted by the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission (AITRC), requests the development of an AITRC-administered community harvest system for moose and caribou in Units 11, 12, and 13 for the eight Ahtna tribal communities for the 2020/21 regulatory year. Given the Board's recent action on Wildlife Proposal WP18-19, only the Unit 12 requests were considered in the analysis for this special action request.

Temporary Special Action Request WSA20-03, submitted by Kirk Wilson of Glennallen, requests that the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) close Federal public lands in Unit 13 to the hunting of moose and caribou by non-Federally qualified users for the 2020/2021 season.

Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA20-04, submitted by Togiak National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Yukon Delta NWR, requests that the Federal in-season manager be delegated authority to open and close seasons, announce harvest limits, and set sex restrictions for caribou in all or portions of Units 9A, 9B, 9C, 17A, 17B, 17C, 18, 19A, and 19B for the 2020-2022 regulatory cycle.

Emergency Wildlife Special Request WSA20-05, submitted by the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, requests that the fall moose season in the Kuskokwim hunt area of Unit 18 be extended from Sept. 1 – 30 to Sept. 1 – Oct. 7 for the 2020/21 regulatory year.

Public hearings and Tribal consultations were held for the four temporary wildlife special action requests in May 2020.

The Board is committed to providing access to this meeting for all participants. Please direct requests for accommodation needs to the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or by e-mail at subsistence@fws.gov.

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