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## **Public Hearing announced for Wildlife Special Action Request WSA18-03 regarding moose in Unit 22D remainder**

A public hearing is scheduled for 4:30-6:30 p.m., October 4, 2018, at the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, 214 East Front Street, in Nome, Alaska, to receive testimony on a temporary special action request WSA18-03, submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board).

Temporary Special Action Request WSA18-03, submitted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), requests the closure of the antlerless moose season on Federal lands in Unit 22D remainder to take effect December 1, 2018, through the end of the regulatory year.

BLM is concerned about allowing the harvest of cow moose in Unit 22D remainder in relation to the overall population trend since 2011. Moose population surveys completed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in March 2014 show estimated moose numbers declined by 14% annually between 2011 and 2014. ADF&G closed antlerless moose harvest beginning in 2015 over concerns about the population and potential negative impacts of a cow harvest.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this hearing in person or by calling the telephone number provided below. When prompted, enter the passcode. Comments will be forwarded to the Board for consideration on this temporary special action request.

Public Hearing information is as follows:

### **Nome**

4:30-6:30 p.m., October 4, 2018  
Bering Land Bridge National Preserve  
214 East Front Street  
Nome, Alaska  
Teleconference: Toll Free: (888) 455-5897  
Passcode: 3344290

The Board is committed to providing access to this public hearing for all participants. Please direct requests for sign language interpreting services or other accommodation needs to the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or by e-mail [subsistence@fws.gov](mailto:subsistence@fws.gov) at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

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