

Proposal to Change
2026-2028 Federal Subsistence Regulations for the
Subsistence Harvest of Wildlife

Division: Wildlife Conservation

Region: 5

GMU(S): 22D

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1: What regulation do you wish to change?

22D Muskox Hunting – Consolidate 22D American (FX2208) and 22D Kuzitrin (FX2206) into a single hunt area and permit for muskox hunting in 22D by federal permit.

2: How would the new regulation read?

22D Remainder (Unit 22D excluding Unit 22D, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek by FX2205) – 1 bull by Federal drawing permit

Season dates of August 1 – March 15.

3: Why should this regulation change be made?

There is no biological reason to manage these two hunt areas separately and collared muskoxen have been documented moving between the two areas. Creating consistency between state and federal regulations would help users better understand and adhere to regulations (the state is planning to submit a proposal to change the 22D Kuzitrin River drainage season to start on Aug 1 during the 2026 R5 cycle).

4: What, if any, impact will this change have on the wildlife population impacted by the proposed regulatory change?

None. The state and federal managers collectively control harvest through permit issuance.

5: How will this change affect federal subsistence uses?

The regulations will be easier to read and understand and will be consistent between state and federal regulations. There would also be one less Wildlife Closure Review (WCR) for the Unit 22 subsistence users to consider.

6: How will this change affect other uses, such as state subsistence/personal use, sport/recreational and commercial uses?

Same as #5 – consistency between state and federal regulations will make them easier to understand.