

Federal Wildlife Proposal

Proponent:

Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council

Issue:

Close moose hunting in Unit 25D remainder to non-federally qualified users

Existing Federal Regulation:

Unit 25– Moose

Unit 25D, remainder—1 antlered moose.

Aug. 25-Oct. 15.

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Proposed Federal Regulation:

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Federal public lands are closed to moose hunting except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

Why Should this regulation be changed?

The moose density in this area is very sparse, and there are conservation concerns for moose. No aerial surveys for moose have been done in Unit 25D remainder since 2015. There are also concerns about the ability of federally qualified subsistence users to meet their needs for moose due to the low numbers and competition with non-federally qualified users. The Council wants to ensure that the moose population can remain at a sustainable level for harvest by federally qualified subsistence users. The closure in neighboring Unit 25D west has been working well for local residents, and the Council feels replicating this in Unit 25D remainder would also help residents of that portion of the unit to be more likely to meet their subsistence needs.