

## **DRAFT STAFF ANALYSIS WP26-01G – SEWARD PENINSULA**

### **Introduction**

Please see the WP26-01 master analysis for the Issues, Discussion, Regulatory History, and Effects sections.

### **Proposed Federal Regulations – Seward Peninsula**

#### **Caribou**

##### **Unit 22—Caribou**

*Units 22A, that portion north of the Golsovia River drainage, 22B remainder, July 1-June 30 that portion of Unit 22D in the Kuzitrin River drainage (excluding the Pilgrim River drainage), and the Agiapuk River drainages, including the tributaries, and Unit 22E, that portion east of and including the Tin Creek drainage—15 caribou, only 1 may be a cow by State registration permit. Calves may not be taken.*

*Unit 22A, remainder—15 caribou, only 1 may be a cow by State registration permit. Calves may not be taken.* *July 1-June 30, season may be announced.*

***The BLM Anchorage Field Office manager after coordination with ADF&G, OSM, and the Chair of the affected Council(s) is authorized within the regulatory parameters set by the Board, to announce season dates.***

*Unit 22B, that portion west of Golovnin Bay and west of a line along the west bank of the Fish and Niukluk Rivers to the mouth of the Libby River and excluding all portions of the Niukluk River drainage upstream from and including the Libby River drainage—15 caribou, only 1 may be a cow by State registration permit. Calves may not be taken.* *Oct. 1-Apr. 30.*

*May 1-Sep. 30, season may be announced.*

***The BLM Anchorage Field Office manager after coordination with ADF&G, OSM, and the Chair of the affected Council(s) is authorized within the regulatory parameters set by the Board, to announce a season between May 1 and Sept. 30.***

*Unit 22D, that portion in the Pilgrim River drainage—15 caribou, only 1 may be a cow by State registration permit. Calves may not be taken.*

*Oct. 1-Apr. 30.*

*May 1-Sep. 30, season may be announced.*

***The BLM Anchorage Field Office manager after coordination with ADF&G, OSM, Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, and the Chair of the affected Council(s) is authorized within the regulatory parameters set by the Board, to announce a season between May 1 and Sept. 30.***

*Units 22C, 22D remainder, 22E remainder—15 caribou, only 1 may be a cow by State registration permit. Calves may not be taken.*

*July 1-June 30, season may be announced.*

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## Moose

**Note:** OSM reformatted the Unit 22D, remainder moose regulations for clarity and simplicity. This is a housekeeping, administrative change.

### **Unit 22—Moose**

*Unit 22D, remainder—I bull by State registration permit.*

*Aug. 10-Sep. 14*

*OR*

*1 antlered bull by State registration permit.*

*Dec. 1-Jan. 31, season may be announced.*

*Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of moose except by federally qualified subsistence users.*

***The BLM Anchorage Field Office manager after coordination with ADF&G, OSM, and the Chair of the affected Council(s) is authorized within the regulatory parameters set by the Board, to set harvest quotas, close the fall season if the quota is met, and open a season between Dec. 1 and Jan. 31.***

## Muskox

### **Unit 22—Muskox**

*Unit 22B—1 bull by Federal drawing permit or State permit.*

*Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

*Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.*

***The BLM Anchorage Field Office manager after coordination with ADF&G, OSM, the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, and the Chair of the affected Council(s) is authorized within the regulatory parameters set by the Board, to close the season, determine annual harvest quotas, the number of permits to be issued, and the method of permit allocation between State and Federal permits.***

*Unit 22D, that portion west of the Tisuk River drainage and Canyon Creek—1 bull by Federal drawing permit or State permit.*

*Sep. 1-Mar. 15*

*Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of muskox except by residents of Nome and Teller hunting under these regulations.*

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*Unit 22D, that portion within the Kuzitrin River drainages—1 bull by Federal drawing permit or State permit.*

*Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

*Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except for residents of Council, Golovin, White Mountain, Nome, Teller, and Brevig Mission hunting under these regulations.*

***The Bering Land Bridge National Preserve superintendent after coordination with ADF&G, OSM, the BLM Anchorage Field Office, and the Chair of the affected Council(s) is authorized within the regulatory parameters set by the Board, to close the season, determine annual harvest quotas, the number of permits to be issued, and the method of permit allocation between State and Federal permits.***

*Unit 22D, remainder—I bull by Federal drawing permit or State permit.*

*Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

*Federal public lands are closed to the taking of muskox except by residents of Elim, White Mountain, Nome, Teller, and Brevig Mission hunting under these regulations.*

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*Unit 22E—I bull by Federal drawing permit or State permit.*

*Aug. 1-Mar. 15*

*Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of muskox except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.*

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## **OSM PRELIMINARY CONCLUSION**

**Support** Proposal WP26-01g.

### **Justification**

See the WP26-01 master analysis.