

## Federal Subsistence Board News Release



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## Federal Subsistence Board Acts on Emergency Wildlife Special Action Request WSA25-04 Regarding Moose in Unit 13C

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) voted to reject Emergency Wildlife Special Action Request WSA25-04.

WSA25-04, submitted by a member of the public, requested closure to federal public lands in Unit 13C to moose hunting by non-federally qualified users for the 2025/26 regulatory year. The submitted request can be viewed at <a href="https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/pending-special-actions">www.doi.gov/subsistence/pending-special-actions</a>.

The Board stated there are no imminent conservation concerns for moose in Unit 13C or threats to the continuation of their subsistence uses that would necessitate a closure for this season. The Board recognized the small amount of federal public lands in Unit 13C may be important for rural residents but felt that more evidence was needed to justify the requested restriction. The Board also noted that multiple wildlife proposals regarding moose in Unit 13 are currently undergoing the full regulatory process and may address the proponent's concerns as well as allow for input by all user groups.

Reasonable Accommodations: The Board is committed to providing access to these meetings for all participants. Please make requests in advance for in-person sign language interpreter service, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. Direct requests to Robbin La Vine, (907) 786-3888, robbin\_lavine@ios.doi.gov at least seven business days prior to the meeting you would like to attend to give the Office of Subsistence Management sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

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