

## DRAFT STAFF ANALYSIS WP26-01C – KODIAK/ALEUTIANS

### Introduction

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

### Proposed Federal Regulations – Kodiak/Aleutians

#### Caribou

**Note:** The DAL for caribou in Unit 9D included the authority for “any needed closures.” OSM did not transfer this authority into regulation as it is very vague, and the exact intention is uncertain (i.e. closure of Federal lands or seasons; closure to all users or nonsubsistence users).

#### **Unit 9D—Caribou**

*Unit 9D—1-4 caribou by Federal registration permit only* *Aug. 1-Sep. 30*

*The Izembek NWR 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, and harvest limits, including sex restrictions.* *Nov. 15-Mar. 31.*

#### **Unit 10—Caribou**

*Unit 10, Unimak Island only—1 bull by Federal registration permit* *Aug. 1-Sep. 30.*

*The Izembek NWR 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 the harvest quota, close the season, and open/close Federal public lands to non-federally qualified users annually based on the current population status of the Unimak caribou herd.*

#### Moose

**Note:** Unit 9D moose has authority already listed in unit-specific regulations as well as in an associated DAL. Since the harvest quota and management action (closing the season when the quota is met) are specified in regulation, OSM did not see a reason to require coordination of this delegated management authority with other entities (i.e. ADF&G, OSM, Council Chairs). The authority in the

DAL is to close the season, which leaves Federal lands open under State regulations. The authority in unit-specific regulations is to close Federal lands, which also closes hunting under State regulations. OSM is not proposing any changes to this regulation but supports rescinding the associated DAL as having both **is** unnecessary and confusing.

#### **Unit 9D—Moose**

*Unit 9D—1 bull by Federal registration permit.*

*Dec. 15-Jan. 20*

*Federal public lands will be closed by announcement of the Izembek Refuge Manager to the harvest of moose when a total of 10 bulls have been harvested between State and Federal hunts.*

#### **OSM PRELIMINARY CONCLUSION**

**Support** Proposal WP26-01c.

#### **Justification**

See the WP26-01 master analysis.