

August 26, 2026

Anthony Christianson, Chair
Federal Subsistence Board
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Subsistence Management
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Dear Chairman Christianson,

The Federal Subsistence Board adopted Wildlife Proposal WP26-75 at its April 2026 meeting, establishing a targeted closure on Federal public lands along portions of the river corridors in Unit 25D remainder to ensure the continuation of subsistence uses for moose in that area. Due to delays in the Federal subsistence regulations being finalized and published, the Tanana Chiefs Conference is submitting this Wildlife Special Action as an interim measure to implement WP26-75 in Unit 25D remainder ahead of the moose season opening on August 25, 2026.

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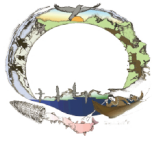
Action request: Implement Wildlife Proposal WP26-75 as an interim closure on Federal public lands along the affected river corridors in Unit 25D remainder, effective no later than August 25, 2026.

Current regulations: Currently Federal Regulations are open from 8/25-10/15 and again from 12/1-20. The hunt is limited to 1 antlered moose but is open to all users. State regulations are open for Residents from 9/10-20 and again from 2/18-28 for 1 bull. Nonresidents can hunt during the September period and are limited to 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or more brown tines on at least one side.

Proposed regulations: Implement what the Federal Subsistence Board adopted in WP26-75: a closure on Federal public lands along the specified river corridor portions of Unit 25D remainder. The new regulations will close Federal public lands within a 10-mile corridor (5 miles either side) along the Yukon River and 5-mile corridors (2.5 miles either side) along Birch Creek (including Upper and Lower Mouths), the Sheenjek River to river mile 60, the Porcupine River, Black River, and Chandalar River are closed to moose hunting from Sep. 10-20, except by federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.

Unusual conditions: This request seeks interim implementation of a regulatory change the Board has already adopted; it is not based on a new or unanticipated change in resource abundance.

Adverse effects: Failure to adopt this Wildlife Special Action request would create uncertainty as to what regulations should be adhered to. The final rule could also take effect in the middle of the hunting season. This would create confusion and enforcement difficulty for hunters already



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in the field and would undermine the continuation of subsistence uses that WP26-75 was adopted to protect.

Request purpose: To ensure continuation of subsistence uses of moose in Unit 25D remainder, consistent with the Board's determination in adopting WP26-75.

Regulatory change timing: The goal is a seamless transition so that the WP26-75 regulatory change is in effect for the full 2026 Unit 25D remainder moose season beginning August 25, 2026, rather than taking effect mid-season upon publication of the final rule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Sharon Hildebrand
Chief/Chairman