

WP26–01 Executive Summary	
General Description	Wildlife Proposal WP26-01 requests to move authority to manage Federal hunts currently delegated to Federal in-season managers through Delegation of Authority Letters (DALs) into unit-specific regulations for many hunts across Alaska and rescind the associated Delegation of Authority Letters. <i>Submitted by the Office of Subsistence Management</i>
Proposed Regulation	Please see subparts WP26-01a–WP26-01j
OSM Conclusion	Support Proposal WP26-01 with modification to replace the term “coordination with” with “seeking input and considering feedback from”. OSM also recommends modifications to WP26-01a – Southeast and WP26-01b – Southcentral. See the WP26-01a and WP26-01b analyses for the specific, regional modifications.
Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01a: Support as modified by OSM
Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support WP26-01b: Support as modified by the Southcentral Council to rescind the Unti 6 deer DAL and add AITRC to the list of entities required for consultation for Unit 11 moose
Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01c: Support
Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01d: Support

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Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01e: Support
Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01f: Support
Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01g: Support
Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01h: Support
Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01i: Support as modified by the Eastern Interior Council to add Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission and Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) Tribal Resources Stewardship Department to list of entities to coordinate with for Unit 12 caribou; add Eastern Interior Council members who serve on the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition and TCC Tribal Resources Stewardship Department to list of entities to coordinate with and add authority to set harvest quota and define harvest area for Units 20 & 25 caribou
North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Recommendation	WP26-01: Support as modified by OSM WP26-01j: Support

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Interagency Staff Committee Comments	Please see full comment at the end of this master analysis.
ADF&G Comments	Oppose
Written Public Comments	One support See Written Public Comments on Wildlife Proposals and Closure Reviews section of the meeting book or www.doi.gov/subsistence/wildlife/public_comments for full comments.

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.