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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Kristy Tibbles, Department of Fish and Game

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
465.4081

DATE: July 11, 2024

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Board of Game

Board of Game regulations re: Eastern Arctic Region March 2024 Meeting (5 AAC
84, 85, 92, 99)

Attorney General File:	2024101741
Regulation Filed:	7/11/2024
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Print:	251, October 2024

cc with enclosures: Colleen Bailey, Department of Law
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THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

July 10, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom
Lieutenant Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110015
Juneau, AK 99811-0015

Re: 5 AAC 84, 85, 92, 99: *Board of Game - Eastern Arctic Region March 2024 Meeting*
Our file: 2024101741

Dear Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom:

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Board of Game against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This letter constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Board of Game after the close of the public comment period.

The regulations concern the harvest of game in the Eastern Arctic Region.

The Board of Game would like these regulations in effect as close as possible to July 1, when many harvest seasons start for the agency regulatory year. Accordingly, we respectfully request that these regulations be filed as soon as possible.

The December 10, 2023 public notice and the June 4, 2024 certification of adoption order both state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.060 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.060. The corrections are incorporated into the attached copy of the regulations.

Sincerely,

TREG TAYLOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME


The attached 97 pages of regulations, dealing with the use and taking of game, are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Board of Game adopted at its March 15-22, 2024 meeting, under the authority of AS 16.05.255 and 16.05.258 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Board of Game paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

Date: 6/4/2024

DocuSigned by:

Benjamin Mulligan, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

FILING CERTIFICATION

April Simpson for

I, Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on July 11, 2024 at 2:45 p.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


for Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor

Effective: August 10, 2024.

Register: 25, October 2024.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, NANCY DAHLSTROM, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on May 15th, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nancy Dahlstrom", is written over a horizontal dotted line.

**NANCY DAHLSTROM
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Note to Publisher: When a subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, etc. is indicated by the appropriate number or letter and no text follows that symbol, then the omitted text is the same as that set out in the previous register containing the section. Amended text to be added is bolded and underlined. Amended text to be deleted is capitalized and enclosed in brackets.

**Title 5. Fish and Game.
Part 3. Game.
Chapter 84. Trapping.
Article 07. Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits.**

5 AAC 84.270(8) is amended to read:

Species and Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
(8) Muskrat		
...		
<u>Units 19, 20 (except 20(E)), 21, 24 - 25, 26(B), and 26(C)</u>	<u>Sept. 15 - June 10</u>	<u>No limit.</u>
<u>Unit 22</u> [UNITS 19, 20 (EXCEPT 20(E)), 21, 22, 24 - 25, 26(B), AND 26(C)]	Nov. 1 - June 10	No limit.

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 84.270(8) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 84.270(13) is amended to read:

Species and Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
(13) Wolf		
...		
Units 19(D), 21(A), <u>24, and 25</u> [AND 25(D)]	Oct. 1 - Apr. 30	No limit.
Remainder of Unit 19 [,] and Units 20 (except 20(D) and 20(E)), 21(B), 21(C), 21(D), 21(E), <u>22, 23</u> [22-24, 25(A), 25(B), 25(C)], and 26 (((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 84.270(13) is unchanged.)))	Nov. 1 - April 30	No limit.

5 AAC 84.270(14) is amended to read:

Species and Units	Open Season	Bag Limit
(14) Wolverine		
...		
Units 20(A), 20(B), [20(C) EAST OF THE TOKLAT RIVER,] 20(D), 20(F), and 25(C)	Nov. 1 - Last day of Feb.	No limit.
...		
Units 19, [REMAINDER OF]	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31	No limit.

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20(C), 21, 24, and 25 (except 25(C))

((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 84.270(14) is unchanged.))

(In effect before 1980; am 7/4/80, Register 75; am 9/30/81, Register 79; am 7/17/82, Register 83; am 6/30/83, Register 86; am 6/30/84, Register 90; am 6/23/85, Register 94; am 8/29/85, Register 95; am 4/24/88, Register 106; am 7/14/88, Register 107; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 10/1/93, Register 127; am 7/9/95, Register 135; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 7/1/97, Register 142; am 7/27/97, Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/17/99, Register 151; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 12/28/2001, Register 160; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; add'l am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; add'l am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; add'l am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; 1st add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; em am 5/27/2010 - 9/23/2010, Register 194; am 5/14/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 1st add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; add'l am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 1st add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 7/1/2015, Register 214; 1st add'l am 7/1/2015, Register 214; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am

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6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/1/2023, Register 246; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 7/7/2024, Register 251; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270

**Chapter 85. Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits.
Article 2. Seasons and Bag Limits.**

5 AAC 85.015(a)(3) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(3)		
...		
Units 9, 11, 12, Remainder of Unit 13, Units 18, [19(B), 19(C),] 20 - 24, 25(A), and 26		
3 bears	No closed season.	No closed season.
...		
Units 13D, 16, <u>19</u> [19(A),		

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19(D),19(E)], 25(B), and

25(C)

5 bears

No closed season.

No closed season.

((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.015(a)(3) is unchanged.))

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 8/25/94, Register 131; am 8/4/95, Register 135; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 8/23/2002, Register 163; am 5/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 8/14/2007, Register 183; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 11/25/2011, Register 200; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; add'l am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 9 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.330

AS 16.05.255

5 AAC 85.020(a)(11) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(11)		

Unit 12

2 bears [1 BEAR] every	Aug. 10 - June 30	Aug. 10 - June 30
regulatory year	(General hunt only)	

5 AAC 85.020(a)(17) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(17)

Units [UNIT] 19(A) [,] **and 19(B),**

those portions [THAT PORTION]

downstream of and including the

Aniak River drainage

2 bears every regulatory	<u>July 1 - June 30</u>	No open season.
year by registration permit	[AUG. 10 - JUNE 30]	
<u>only</u>	(Subsistence hunt only)	

2 bears every regulatory	<u>July 1 - June 30</u>	Aug. 10 - June 30
year	[AUG. 10 - JUNE 30]	

[UNIT 19(B) THAT PORTION

DOWNSTREAM OF AND

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INCLUDING THE ANIAK
RIVER DRAINAGE]

[1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR BY REGISTRATION PERMIT]	[AUG. 10 - JUNE 30] [(SUBSISTENCE HUNT ONLY)]	[NO OPEN SEASON.]
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[1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR]	[SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]	[SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]
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Remainder of Unit 19 [UNIT 19(B)]

<u>2 bears</u> [1 BEAR] every regulatory year	<u>July 1 - June 30</u> [SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]	<u>Aug. 10 - June 30</u> [SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]
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[UNIT 19(C)

1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR]	[SEPT. 1 - MAY 31] [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]	[SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]
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[REMAINDER OF UNIT 19]

[2 BEARS EVERY REGULATORY	[AUG. 10 - JUNE 30]	[AUG. 10 - JUNE 30]
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YEAR]

5 AAC 85.020(a)(18) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(18) Units 20(A) and 20(B) [REMAINDER OF UNIT 20(B)]		
1 bear every regulatory year	<u>Sept. 1 - June 15</u> [SEPT. 1 - MAY 31] (General hunt only)	<u>Sept. 1 - June 15</u> [SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]
[UNIT 20(B), THAT PORTION OF THE DRAINAGE OF THE MIDDLE FORK OF THE CHENA RIVER, AND THAT PORTION OF THE SALCHA RIVER DRAINAGE UPSTREAM FROM AND INCLUDING GOOSE CREEK, AND] Units 20(C) [,] [20(D),] and 20(F)		
1 bear every regulatory year	Aug. 10 - June 30	Aug. 10 - June 30

(General hunt only)

Unit 20(D)

1 bear every regulatory year

Aug. 10 - June 30

Aug. 10 - June 30

by registration permit only

(General hunt only)

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.020(a)(18) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.020(a)(19) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

(19)

Units 21(A) and 21(E)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 bears every regulatory year

July 1 - June 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory year

Aug. 10 - June 30

Units [UNIT 21(A),] 21(B) [,] and

21(C) [, AND 21(E)]

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RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 bears every regulatory year Aug. 10 - June 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory year Aug. 10 - June 30

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.020(a)(19) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.020(a)(22) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(22)

...

Units 24(C) and 24(D)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 bears every regulatory year by **Aug. 10 - June 30**

registration permit only; or **(Subsistence hunt only)**

2 bears every regulatory year **Aug. 10 - June 30**

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory year **Aug. 10 - June 30**

[1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY; OR] [AUG. 10 - JUNE 30 (SUBSISTENCE HUNT ONLY)] [NO OPEN SEASON.]

[1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR] [AUG. 10 - JUNE 30]

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.020(a)(22) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.020(a)(23) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(23)		
...		

Unit 25(C) [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

1 bear every regulatory year	<u>Sept. 1 - June 15</u> [SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]	<u>Sept. 1 - June 15</u> [SEPT. 1 - MAY 31]
	<u>(General hunt only)</u>	

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.020(a)(23) is unchanged.)))

5 AAC 85.020(a)(24) is amended to read:

Resident

Units and Bag Limits	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(24)		
...		
Unit 26(B), that portion within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bear every regulatory year [BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY;] by bow and arrow only; [OR	<u>Aug. 10 - June 15</u> [AUG. 10 - AUG. 24]	
1 BEAR EVERY REGULATORY YEAR BY REGISTRATION PERMIT ONLY]	[AUG. 25 - MAY 31]	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; <u>by bow and arrow only</u> ; up to 20 permits		<u>Aug. 10 - June 15</u> [AUG. 25 - MAY 31]

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may be issued in combination

with the remainder of 26(B)

Remainder of Unit 26(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory

Aug. 10 - June 15

year [BY REGISTRATION

[AUG. 25 - MAY 31]

PERMIT ONLY]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bear every regulatory

Aug. 10 - June 15

year by drawing permit

[AUG. 25 - MAY 31]

only; up to 20 permits

may be issued in combination

with that portion of Unit 26(B)

within the Dalton Highway

Corridor Management Area

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.020(a)(24) is unchanged.)))

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am/readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/1/94, Register 130; am 7/7/94,

Register 131; am 8/25/94, Register 131; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 8/4/95, Register 135; am

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Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.407

AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.330

5 AAC 85.025(a)(19) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
<p>(19)</p> <p>Unit 24(A), that portion south of the south bank of the Kanuti River, and that portion of Unit 25(D) drained by the west fork of the Dall <u>River west</u> [RIVERWESTRiverwest] of 150° W. long.</p>	Aug.10 - Mar. 31	Aug. 10 - Sept. 30
1 caribou		
(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.025(a)(19) is unchanged.)))		

5 AAC 85.025(a)(21) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(21)		
...		
Remainder of Unit 26(B)		

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RESIDENT HUNTERS:

5 caribou [4 BULLS]

July 1 - Apr. 30

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 bulls [1 BULL]

Aug. 1 - Sept. 15

((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.025(a)(21) is unchanged.))

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; em am 12/17/90 - 4/15/91, Register 117; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 2/29/92, Register 121; em am 4/14/92 - 8/11/92, Register 122; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 4/1/93, Register 125; em am 3/15/93 - 7/22/93, Register 126; am/readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 8/25/94, Register 131; em am 10/28/94 - 2/24/95, Register 132; em am 11/8/94 - 3/7/95, Register 132; em am 12/14/94 - 4/12/95, Register 133; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 8/4/95, Register 135; am 10/27/95, Register 136; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 10/30/96, Register 140; em am 11/12/96 - 3/11/97, Register 140; em am 11/22/96 - 3/21/97, Register 140; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 8/20/98, Register 147; am 7/1/99, Register 150; em am 9/24/99 - 1/21/2000, Register 152; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 1/1/2001, Register 156; am 3/17/2001, Register 157; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; em am 3/19/2002 - 3/29/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; em am 7/24/2002 - 8/2/2002, Register 163; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am

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Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.330
AS 16.05.255

5 AAC 85.040(a)(1) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1)		
...		

Remainder of Unit 1(A) and

Remainder of Unit 1(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

2 goats by registration permit
only; the taking of nannies
with kids is prohibited

Aug. 1 - Dec. 31

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 goat by registration permit Aug. 1 - Dec. 31
only; the taking of nannies with
kids is prohibited

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 1B]

[1 GOAT BY REGISTRATION [AUG. 1 - DEC. 31] [AUG. 1 - DEC. 31]
PERMIT ONLY; THE TAKING
OF NANNIES WITH KIDS
IS PROHIBITED]

...

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.040(a)(1) is unchanged.)))

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 8/25/94, Register 131; am 7/9/95, Register 135; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 8/4/95, Register 135; am 7/1/97, Register 142; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; add'l am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; add'l am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; add'l am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 12/1/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 1/1/2010, Register 192; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 1st add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 11/25/2011, Register 200;

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am 7/1/2015, Register 214; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am
7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am
7/1/2023, Register 246; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258

5 AAC 85.045(a)(11)(B) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
...		
1 bull [,] by registration permit only [; OR]	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31 (General hunt only)	
[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY IN UNIT 13(A); UP TO 200 PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED; A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A CALF OR A COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF; OR]	[OCT. 1 - OCT. 31] [MAR. 1 - MAR. 31] [[GENERAL HUNT ONLY]]	
[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY	[OCT. 1 - OCT. 31]	

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY IN [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

UNIT 13(C); UP TO 200 PERMITS

MAY BE ISSUED; A PERSON

MAY NOT TAKE A CALF OR A

COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF;

OR]

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE BY [OCT. 1 - OCT. 31]

DRAWING PERMIT ONLY IN [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

UNIT 13(E); UP TO 200 PERMITS

MAY BE ISSUED; A PERSON

MAY NOT TAKE A CALF OR

A COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF]

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5 AAC 85.045(a)(17) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(17)(A) [BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 19 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

[UNIT 19(A)]

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[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 ANTLERED BULL BY TIER II [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

PERMIT ONLY; UP TO 300 PERMITS

MAY BE ISSUED]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[NO OPEN

SEASON.]

[UNIT 19(B) WITHIN THE NONRESIDENT CLOSED AREA]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS

WITH 4 OR MORE BROW TINES

ON ONE SIDE]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[NO OPEN

SEASON.]

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 19(B)]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]
50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS
WITH 4 OR MORE BROW TINES
ON ONE SIDE]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS [SEPT. 5 - SEPT. 20]
OR ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE
BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE]

[UNIT 19(C), THAT PORTION WEST
OF THE SOUTH FORK OF THE
KUSKOKWIM RIVER, EAST OF
THE WINDY FORK OF THE
KUSKOKWIM RIVER AND
NORTH OF A LINE BETWEEN
62° 24.00' N. LAT., 154° 7.00' W.
LONG AND 62° 30.00' N. LAT.,
153° 32.00' W. LONG.]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]
50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS

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WITH 4 OR MORE BROW TINES
ON ONE SIDE BY REGISTRATION
PERMIT ONLY; OR]

[1 BULL BY REGISTRATION [FEB. 1 - LAST DAY OF FEB.]
PERMIT ONLY]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]
ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW
TINES ON ONE SIDE BY REGISTRA-
TION PERMIT ONLY]

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 19(C)]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]
50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS
WITH 4 OR MORE BROW TINES
ON ONE SIDE; OR]

[1 BULL BY REGISTRATION [FEB. 1 - LAST DAY OF FEB.]
PERMIT ONLY]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

ANTLERS OR ANTLERS WITH 4 OR

MORE BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE]

[UNIT 19(D), THAT PORTION IN THE

UPPER KUSKOKWIM CONTROLLED

USE AREA]

[1 ANTLERED BULL BY

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25]

[NO OPEN

REGISTRATION PERMIT]

SEASON.]

[UNIT 19(D), THAT PORTION BE-

TWEEN AND INCLUDING

CHEENEETNUK AND GAGARYAH

RIVER DRAINAGES, EXCLUDING THAT

PORTION WITHIN 2 MILES OF THE

SWIFT RIVER]

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 ANTLERED BULL; OR]

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

[1 ANTLERED BULL BY [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25]
REGISTRATION PERMIT]

[NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:]

[1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]
ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW
TINES ON ONE SIDE]

[UNIT 19(D), THAT PORTION UP-
STREAM OF THE SELATNA RIVER,
EXCLUDING THE BLACK RIVER]

[1 MOOSE BY REGISTRATION [FEB. 1 - LAST DAY OF FEB.] [NO OPEN
PERMIT ONLY, A PERSON MAY SEASON.]
NOT TAKE A COW ACCOMPANIED
BY A CALF]

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 19(D)]

[1 ANTLERED BULL; OR] [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20] [NO OPEN
SEASON.]

[1 ANTLERED BULL BY [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25] [NO OPEN

REGISTRATION PERMIT]

SEASON.]

[UNIT 19(E), THAT PORTION
WITHIN THE LIME VILLAGE
MANAGEMENT AREA]

[2 BULLS PER REGULATORY

[AUG. 10 - SEPT. 25

[NO OPEN

YEAR; UP TO 28 BULLS

(SUBSISTENCE HUNT

SEASON.]

MAY BE TAKEN BY TIER II

ONLY)]

SUBSISTENCE HUNTING PERMIT

[NOV. 20 - MAR. 31

ONLY; UP TO 14 PERMITS

(SUBSISTENCE HUNT

MAY BE ISSUED]

ONLY)]

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 19(E)]

[1 ANTLERED BULL BY

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 5]

[NO OPEN

REGISTRATION PERMIT

SEASON.]

ONLY; UP TO 75 PERMITS

MAY BE ISSUED]

[(B) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2024, THE HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS
FOR MOOSE IN UNIT 19 ARE AS FOLLOWS:]

before July 1, 2025, the hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 19 are as

follows:

Unit 19(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull by Tier II

Aug. 25 - Sept. 20

permit only; up to 300 permits

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20]

may be issued

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 19(B) within the

Nonresident Closed Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

inch antlers or antlers with 4

or more brow tines on one side

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Remainder of Unit 19(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-
inch antlers or antlers with 4
or more brow tines on one side Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers Sept. 5 - Sept. 20 [33]
or antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side

Unit 19(C), that portion west
of the South Fork of the
Kuskokwim River, east of
the Windy Fork of the
Kuskokwim River, and
north of a line between
62° 24.00' N. lat., 154° 7.00' W.
long. and 62° 30.00' N. lat.,
153° 32.00' W. long.

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1 bull with spike-fork or Sept. 1 - Sept. 20
50-inch antlers or antlers
with 4 or more brow tines
on one side by registration
permit only; or

1 bull by registration permit Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb.
only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 1 - Sept. 20
antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side by drawing
permit only; [,] up to 100 permits
may be issued

Remainder of Unit 19(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or Sept. 1 - Sept. 20
50-inch antlers or antlers with
4 or more brow tines on one
side; or

1 bull by registration
permit only

Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb.

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch
antlers or antlers with 4 or
more brow tines on one side

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

Unit 19(D), that portion in the
Upper Kuskokwim Controlled
Use Area

1 antlered bull by registration
permit

Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

No open season.

Unit 19(D), that portion be-
tween and including
Cheeneetnuk and Gagaryah
River drainages, excluding that
portion within 2 miles of the
Swift River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull; or Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

1 antlered bull by registration Sept. 1 - Sept. 25
permit

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 1 - Sept. 20
antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side

Unit 19(D), that portion up-
stream of the Selatna River,
excluding the Black River

1 moose by registration permit Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb. No open season.
only; [,] a person may not take a
cow accompanied by a calf

Remainder of Unit 19(D)

1 antlered bull; or Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 No open season.

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1 antlered bull by registration permit Sept. 1 - Sept. 25 No open season.

Unit 19(E), that portion within the Lime Village Management Area

2 bulls per regulatory year; up to 28 bulls may be taken by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to 14 permits may be issued Aug. 10 - Sept. 25 (Subsistence hunt only) Nov. 20 - Mar. 31 (Subsistence hunt only)

Remainder of Unit 19(E)

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; up to 75 permits may be issued Sept. 1 - Sept. 10 [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 5] No open season.

(B) after June 30, 2025, the hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 19 are as follows:

Unit 19(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull by Tier II

Aug. 25 - Sept. 20

permit only; up to 300 permits

may be issued

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Unit 19(B) within the

Nonresident Closed Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

inch antlers or antlers with 4

or more brow tines on one side

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Remainder of Unit 19(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-
inch antlers or antlers with 4
or more brow tines on one side

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers
or antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side

Sept. 5 - Sept. 20

Unit 19(C), that portion west
of the South Fork of the
Kuskokwim River, east of
the Windy Fork of the
Kuskokwim River, and
north of a line between
62° 24.00' N. lat., 154° 7.00' W.
long. and 62° 30.00' N. lat.,
153° 32.00' W. long.

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or
50-inch antlers or antlers
with 4 or more brow tines

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

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on one side by registration

permit only; or

1 bull by registration permit

Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb.

only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side by drawing

permit only; up to 100 permits

may be issued

Remainder of Unit 19(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

50-inch antlers or antlers with

4 or more brow tines on one

side; or

1 bull by registration

Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb.

permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

antlers or antlers with 4 or

more brow tines on one side

Unit 19(D), that portion -

between and including

Cheeneetnuk and Gagaryah

River drainages, excluding that

portion within 2 miles of the

Swift River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 antlered bull; or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

1 antlered bull by registration

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

permit only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side

Unit 19(D), that portion
downstream of and including the
Selatna River, excluding that
portion between and including
the Cheeneetnuuk and Gagaryah
River drainages, and including
that portion within 2 miles of the
Swift River

1 antlered bull; or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

No open season.

1 antlered bull by registration
permit only

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

No open season.

Unit 19(D), that portion of the
Black River drainage within 2 miles
of the Kuskokwim River and that
portion of the Selatna River drainage
north of Selatna River within 2 miles
of the Kuskokwim River

1 antlered bull by registration

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

No open season.

permit only; or

1 antlerless moose by drawing

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

No open season.

permit only; up to 20 cows may

(General hunt only)

be taken

Unit 19(D), that portion 2 miles

on either side of the Kuskokwim

River from the Selatna River upstream

to the confluence of the South Fork and

the North Fork of the Kuskokwim

River, and 2 miles on either side of

the South Fork of the Kuskokwim River

from the mouth to Nikolai, and 2 miles

on either side of the Takotna River from

the mouth to the bridge at Takotna,

excluding the Black River drainage and

the Selatna River drainage

1 antlered bull by registration

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

No open season.

permit only; or

1 antlerless moose by drawing

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

No open season.

<u>permit only; up to 20 cows may be taken; or</u>	<u>(General hunt only)</u>	
<u>1 moose by registration permit only; a person may not take a cow accompanied by a calf</u>	<u>Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb.</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
<u>Unit 19(D), that portion of the Black River drainage excluding that portion within 2 miles of the Kuskokwim River, and that portion of the Selatna River drainage north of the Selatna River, and excluding that portion within 2 miles of the Kuskokwim River</u>		
<u>1 antlered bull; or</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Sept. 30</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
<u>1 antlered bull by registration permit only; or</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Sept. 30</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
<u>1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; up to 20 cows may</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Sept. 30</u> <u>(General hunt only)</u>	<u>No open season.</u>

be taken

Unit 19(D), remainder

1 antlered bull; or **Sept. 1 - Sept. 30** **No open season.**

1 antlered bull by registration **Sept. 1 - Sept. 30** **No open season.**

permit only; or

1 antlerless moose by drawing **Sept. 1 - Sept. 30** **No open season.**

permit only; up to 20 cows may **(General hunt only)**

be taken; or

1 moose by registration permit **Feb. 1 - Last day of Feb.** **No open season.**

only; a person may not take a cow

accompanied by a calf

Unit 19(E), that portion

within the Lime Village

Management Area

2 bulls per regulatory **Aug. 10 - Sept. 25** **No open season.**

year; up to 28 bulls **(Subsistence hunt**

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<u>may be taken by Tier II</u>	<u>only)</u>
<u>subsistence hunting permit</u>	<u>Nov. 20 - Mar. 31</u>
<u>only; up to 14 permits</u>	<u>(Subsistence hunt</u>
<u>may be issued</u>	<u>only)</u>

Remainder of Unit 19(E)

<u>1 antlered bull by registration</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Sept. 10</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
<u>permit only; up to 75 permits</u>		
<u>may be issued</u>		

5 AAC 85.045(a)(18) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(18)		
Unit 20(A), the Ferry Trail Management Area, Wood River Controlled Use Area, and the Yanert Controlled Use Area		

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 bull with spike-fork Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

antlers or 50-inch antlers or

antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side **by registration**

permit only; or

...

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch

Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

antlers or antlers with 4 or

more brow tines on one side

by registration permit

only; or

...

Remainder of Unit 20(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork

Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

antlers or 50-inch antlers or

antlers with 3 or more brow

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tines on one side by registration

permit only; or

...

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch

Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

antlers or antlers with 4 or

more brow tines on one side

by registration permit

only; or

...

Unit 20(B), that portion within

Creamer's Refuge

1 bull with spike-fork

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

or greater antlers [,] by registration

(General hunt only)

Nov. 21 - Nov. 27

permit only; by bow and arrow

Nov. 21 - Nov. 27

only; or

(General hunt only)

1 antlerless moose by bow and

Sept. 1 - Nov. 27

Sept. 1 - Nov. 27

arrow only [,] by drawing

(General hunt only)

permit only; up to 150

bow and arrow permits may be issued in the Fairbanks Management Area; a recipient of a drawing permit is prohibited from taking an antlered bull moose in the Fairbanks Management Area; or

1 antlerless moose by muzzle-loader by drawing permit only; up to 10 permits may be issued; a recipient of a drawing permit is prohibited from taking an antlered bull moose in the Fairbanks Management Area

Dec. 1 - Jan. 31
(General hunt only)

No open season.

Unit 20(B), remainder of the Fairbanks Management Area

1 bull with spike-fork or greater antlers y registration permit only; by bow and

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30
(General hunt only)

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30

Nov. 21 - Nov. 27

Nov. 21 - Nov. 27

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arrow only; or

(General hunt only)

...

Unit 20(B), that portion within
the Minto Flats Management
Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull **by registration permit**

Aug. 21 - Aug. 27

only; or

(Subsistence hunt only)

1 bull with spike-fork

Sept. 8 - Sept. 25

antlers or 50-inch antlers or

antlers with 3 or more brow

tines on one side [;] **by registration**

permit only; or

...

Unit 20(B), the drainage of the
Middle Fork of the Chena
River

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

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1 antlerless moose by Aug. 15 - Nov. 15
drawing permit only; up to (General hunt only)
300 permits may be issued; a
person may not take a cow
accompanied by a calf; or

1 antlerless moose by Oct. 1 - Last day of Feb. [NO OPEN
registration permit only; a (General hunt only) SEASON.]
person may not take a cow
accompanied by a calf; or

1 bull by registration permit Sept. 1 - Sept. 25 [SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25]
only; or

1 bull [,] by registration permit Sept. 26 - Sept. 30 [SEPT. 26 - SEPT. 30]
only; by bow and arrow only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 1 - Sept. 25
antlers with 4 or more brow tines
on at least one side by registration
permit only; or

1 bull by registration permit

Sept. 26 - Sept. 30

only; by bow and arrow only

Unit 20(B), that portion of the
Salcha River drainage up-
stream from and including
Goose Creek

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull **by registration permit**

Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25]

only; or

1 bull [,] **by registration permit**

Sept. 26 - Sept. 30

[SEPT. 26 - SEPT. 30]

only; by bow and arrow only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or

Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

antlers with 4 or more brow tines

on at least one side by registration

permit only; or

1 bull by registration permit only;

Sept. 26 - Sept. 30

by bow and arrow only

Unit 20(B), that portion
southeast of the Moose Creek dike
within one-half mile of each
side of the Richardson
Highway

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull **by registration permit**

Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

only; or

...

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or

Sept. 5 - Sept. 15

antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side **by**

registration permit only

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RESIDENT HUNTERS:

...

1 bull by registration permit Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

only; or

...

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 5 - Sept. 15

antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side by

registration permit only

Unit 20(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull [,] by youth hunt only; Aug. 25 - Aug. 31

by registration permit only; or

1 bull by registration permit Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers Sept. 1 - Sept. 25

or antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side by

registration permit only

Unit 20(D), that portion lying south of the north bank of the Tanana River and east of the west bank of the Johnson River, except that portion within the Robertson River drainage south of the confluence of the east and west forks, and within one mile west of the west fork

1 bull by registration permit only

Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

No open season.

Unit 20(D), that portion within the Robertson River drainage south of the confluence of the east and west forks, and within one mile west of the west fork

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull by registration permit Sept. 1 - Sept. 15
only

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers Sept. 5 - Sept. 15
or antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side by
registration permit only

Unit 20(D), that portion lying
west of the west bank of the
Johnson River and south of the
north bank of the Tanana
River, except the Delta Junction
Management Area and the
Bison Range Controlled
Use [YOUTH HUNT
MANAGEMENT] Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with spike-fork or Sept. 1 - Sept. 15
50-inch antlers or (General hunt only)
antlers with 4 or more brow
tines on one side by
registration permit only; or

1 bull by drawing permit only; or Sept. 1 - Sept. 15
(General hunt only)

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE [OCT. 10 - NOV. 25]
BY DRAWING PERMIT [(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]
ONLY; UP TO 1,000 PERMITS
MAY BE ISSUED IN COMBINATION
WITH THAT PORTION IN THE
DELTA JUNCTION MANAGEMENT
AREA; A PERSON MAY NOT TAKE
A CALF OR A COW ACCOMPANIED
BY A CALF; OR]

1 bull per lifetime of a Sept. 16 - Sept. 25
hunter; by youth hunt (General hunt only)
drawing permit only; up to 10

permits may be issued in combination

with those portions in the Delta

Junction Management Area and

the Bison Range Controlled Use

Area; or

1 antlerless moose per lifetime

Sept. 16 - Sept. 25

of a hunter; by youth hunt

(General hunt only)

drawing permit only; up to 100

permits may be issued may be issued

in combination with those portions

in the Delta Junction Management

Area and the Bison Range Controlled

Use Area; a person may not take a

calf or a cow accompanied by a calf;

1 antlerless moose by

Oct. 10 - Nov. 25

registration permit only;

(General hunt only)

a person may not take a calf or

a cow accompanied by a calf

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1 bull with 50-inch antlers

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or antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side by

registration permit only;

Unit 20(D), that portion within

the Bison Range Controlled

Use Area

1 bull per lifetime of a

Sept. 16 - Sept. 25

No open season.

hunter by youth hunt

(General hunt only)

[SEPT. 1 - SEPT.

30]drawing permit only; up to 10

permits may be issued in combination

with those portions in Unit 20(D)

lying west of the west bank of the

Johnson River and south of the

north bank of the Tanana

River and the Delta Junction

Management Area; or

[1 BULL WITH SPIKE-FORK

Sept. 16 - Sept. 25No open season.

OR 50-INCH ANTLERS OR

[Sept. 1 - Sept. 30]

[SEPT. 16 - SEPT. 25]

ANTLERS WITH 4 OR MORE BROW

(General hunt only)

TINES ON ONE SIDE; OR] 1

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antlerless moose, per lifetime

of a hunter [,] by youth hunt

drawing permit only; up to 100 [10]

permits may be issued **in Unit 20(D)**

lying west of the west bank of the

Johnson River and south of the

north bank of the Tanana

River and the Delta Junction

Management Area; a person may

not take a calf or a cow

accompanied by a calf;

Unit 20(D), that portion within

the Delta Junction Management Area

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull per lifetime of a

Sept. 16 - Sept. 25

hunter by youth hunt

(General hunt only)

drawing permit only; up to 10

permits may be issued in

combination with Unit 20(D)

lying west of the west bank of the

Johnson River and south of the

north bank of the Tanana River

and the Bison Range

Controlled Use Area; or

1 antlerless moose per lifetime

Sept. 16 - Sept. 25

of a hunter by youth hunt

(General hunt only)

drawing permit only; up to 100

permits may be issued Unit 20(D)

lying west of the west bank of the

Johnson River and south of the

north bank of the Tanana

River and the Bison Range

Controlled Use Area; a person

may not take a calf or a

cow accompanied by a calf;

1 moose every four regulatory

Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

years by drawing permit **only**;

(General hunt only)

a person may not take a calf or

a cow accompanied by a calf; or

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-

Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

inch antlers or antlers

(General hunt only)

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with 4 or more brow tines on
one side by drawing permit
only; up to 30 permits may be
issued; or

[1 ANTLERLESS MOOSE
BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY;
UP TO 1,000 PERMITS MAY BE
ISSUED IN COMBINATION WITH
THAT PORTION LYING WEST OF THE
WEST BANK OF THE JOHNSON
RIVER AND SOUTH OF THE NORTH
BANK OF THE TANANA RIVER; A
PERSON MAY NOT TAKE A CALF OR A
COW ACCOMPANIED BY A CALF; OR]

[OCT. 10—NOV. 25
(GENERAL HUNT ONLY)]

1 antlerless moose by
registration permit only;
a person may not take a calf or
a cow accompanied by a calf

Oct. 10 - Nov. 25
(General hunt only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 moose every four regulatory

Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

years by drawing permit only; [;]

a person may not take a calf or

a cow accompanied by a calf; or

1 bull with 50-inch

Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

antlers or antlers with 4 or

more brow tines on one side by

drawing permit only; up to 30

permits may be issued

Unit 20(D), that portion

within the Healy River

drainage

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 spike-fork bull by

Aug. 15 - Aug. 28

registration permit only; or [;]

1 bull by registration permit

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

only;

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull **by registration permit**

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

only;

Unit 20(D), that portion
lying north of the north bank
of the Tanana River and
draining into the Volkmar River
east to include the Billy Creek
drainage, excluding that
portion within the Healy River
drainage

1 bull **by registration permit only;**

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 20(D)

1 bull **by registration permit only;**

Sept. 1—Sept. 15

Sept. 1—Sept. 15

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Unit 20(F), that portion
drained by the Yukon River
downstream from, but not in-
cluding, the Hess Creek and

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Tanana River drainages

1 bull [PER REGULATORY YEAR]	Sept. 5 - Sept. 25	No open season.
<u>by registration permit only;</u>	Dec. 1 - Dec. 15	

Unit 20(F), that portion
drained by the Tanana River

1 bull <u>by registration permit</u>	Sept. 5 - Sept. 25	No open season.
<u>only;</u>		

Remainder of Unit 20(F)

<u>1 bull by registration permit</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Sept. 15</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
<u>only;</u>		

5 AAC 85.045(a)(23) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(23) [(22)]

(((Publisher: Current regulations contains two paragraph (22) indicators in this section. Please update the second appearance of paragraph (22) to paragraph (23) for Unit 25 game management units, bag limits, and open seasons for 5 AAC 85.045(a)(23).)))

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Unit 25(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull **by registration permit** Sept. 1 - Sept. 15

only;

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 5 - Sept. 15

antlers with 4 or more brow

tines on one side **by registration permit**

only;

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((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 85.045(a)(23) is unchanged.))

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 12/30/89, Register 112; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 6/16/91, Register 118; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 6/26/92, Register 123; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 7/17/92, Register 123; am/readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 11/10/93, Register 128; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 8/25/94, Register 131; em am 9/23/94 - 1/20/95, Register 131; em am 11/9/94 - 3/8/95, Register 132; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 8/4/95, Register 135; em am 2/14/96 - 6/13/96, Register 137; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 8/1/96, Register 139; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146; em am 8/31/98 - 12/28/98, Register 147; em am 2/17/99 - 6/16/99, Register 149;

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am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 1/1/2001, Register 156; em am 9/28/2000 - 1/25/2001, Register 156; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 10/26/2001, Register 160; em am 9/27/2001 - 10/6/2001, Register 160; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; em am 8/23/2002 - 12/20/2002, Register 163; am 12/5/2002, Register 164; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; add'l am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 11/1/2004, Register 172; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; add'l am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; add'l am 7/1/2007, Register 182; em am 2/22/2008 - 3/2/2008, Register 185; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; em am 7/3/2008 - 10/30/2008, Register 187; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; em am 8/22/2010 - 11/29/2010, Register 195; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 1st add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 12/25/2011, Register 200; am 2/11/2012, Register 201; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 1st add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 1st add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; 3rd add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; add'l am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; 1st add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222, 2nd add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; add'l am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/24/2021, Register 238; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 7/7/2024, Register 251; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

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Authority: AS 16.05.060 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.780
AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.330 AS 16.05.789

Chapter 92
Statewide Provisions.
Article 2. Licenses, Harvest Tickets, Harvest Reports, Tags, and Fees.

5 AAC 92.010(l) is amended to read:

(l) For black bear, a person may not hunt black bear in Units 1 - 7, 11 - 16, [19(D),] and 20, except when a permit is required, unless the person has in possession a harvest ticket for the species and has obtained a harvest report (issued with the harvest ticket). (Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 8/8/87, Register 103; am 8/20/89, Register 111; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/1/98, Register 146; em am 8/28/2000 - 12/25/2000, Register 155; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 1st add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 9/19/2019, Register 231; am 9 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.340 AS 16.05.370
AS 16.05.258

5 AAC 92.011(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) more than once per person per regulatory year for Fortymile and White Mountains caribou registration hunts in Units 20(B), 20(D), 20(E), 20(F), and 25(C).
(((Publisher: Please change the period at the end of 5 AAC 92.011(d)(4) to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 92.011(k) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) plains bison in Units 12, 19, and 20.

((Publisher, please move the "and" connector to the end of 5 AAC 92.110(k)(5) and change the period at the end of that paragraph to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 92.011(l)(1) is amended to read:

(1) Unit 20(E) moose registration hunts [AND UNITS 20(B), 20(D), 20(E), 20(F), AND 25(C) FORTYMILE AND WHITE MOUNTAINS CARIBOU REGISTRATION HUNTS];

(Eff. 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/9/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 8/19/96, Register 139; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 10 / 2024,

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Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.405

**Article 3
Permits.**

5 AAC 92.044(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) a person may **only** establish a black bear bait station, or a black and brown bear bait station in Units 7, 11, 12, 13, 14(A), 14(B), that portion of the remainder of 14(C), excluding Glacier Creek drainage outside of Chugach State Park, 15, 16, 18, **19** [19(A), 19(D)], **20** [20(A), 20(B), 20(C), THAT PORTION OF 20(D) NORTH OF THE TANANA RIVER, 20(E), 20(F)], **21** [21(C), 21(D)], 23, **24(B)**, 24(C), 24(D), 25(C), and 25(D) [, ONLY] if that person obtains a permit under this section;

5 AAC 92.044(b)(13) is amended to read:

(13) in Units 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C), a hunter who has been airborne may take or assist in taking a black bear at a bait station with the use of bait or scent lures **if the hunter possesses** [UNDER] a permit issued by the department [, AND] if the hunter is at least 300 feet from the airplane at the time of taking; in Units 7, 11, 12, 13, 14(A), 14(B), 15, 16, 18, **19** [19(A), 19(D)], 20(A), 20(B), 20(C), that portion of 20(D) north of the Tanana River, 20(E), 20(F), **21** [21(C), 21(D)], 23, **24(B)**, 24(C), 24(D), and 25(D), a hunter who has been airborne may take or assist in taking a brown bear at a bait station with the use of bait or scent lures **if the hunter possesses** [UNDER] a permit issued by the department [, AND] if the hunter is at least 300 feet from the airplane at the time of taking;

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(Eff. 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 5/21/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 4/14/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 3/1/2011, Register 197; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 4/8/2012, Register 201; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 1st add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; add'l am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; add'l am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.330

5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)(K) is amended to read:

(K) a second mountain goat registration permit for **the remainder of** Unit 1(A) **and the remainder of Unit 1(B)** may only be issued if the goat harvested with the first registration permit was a billy harvested in **the remainder of** Unit 1(A) **or the remainder of Unit 1(B)**; for **a hunter** [THOSE HUNTERS] who harvested **the hunter's** [THEIR] first goat in **the remainder of** Unit 1(A) **or the remainder of Unit 1(B)** with a registration permit, the pursuit of a second goat cannot occur in the **hunt zone** [TREND COUNT AREA] of the original harvest; **a resident hunter who wishes** [HUNTERS LOOKING] to pursue a second goat in **the remainder of** Unit 1(A) **and the remainder of Unit 1(B)** with a registration permit may receive a second registration permit after presenting the harvest record or sealing documents from their first harvest to the ADF&G office in Ketchikan; [.]

5 AAC 92.050(a)(4)(M) is amended to read:

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(M) for each resident registration permit issued by the department under (L) of this paragraph, the department will reduce the number of drawing permits available in the same area for the same early season elk hunt by one; [.]

(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 7/3/86, Register 99; am 4/24/88, Register 106; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 7/1/92, Register 122; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/1/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 7/8/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 1/1/97, Register 140; am 3/25/98, Register 145; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 11/1/2004, Register 172; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 1/14/2007, Register 181; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 1/1/2008, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 2/4/2011, Register 197; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 9/19/2019, Register 231; am 8/20/2020, Register 235; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/1/2023, Register 246; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.343 AS 16.05.407
AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.404 AS 16.05.420
AS 16.05.330

5 AAC 92.057(b)(5) is amended to read:

(5) Units 13(B), 20(A) and 20(D), those portions within the Delta Controlled Use Area: the department shall issue [A MAXIMUM OF] 10 percent of the drawing permits to nonresidents and [A MINIMUM OF] 90 percent of the drawing permits to residents; **total resident and nonresident permits will be allocated as evenly as possible between the**

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seasons; if only one permit is available for a nonresident who is accompanied by a resident over 19 years of age who is the spouse or other relative of the applicant within the second degree of kindred as described in AS 16.05.407(a), the department may issue the permit in any season; [IN THE DELTA CONTROLLED USE AREA A NONRESIDENT DOES NOT HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN (a) OF THE SECTION.]

(Eff. 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 12/2/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 1/1/2010, Register 192; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.407 AS 16.05.408

5 AAC 92.069(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(6) in Unit 19(C), that portion west of the South Fork of the Kuskokwim River, east of the Windy Fork of the Kuskokwim River and north of a line between 62° 24.00' N. lat., 154° 7.00' W. long. and 62° 30.00' N. lat., 153° 32.00' W. long.; the department shall issue 70 percent of the available nonresident drawing permits to hunters who use a registered guide, and 30 percent of the available nonresident drawing permits to hunters who do not use a registered guide.

(((Publisher: Please move the "and" connector from the end of 5 AAC 92.039(b)(4) to the end of 5 AAC 92.039(b)(5). Please note that (b)(5) of this section already ends with a semicolon and does not need to be corrected with the addition of new paragraph (6).)))

5 AAC 92.069(c) is amended to read:

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(c) The department shall issue caribou drawing permits as follows: in Unit 20(A) [, A MAXIMUM OF 25] 15 percent of the available drawing permits will be issued to nonresidents [,] and [A MINIMUM OF 75] 85 percent of the available drawing permits will be issued to residents. **The department shall issue 50 percent of the nonresident permits to hunters who use a registered guide, and 50 percent of the nonresident permits to hunters who do not use a registered guide.** (Eff. 11/1/2004, Register 172; am 12/30/2004, Register 172; am 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 12/2/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.407 AS 16.05.408

Article 4 Methods and Means.

5 AAC 92.080(7)(E) is amended to read:

(E) electronically enhanced night vision, [;] **except that electronically enhanced night vision may be used for taking furbearers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C);**

5 AAC 92.080(7)(F) is amended to read:

(F) any forward looking infrared device, [;] **except that a forward looking infrared device may be used for taking furbearers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C);**

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(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 6/19/86, Register 98; am 8/8/87, Register 103; am 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/12/90, Register 115; am 7/1/92, Register 122; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 4/25/96, Register 138; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; 1st add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 1/1/2005, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; em am 1/26/2006 - 5/25/2006, Register 177; am 4/12/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 12/1/2006, Register 180; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 5/20/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; add'l am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.920

**Article 5.
Intensive Management and Predator Control.**

5 AAC 92.108 is amended to read:

Population	Finding	Population Objective	Harvest Objective
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Moose

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<u>GMU 19(A)</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>4,300 - 5,300</u>	<u>175 - 225</u>
<u>GMU 19(B)</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>5,900 - 7,200</u>	<u>235 - 290</u>
[GMU 19(A) AND			
19(B)]	[POSITIVE]	[13,500 - 16,500]	[750 - 950]
GMU 19(C)	<u>Positive</u>	<u>4,400 - 5,000</u>	<u>175 - 200</u>
	[NEGATIVE]		
		[6,000 - 8,000]	
19(D)-East	Positive	<u>6,000 - 8,000</u>	400 - 600
		[3,000 - 3,500]	
19(D)-re-			
mainder	Positive	4,000 - 6,000	250 - 600
<u>19(E)</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>3,300 - 4,000</u>	<u>130 - 160</u>

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((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 92.108 is unchanged.))

(Eff. 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/99, Register 150; add'l am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; add'l am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/24/2021, Register 238; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258 AS 16.05.270

5 AAC 92.113(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(4) Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) Predation Control Focus Area.

((Publisher: Please change the period at the end of 5 AAC 92.113(a)(3) to a semicolon.)))

5 AAC 92.113 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) **Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) Predation Control Focus Area.** [;]The Units 12, 20(D) and 20(E) Predation Control Focus Area (PCFA) is established and consists of all lands within Unit 12, encompassed by the area north of a line beginning at 63° 33.09' N. lat., 143° 16.20' W. long., westerly to 63° 30.27' N. lat., 143° 44.50' W. long.; Unit 20D, encompassed by the area northeast of a line beginning at 63° 40.00' N. lat., 143° 37.40' W. long., to 64° 04.20' N. lat., 144° 28.00' W. long., then northeasterly to 64° 14.30' N. lat., 143° 49.00' W. long.; Unit 20E, encompassed by the Fortymile River Drainage upstream of the confluences of the North Fork Fortymile River and South Fork Fortymile River, excluding the Walker Fork Fortymile River drainage, the East Fork Fortymile River drainage, and the North Fork Fortymile River Drainage upstream from its confluence with the Middle Fork Fortymile River; this predation control program does not apply to any National Park Service or National Wildlife Refuge lands unless approved by the federal agencies; state and private lands are approximately 3,187 square miles; this area does not delineate a moose, wolf, or bear population and is not intended to distinguish animals with the focus area from populations in Unit 12, 20D, or 20E; the purpose is to focus wolf control on a relatively small area where moose numbers can be better estimated, where moose are accessible to hunters, and where harvest can be closely monitored; the area's objectives are as follows:

(1) this is a predator control program and habitat enhancement program designed to increase moose abundance and harvest by reducing predation on moose by wolves and improving habitat; the program is expected to contribute to achieving the intensive management (IM) objectives in the predation control focus area;

(2) moose and wolf objectives are as follows:

(A) moose IM population objectives for Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) as established in 5 AAC 92.108 are 4,000 - 6,000, 8,000 - 10,000, and 8,000 - 10,000 moose, respectively; these objectives are within the range of historic population estimates;

(B) the moose population program objective within a 2,241 square mile Taylor Corridor Survey Area (TCSA) is 2,240 - 3,140 observable moose (1.0 - 1.4 moose per square mile) during late autumn surveys; these densities have been observed in recent years; this survey area overlaps the predation control focus area and allows monitoring of moose abundance consistent with earlier surveys;

(C) the wolf removal objective is to reduce wolves within the control area to the extent possible; the department has determined that wolves can be removed from public and private lands within the control area to the extent possible without affecting the sustainability of the wolf population in Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) because the 4,757 square mile control area is approximately 2, 10, and 38 percent of Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) respectively and does not include all lands that the wolf population occupies; the wolf objective for Unit 12 is to maintain a population of at least 100 wolves; the wolf objective for Unit 20D is to maintain a population of at least 15 wolves; the wolf objective for Unit 20E is to maintain a population of 60 wolves, these objectives can be

confirmed outside the wolf control area using a minimum count or intensive aerial survey;

(3) findings concerning populations and human use are as follows:

(A) wolf predation is likely a factor in the failure to achieve moose population objectives;

(B) a reduction in wolf predation in Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) may make progress toward achieving the Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) IM harvest objectives for moose;

(C) reducing wolf predation is likely to be effective and feasible using recognized and prudent active management techniques and based on scientific information;

(D) reducing wolf numbers is likely to be effective given land ownership patterns and past participation by the public, or if conducted by department personnel;

(4) if moose density in the TCSA declines to fewer than 1.0 moose per square mile for two consecutive surveys and the three-year average of moose twinning rates are above 20 percent, authorized methods and means are as follows:

(A) hunting and trapping of wolves by the public in the Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) PCFA during the term of the program will occur as provided in the hunting and trapping regulations set out elsewhere in this title, including the use of motorized vehicles;

(B) notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, the commissioner may issue public aerial shooting permits or public land and shoot permits as a method for wolf removal under AS 16.05.783;

(C) the commissioner may allow department personnel to conduct aerial wolf removal using aircraft under AS 16.05.783;

(5) time frame is as follows:

(A) before July 1, 2030, the commissioner may authorize the removal of wolves in the Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) PCFA;

(B) annually, to the extent practicable, the department shall provide to the board a report of program activities conducted during the preceding 12 months, including implementation activities, the status of the moose and wolf populations, and recommendations for changes, if necessary to achieve the objectives of the plan

(6) the commissioner will review, modify, or suspend program activities as follows:

(A) when a density of 1.2 moose per square mile has been observed for two consecutive surveys within the TCSA;

(B) if, after three years, the harvest of wolves is not sufficient to make progress towards the IM population objectives for wolves;

(C) wolf predation control activities may be suspended

(i) if, after three years following a survey in the TCSA with a density of 1.2 moose per square mile, there is no increase in the total harvest of moose in the control area;

(ii) if, after three years, any measure such as twinning rates and short-yearling mass consistent with significant levels of nutritional stress in the moose population is identified;

(iii) when the moose population and harvest objectives within Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) have been met;

(iv) if the moose population exceeds a density of 1.2 moose per square mile for two consecutive TCSA surveys; or

(v) in a regulatory year if the wolf objective is met in a subunit containing the predation control focus area;

(7) the department may plan and execute habitat enhancement projects in areas identified for improvement based on evidence at the landscape or population level through prescribed burns, wildfire, or mechanical means; habitat enhancement is intended to increase the potential moose carrying capacity in the Units 12, 20(D), and 20(E) Predation Control Focus Area.

(d) In this section,

(1) "IM" means intensive management;

(2) "PCFA" means predation control focus area;

(3) "TCSA" means Taylor Corridor Survey Area. (Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 8/18/95, Register 135; am 7/1/96, Register 138; add'l am 7/1/96, Register 138; am 7/27/97, Register 143; am 2/22/2000, Register 153; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/19/2000, Register 155; am 1/3/2001, Register 156; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/26/2003, Register 167; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 1/1/2005, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 1/26/2006, Register 177; am 6/24/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 3/21/2008, Register 186; am 5/20/2008, Register 186; am 5/21/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 5/16/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 12/15/2010, Register 196; am 1/29/2011,

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Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270 AS 16.05.783

5 AAC 92.123(a) is amended to read:

(a) **Plans established.** Intensive management plans for the following areas are established in this section:

- (1) Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] Predation Control Area;
- (2) Unit 19(D)-East Predation Control Area;
- (3) Unit 19(C) Predation Control Area;**
- (4) Unit 19(A) Predation Control Area.**

5 AAC 92.123(b) is amended to read:

(b) **Unit 19(E) [19(A)] Predation Control Area:** the Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] Predation Control Area is established and consists of those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within Unit **19(E)** [19(A)], encompassing approximately **4,269** [9,972] square miles; this predation control program does not apply to any National Park Service or National Wildlife Refuge lands unless approved by the federal agencies; notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, and based on the following information contained in this section, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may conduct a wolf and black bear and brown bear population reduction or a wolf and black bear and brown bear population regulation program in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] to benefit moose; **the area's objectives are as follows:**

(1) the following **wolf and bear predation control focus areas** [WOLF AND BEAR PREDATION CONTROL FOCUS AREAS] are established in the Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] Predation Control Area; the areas do not delineate a moose, wolf, or bear population and are not intended to distinguish animals within the focus areas from populations in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)]; the purpose is to focus wolf and bear control in a relatively small area where moose numbers can be better estimated, where moose are accessible to hunters, and where harvest can be closely monitored; **predation control focus areas under this paragraph consist of the following:**

(A) the Wolf Predation Control Focus Area (**WPCFA**)

[(WCFA)]encompasses approximately 3,905 square miles within all Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] drainages of the Kuskokwim River upstream from and including the Holitna River Drainage; wolf control will be conducted only within the **WPCFA** [WCFA]; the department has the discretion to adjust the focus area's size and shape to include up to approximately 4,400 square miles of Unit **19(E)** [19(A)];

(B) the Black Bear and Brown Bear Predation Control Focus Area

(BPCFA) [(BCFA)] encompasses approximately 534 square miles consisting of those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within the area enclosed by a line starting at Sleetmute at 61° 42.00' N. lat., 157° 10.00' W. long., then east to 61° 42.00' N. lat., 157° 00.00' W. long., then north to 61° 44.00' N. lat., 157° 00.00' W. long., then east to 61° 44.00' N. lat., 156° 55.00' W. long., then north to 61° 46.00' N. lat., 156° 55.00' W. long., then east to 61° 46.00' N. lat., 156° 50.00' W. long., then north to 61° 48.00' N. lat., 156° 50.00' W. long., then east to 61° 48.00' N. lat., 156° 45.00' W. long., then north to 61° 50.00' N. lat., 156° 45.00' W. long., then east to 61° 50.00' N. lat., 156° 30.00' W. long., then south to 61° 40.00' N. lat., 156° 30.00' W. long., then west to 61° 40.00' N. lat., 156°

45.00' W. long., then south to 61° 18.00' N. lat., 156° 45.00' W. long., then west to 61° 18.00' N. lat., 157° 15.00' W. long., then north to 61° 24.00' N. lat., 157° 15.00' W. long., then east to 61° 24.00' N. lat., 157° 10.00' W. long., then north to 61° 42.00' N. lat., 157° 10.00' W. long.; bear control will be conducted only within the **BPCFA** [BCFA]; the department **may** [HAS THE DISCRETION TO] adjust the area's size and shape up to approximately 800 square miles of Unit **19(E)** [19(A)]; the **BPCFA** [BCFA] is mostly within the **WPCFA** [WCFA];

(2) this is a continuing control program that was first authorized by the board in 2004 for wolf control, with bear control added by the board in 2012; it is currently designed to increase moose numbers and harvest in the **WPCFA** [WCFA] and **BPCFA** [BCFA] by reducing predation on moose and is expected to make a contribution to achieving the intensive management (IM) objectives in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)];

(3) moose, wolf, black bear, and brown bear objectives are as follows:

(A) the IM population objective established by the board for **Unit 19(E)** is **3,300 - 4,000** moose [UNITS 19(A) AND 19(B) IS 13,500 - 16,500 MOOSE; BASED ON THE RELATIVE SIZES OF THE TWO UNITS, THE PROPORTIONAL POPULATION OBJECTIVE FOR UNIT 19(A) ALONE IS 7,600 - 9,300 MOOSE]; the IM moose harvest objective for **Unit 19(E)** is **130 - 160** [UNITS 19(A) AND 19(B) IS 750 - 950 MOOSE ANNUALLY; THE PROPORTIONAL HARVEST OBJECTIVE FOR UNIT 19(A) ALONE IS 400 - 550] moose annually;

(B) the density objective for moose in the **WPCFA** [WCFA] is 1.0 moose per square mile (corrected for sightability) during late winter surveys; the annual moose harvest objective for the **area** [WCFA] is 155 moose;

(C) the wolf control population objective in the **WPCFA** [WCFA] is to reduce wolf numbers by at least 60 - 80 percent; the pre-control estimate within the WCFA is 75 wolves; the pre-control wolf population in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] is estimated at 150 wolves; only removing wolves from the **WPCFA** [WCFA] will ensure that wolves persist in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)];

(D) the black bear control objective in the **BPCFA** [BCFA] is to reduce black bear numbers to the lowest level possible; the pre-control black bear population in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] is estimated at 2,500 - 3,000 black bears; the pre-control estimate within the **area** [BCFA] is 92 - 102 black bears; because the **BPCFA** [BCFA] is a relatively small geographic area, removing black bears from within the **BPCFA** [BCFA] will have only a minor effect on the black bear population in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)];

(E) the brown bear control objective in the **BPCFA** [BCFA] is to reduce brown bear numbers to the lowest level possible; the pre-control brown bear population in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] is estimated at 180 - 210 brown bears; the pre-control estimate within the **BPCFA** [BCFA] is 10 - 15 brown bears; because the **BPCFA is** [BCFAUS] a relatively small geographic area, removing brown bears from within the **BPCFA** [BCFA] will have only a minor effect on the brown bear population in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)];

(4) board findings concerning populations and human use are as follows

(A) the Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] IM moose population and harvest objectives have not been achieved;

(B) the **WPCFA** [WCFA] objectives for moose density and moose harvest have not been achieved:

(C) predation by wolves and bears is an important cause of the failure to achieve moose population and harvest objectives;

(D) a reduction of wolf and bear predation within the **WPCFA** [WCFA] and **BPCFA** [BCFA] can reasonably be expected to make progress towards achieving the Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] IM objectives;

(E) reducing predation is likely to be effective and feasible using recognized and prudent active management techniques and based on scientific information;

(F) reducing predation is likely to be effective given land ownership patterns;

(5) authorized methods and means are as follows:

(A) hunting and trapping of wolves and hunting of black bears and brown bears by the public in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)] during the term of this program may occur as provided in the hunting and trapping regulations set out elsewhere in this title, including use of motorized vehicles;

(B) notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, the commissioner may allow department employees to conduct aerial, land and shoot, or ground-based lethal removal of wolves and black bears and brown bears using state-owned, privately-owned, or chartered equipment, including helicopters, under AS 16.05.783;

(C) notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, the commissioner may issue public aerial shooting permits or public land and shoot permits using fixed-wing aircraft as a method of wolf removal under AS 16.05.783;

(6) time frame is as follows:

(A) **before July 1, 2030** [THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026], the commissioner may authorize removal of wolves and black bears and brown bears in Unit **19(E)** [19(A)];

(B) annually, the department shall , to the extent practicable, provide to the board a report of program activities conducted during the preceding 12 months, including implementation activities, the status of the moose, wolf, and bear populations, and recommendations for changes, if necessary to achieve the objectives of the plan;

(7) the commissioner will review, modify, or suspend program activities **as follows** [WHEN]:

(A) **when** the moose density and harvest objectives specified in this subsection are achieved within the **WPCFA** [WCFA];

(B) **if** any measure consistent with signs of nutritional stress in the moose population are identified.

5 AAC 92.123(c)(6)(A) is amended to read:

(A) **before July 1, 2030** [THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026], the commissioner may authorize removal of wolves and black bears and brown bears in Unit 19(D)-East;

5 AAC 92.123 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(d) **Unit 19(C) Predation Control Area.** The Unit 19(C) Predation Control Area is established and consists of all lands within Unit 19(C) (6,711 square miles); this predation control program does not apply to any National Park Service or National Wildlife Refuge lands unless approved by the federal agencies; state and private lands are approximately 5,368 square miles, and multiple predator control areas may be utilized within the management area; however,

the combined active control areas are limited to a total of 3,700 square miles, which is approximately 55 percent of the management area. The control program for this area is as follows:

(1) this is a predator control program designed to increase moose abundance and harvest by reducing predation on moose by wolves; the program is expected to contribute to the intensive management (IM) objectives in Unit 19(C);

(2) moose and wolf objectives are as follows:

(A) moose IM population objectives for Unit 19(C) as established in 5 AAC 92.108 are 4,400 - 5,000 moose;

(B) the bull-to-cow objective is 20 - 25:100 for Unit 19(C); this objective is within the range of historic composition rates;

(C) the moose harvest objective for Unit 19(C) is 175 - 200 moose; this range includes historic harvest levels;

(D) the department has determined that wolves can be removed from public and private lands within the control area to the extent possible without affecting the sustainability of the wolf population in Unit 19(C) because the control area is approximately 55 percent of Unit 19(C) and does not include all lands that the wolf population occupies; this would result in a population of no less than 60 wolves, or 45 percent of the pre-control estimate of wolf abundance in the entire subunit;

(3) findings concerning populations and human use are as follows:

(A) the Unit 19(C) IM moose population and harvest objectives have not been achieved;

(B) wolf predation is likely a factor in the failure to achieve moose population and harvest objectives;

(C) a reduction in wolf predation in Unit 19(C) might make progress toward achieving the Unit 19(C) IM harvest objectives for moose;

(D) reducing wolf predation

(i) has a high probability of positively impacting moose abundance;

and

(ii) is likely to be effective and feasible using recognized and prudent active management techniques and based on scientific information;

(E) reducing wolf numbers is likely to be effective given land ownership patterns with either public or department participation;

(4) authorized methods and means are as follows:

(A) hunting and trapping of wolves by the public in the Unit 19(C) Predation Control Area during the term of the program will occur as provided in the hunting and trapping regulations set out elsewhere in this title, including the use of motorized vehicles;

(B) notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, the commissioner may issue public aerial shooting permits or public land and shoot permits as a method for wolf removal under AS 16.05.783;

(C) department personnel will be allowed to conduct aerial wolf removal using aircraft under AS 16.05.783;

(5) time frame is as follows:

(A) before July 1, 2030, the commissioner may authorize the removal of wolves in the Unit 19(C) Predation Control Area;

(B) annually, the department shall, to the extent practicable, provide to the board a report of program activities conducted during the preceding 12 months, including implementation activities, the status of the moose and wolf populations, and recommendations for changes, if necessary to achieve the objectives of the plan;

(6) the commissioner will review, modify, or suspend program activities as follows:

(A) when the mid-point of the IM population and harvest objectives for the moose population are achieved;

(B) if, after three years, the harvest of wolves is not sufficient to make progress towards the IM population objectives for wolves;

(C) wolf predation control activities may be suspended

(i) if, after three years, there is no detectable increase in the total harvest of moose in the control area;

(ii) if, after three years, any measure such as twinning rates and short-yearling mass consistent with significant levels of nutritional stress in the moose population is identified;

(iii) when the moose population and harvest objectives within Unit 19(C) have been met.

(e) **Unit 19(A) Predation Control Area:** the Unit 19(A) Predation Control Area is established and consists of those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within Unit 19(A), encompassing approximately 5,703 square miles; this predation control program does not apply

within National Park Service or National Wildlife Refuge lands unless approved by the federal agencies; notwithstanding any other provision in this title, and based on the following information contained in this section, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may conduct a wolf population reduction or a wolf population regulation program in Unit 19(A) to benefit moose; the programs objectives are as follows:

(1) the following wolf predation control focus area is established in the Unit 19(A) Predation Control Area; the area does not delineate a moose, or wolf population and is not intended to distinguish animals within the area from populations in Unit 19(A); the purpose is to focus wolf control in a relatively small area where moose numbers can be better estimated, where moose are accessible to hunters, and where harvest can be closely monitored; the Wolf Predation Control Focus Area (WPCFA) encompasses approximately 2,380 square miles within all Unit 19(A) drainages of the Kuskokwim River downstream of the Holokuk River; wolf control will be conducted only within the WPCFA; the department may adjust the area's size and shape to include up to approximately 3,000 square miles of Unit 19(A);

(2) this program is designed to increase moose numbers and harvest in the WPCFA by reducing predation on moose and is expected to make a contribution toward achieving the intensive management (IM) objectives in Unit 19(A);

(3) moose and wolf objectives are as follows:

(A) the IM population objective established by the board for Unit 19(A) is 4,300 - 5,300 moose; the IM moose harvest objective for Unit 19(A) is 175 - 225 moose annually;

(B) the density objective for moose in the WPCFA is 1.0 moose per square mile (corrected for sightability) during late winter surveys; the annual moose harvest objective for the WCFA is 100 moose;

(C) the wolf control population objective in the WPCFA is to reduce wolf numbers by at least 60 - 80 percent; the pre-control estimate within the WCFA is 35 wolves; the pre-control wolf population in Unit 19(A) is estimated at 85; only removing wolves from the WCFA will ensure that wolves persist in Unit 19(A);

(4) board findings concerning populations and human use are as follows:

(A) the Unit 19(A) IM moose population objective has been met; the Unit 19(A) IM harvest objective has not been achieved;

(B) the WPCFA objective for moose density has been met but moose harvest has not been achieved;

(C) predation by wolves is an important cause of the failure to achieve moose population and harvest objectives;

(D) a reduction of wolf predation within the WPCFA can reasonably be expected to make progress towards achieving the Unit 19(A) IM objectives;

(E) reducing predation is likely to be effective and feasible using recognized and prudent active management techniques and based on scientific information;

(F) reducing predation is likely to be effective given land ownership patterns;

(5) authorized methods and means are as follows:

(A) hunting and trapping of wolves by the public in Unit 19(A) during the term of this program may occur as provided in the hunting and trapping regulations set out elsewhere in this title, including use of motorized vehicles;

(B) notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, the commissioner may allow department employees to conduct aerial, land and shoot, or ground-based lethal removal of wolves using state-owned, privately-owned, or chartered equipment, including helicopters, under AS 16.05.783;

(C) notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, the commissioner may issue public aerial shooting permits or public land and shoot permits using fixed-wing aircraft as a method of wolf removal under AS 16.05.783;

(6) time frame is as follows:

(A) before July 1, 2030, the commissioner may authorize removal of wolves in Unit 19(A);

(B) annually, the department shall, to the extent practicable, provide to the board a report of program activities conducted during the preceding 12 months, including implementation activities, the status of the moose and wolf populations, and recommendations for changes, if necessary, to achieve the objectives of the plan;

(7) the commissioner will review, modify, or suspend program activities as follows:

(A) when the moose density and harvest objectives specified in this subsection are achieved within the WPCFA;

(B) when any measure consistent with signs of nutritional stress in the moose population is identified.(f) In this section,

(1) "IM" means intensive management;

(2) "BPCFA" means Black Bear and Brown Bear Predation Control Focus

Area;(3) "WPCFA" means Wolf Predation Control Focus Area. (Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 8/18/95, Register 135; am 7/1/96, Register 138; add'l am 7/1/96, Register 138; am 7/27/97, Register 143; am 2/22/2000, Register 153; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/19/2000, Register 155; am 1/3/2001, Register 156; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/26/2003, Register 167; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 1/1/2005, Register 172; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 1/26/2006, Register 177; am 6/24/2006, Register 178; am 9/1/2006, Register 179; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 3/21/2008, Register 186; am 5/20/2008, Register 186; am 5/21/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 5/16/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 12/15/2010, Register 196; am 1/29/2011, Register 197; am 5/14/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 3/24/2012, Register 201; am 4/1/2012, Register 201; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 8 /10 /2024 , Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270 AS 16.05.783

5 AAC 92.124(b)(6)(A) is amended to read:

(A) **before July 1, 2030** [THROUGH JUNE 2024], the commissioner may authorize removal of wolves and **black** bears and brown bears in Unit 21(E); (Eff. 10/1/93, Register 127; am 8/18/95, Register 135; am 7/1/96, Register 138; add'l am 7/1/96, Register 138; am 7/27/97, Register 143; am 2/22/2000, Register 153; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/19/2000, Register 155; am 1/3/2001, Register 156; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/26/2003, Register 167; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 1/1/2005,

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Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.270 AS 16.05.783

**Article 6.
Possession and Transportation.**

5 AAC 92.132(1) is amended to read:

(1) the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 1(C), Berners Bay drainages, Units 6 (except Unit 6(D)), 7, 11, [12,] 13, 14(A), 14(B), 14(C), that portion within the Chugach State Park Management Area, Units 15, [16(A), 18, 19(B), 19(C),] 20 (except Unit 20(E)), 22(C), 24(A), [24(C), 24(D),] 25(A), 25(B), 25(C), 26(B), and 26(C) is one bear per regulatory year; a bear taken in these units does not count against the one bear every four regulatory years' bag limit established for brown bears in other units; in Units 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 [19(A), 19(D), 19(E)], 20(E), 21, 22(A), 22(B), 22(D), 22(E), 23, 24(B) 24(C), 24(D), 25(D), and 26(A), a person may take two brown bears per regulatory year; a bear taken in these units does not count against the one bear every four regulatory years' bag limit established for brown bears in other units;

5 AAC 92.132(4) is amended to read:

(4) the bag limit for a resident hunting in Unit 9(B), all drainages in Unit 9(E) that drain into the Pacific Ocean between Cape Kumliun and the border of Unit 9(D) and Unit 9(E), **Units** [UNIT 17, UNIT 18, THAT PORTION OF UNIT 19(B) DOWNSTREAM OF AND INCLUDING THE ANIAK RIVER DRAINAGE, UNIT] 22(C) [,] **and** 24(A) [, 24(C), AND UNIT 24(D)], with a subsistence brown bear registration permit is one bear per regulatory year; the bag limit for a resident hunting in Units **17, 18**, 19(A) downstream of and including the Aniak River drainage, **19(B) downstream of and including the Aniak River drainage**, 21, 22(A), 22(B), 22(D), 22(E), 23, 24(B), **24(C), 24(D)**, and 26(A) with a subsistence brown bear registration permit is two bears per regulatory year; a bear taken in any of these units does not count against the one bear every four regulatory years' bag limit established for brown bears taken under a resident tag;

5 AAC 92.132(6) is repealed:

(6) repealed 8 / 10 / 2024. (Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/9/90, Register 115; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 12/27/90, Register 116; am 7/1/92, Register 122; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; add'l am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 12/28/2001, Register 160; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 12/1/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/13/2012, Register 203; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; add'l am

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Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258

**Article 7.
Use of Game.**

5 AAC 92.220(d)(3) is amended to read:

(3) for moose taken before October 1 in Units 13, 19, 21, 23, 24, and 25, for caribou taken before October 1 in Units 13, 19, 21(A), 21(E), 23, 24, [AND] 25(A), **25(B), and 25(D)**, and for bison taken before October 1 in Units 19, 21(A), and 21(E), the edible meat of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs must remain naturally attached to the bone until the meat has been transported from the field or is processed for human consumption;

(Eff. 7/5/85, Register 95; am 4/24/88, Register 106; am 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 7/1/92, Register 122; add'l am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 5/5/93, Register 126; readopt 5/13/93, Register 126; am 7/7/94, Register 131; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/98, Register 146; add'l am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; 1st add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/25/2002, Register 163; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 1/26/2006, Register 177; am 6/24/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; add'l am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 12/1/2007, Register 184; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 8/2/2010, Register 195; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 1st add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am

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7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; add'l am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.920 AS 16.30.010
AS 16.05.258

Article 11. Game Management Units.

5 AAC 92.450(20)(A) is amended to read:

(A) Unit 20(A) consists of that portion of Unit 20 bounded on the south by the Unit 13 boundary, bounded on the east by the west bank of the Delta River, bounded on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River from its confluence with the Delta River downstream to its confluence with the Nenana River, and bounded on the west by the east bank of the Nenana River **including Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough;**

5 AAC 92.450(20)(C) is amended to read:

(C) Unit 20(C) consists of that portion of Unit 20 bounded on the east by the east bank of the Nenana River **including Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough** and on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River downstream from the Nenana River;

(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255

Article 12. Restricted Areas.

5 AAC 92.510(a)(15) is amended by adding a new subparagraph to read:

(F) the area within 100 feet of the Steese Highway from mile marker 84 to Twelvemile Summit is closed to the taking of caribou during the fall hunting season;

5 AAC 92.510(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(20) Unit 25:

(A) the area within 100 feet of the Steese Highway from Twelvemile Summit to mile marker 87 is closed to the taking of caribou during the fall hunting season;

(B) the area within 100 feet of the Steese Highway from mile marker 103 to mile marker 111 is closed to the taking of caribou during the fall hunting season;
(Eff. 8/20/89, Register 111; am 8/10/90, Register 115; am 7/1/92, Register 122; am 7/16/95, Register 135; am 6/28/96, Register 138; am 7/1/96, Register 138; am 7/1/97, Register 142; am 7/26/97, Register 143; am 7/1/99, Register 150; add'l am 7/1/99, Register 150; am 1/3/2001, Register 156; am 8/22/2001, Register 159; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 12/5/2002, Register 164; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; add'l am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; add'l am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2005, Register 174; add'l am 7/1/2005, Register 174; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am

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8/10/2010, Register 195; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; add'l am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/1/2023, Register 246; am 7/28/2023, Register 247; am 8 / 10 / 2024, Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.20.075 AS 16.20.162
AS 16.20.041 AS 16.20.160

**Part 7. Subsistence Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping.
Chapter 99. Subsistence Uses.**

5 AAC 99.025(a)(8) is amended to read:

SPECIES & UNIT	FINDING	AMOUNT REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR SUBSISTENCE USES
(8) Moose		
...		
Unit 19, that portion outside of the Lime Village Management Area	positive	400 - 700, including <u>175 - 300</u> [175 - 225] in <u>Unit</u> [UNITS] 19(A) [AND 19(E)], and 20 - 24 in Unit 19(B)
...		

(((Publisher: The remainder of 5 AAC 99.025(a)(8) is unchanged.)))

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(Eff. 8/8/87, Register 103; am 7/14/88, Register 107; am 8/20/89, Register 111; am 10/27/90, Register 116; am 8/10/91, Register 119; am 5/13/93, Register 126; am 10/4/97, Register 144; am 7/1/98, Register 146; am 7/1/2000, Register 154; am 1/1/2001, Register 156; am 7/1/2001, Register 158; am 7/1/2002, Register 162; am 7/1/2003, Register 166; am 7/1/2004, Register 170; am 7/1/2006, Register 178; add'l am 7/1/2006, Register 178; am 7/1/2007, Register 182; add'l am 7/1/2007, Register 182; am 7/1/2008, Register 186; add'l am 7/1/2008, Register 186; am 7/1/2009, Register 190; add'l am 7/1/2009, Register 190; am 7/1/2010, Register 194; add'l am 7/1/2010, Register 194; am 7/1/2011, Register 198; am 7/1/2012, Register 202; 1st add'l am 7/1/2012, Register 202; 2nd add'l am 7/1/2012, Register 202; am 7/1/2014, Register 210; add'l am 7/1/2014, Register 210; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; 7/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/1/2017, Register 222; add'l am 7/1/2017, Register 222; am 7/1/2018, Register 226; add'l am 7/1/2018, Register 226; am 7/1/2019, Register 230; add'l am 7/1/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2020, Register 234; am 6/23/2022, Register 242; add'l am 6/23/2022, Register 242; am 7/7/2024, Register 251; am 8 / 10 / 2024 , Register 251)

Authority: AS 16.05.255 AS 16.05.258