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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 10) has been submitted by the Department of Fish and Game to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 92.124 (b), Unit 21E predation control area. The proponent is asking the board to consider amending the current Intensive Management Plan by adding extending it one year. This would bring it back into alignment with the regularly scheduled board meetings for the region.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B. The regulation was adopted with the expectation that it would be reviewed on the regular board cycle. The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in shifting the regular Region III meeting that would have occurred in 2023. This IM plan is now out of sync with the planned meeting date in 2024 and will expire June 30, 2023.
- C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns for the population or a threat to meeting objectives for the population. This IM plan has never been active and was initially put into place as a proactive measure if the population were to decline. Currently the moose population is within the IM objectives.
- D. The department is unaware of any unforeseen or unexpected events that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f).
- E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for Unit 19 regulations is during winter/spring of 2023/2024. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March 2023 meeting in Soldotna to allow for more public input.

Sincerely,

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