Game Management Unit 26A

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- Area: 53,200 mi²
- Population: 6,800
- 26 A Communities: 6
- Associated Communities: 2
Moose

- Population: 339
- Status: Variable
- Harvest (past 5 years):
  - Range= 2-4, average=3
- C&T: Positive
- ANS: 15-30
- Intensive Management Objectives:
  - Not identified

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Unit 26A Moose Survey Area
Fall Composition (2015): 28% bulls, 7% calves
Spring Composition (2019): 12% recruitment

26A Moose Harvest

- Average reported resident moose harvest between 2010-2018 is 5 moose per year

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- Reported harvest between 2006 and 2018 was 4 female moose
Unit 26A Brown Bear

Population: Unknown
Status: Presumed stable
Harvest (5 years): 14-28 bears/yr., Average 23 bears/yr.
Average Age: Males: 9 years, Females: 6 years
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Brown Bear Average Harvest: 20 bears/year (2010-2018)
Household survey harvest (85-14) & Resident Reported Harvest (08-18): Average 8 bears per year
### 26A Male & Female Brown Bear Harvest 2008-2018

**Male Harvest Average:** 15

**Female Harvest Average:** 5

### Unit 26A Brown Bear Harvest Hunter Residency 2008-2018

**Non-Resident Harvest Average (08-18):** 11 bears per year

**Resident Harvest Average (08-18):** 8 bears per year
Musk Ox 23 & Western 26A

- Cape Thompson Population:
  - Unit 23&26A: 630
  - Unit 26A: 226
- Status: Presumed stable
- Harvest: No reported 26A harvest
- C&T: Positive
- ANS: 18-22

26A & 23 Musk Ox Survey Area
Musk Ox Eastern 26A & 26B

- Population: 297
- Management Objective: 300
- C&T: Positive
- ANS: 20

Unit 26A & 26B
**Unit 26A Furbearers**

Average Annual Harvest (2014-2018)

- Wolverine: 26
- Lynx: 1
- Muskrat: Unknown

**Unit 26A Wolves**

- Density: 2.9-3.0/1,000 km²
- Status: Stable
- Harvest (5 year): range=5-35, average=15
- C&T: Positive
- ANS: 4-8 Wolves
26A Wolf Survey Area

Unit 26A Cumulative Wolf Harvest
RY2014-2018

Total Reported harvest RY14-RY18=77 wolves.
Proportion of harvest by month indicated by %.

Month in Regulatory Year Sequence:
- July: 10%
- August: 0%
- September: 0%
- October: 0%
- November: 6%
- December: 5%
- January: 30%
- February: 8%
- March: 34%
- April: 5%
- May: 1%
- June: 0%

Hunting: August 10-April 30
Trapping: November 1-April 30
Teshekpuk Caribou Herd Range

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Teshekpuk Caribou Unit 26A

• C&T Finding:
  • Positive
• ANS: 8,000-12,000
• I.M. Objectives:
  • Population: 15,000-28,000
  • Harvest: 900-2,800
• Harvestable Surplus:
  • 6% harvest rate ~2,500
Teshekpuk Caribou Herd Vital Data

- Yearling Recruitment – Average (18:100 adults)
- Yearling Weights–Average (97#)
- Calf Production – Average (65%)
- Oct 2016 Herd Composition
  - 28 bulls:100 cows - Low
  - 48 calves:100 cows – High

26A RC907 Reported Harvest

- 2017
  - Hunters: 16
  - Harvest: 76
- 2018
  - Hunters: 23
  - Harvest: 38
26A Outreach

- 2019 Visits
  - Anaktuvuk Pass
  - Nuiqsut
  - North Slope Borough School District
  - Wainwright
  - Utqiagvik
  - Point Hope

- 2018 Visits
  - Point Lay
  - Nuiqsut
  - Anaktuvuk Pass
  - Wainwright
  - Utqiagvik
  - Atqasuk

26A Small Game Species

- Snowshoe hares
- Ptarmigan
- Ground squirrels