Moose / Unit 26A

### Reauthorize the antlerless moose season west of 156° 00' W longitude and north of the Colville drainage in Unit 26A

Season: July 1-Sept 14

#### **Recommendation:** Support

#### **Department Proposal**

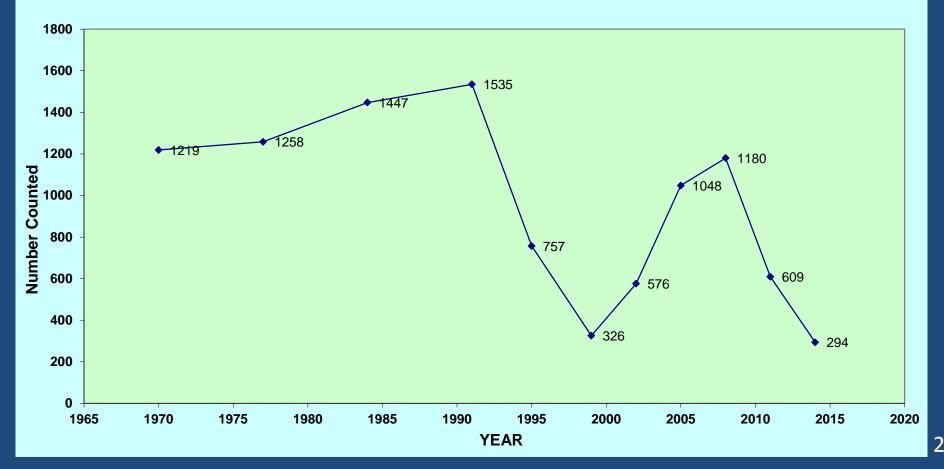
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Support Unanimously

### Moose / Unit 26A

• The minimum population count has declined from 1,180 in 2008 to 294 in 2014.

Unit 26A Moose Minimum Population Count 1970 - 2014



#### • Low Reported Moose Harvest

Reported Harvest	Regulatory Year
13	2010
5	2011
9	2012
6	2013
2	2014
3	2015

- Reported harvest between RY2006 and RY2015 is <u>3 antlerless moose</u>
- Unreported harvest is likely below 5 (social media and word of mouth)

### Moose / Unit 26A

West of 156° 00' W longitude and north of the Colville drainage does not have a year round moose population and only 3 antlerless moose have been harvested in the past 10 years.



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#### Wolverine / Unit 26A

## Open the wolverine hunting season on July 15 instead of September 1

**Recommendation: Neutral** 

**Public Proposal** 

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**Oppose** Unanimously

### Wolverine / Unit 26A

- There have been no recent surveys to assess the current unit wide wolverine population.
- The number of wolverines seen during moose surveys and hunter's reports indicate that
  wolverine numbers are stable.
- Reported annual harvest has been variable, ranging from 6-34 wolverines, and there is no apparent increasing or decreasing trend since 2000.

### Wolverine / Unit 26A

**Reported Wolverine Harvest** 



- Few wolverines are harvested under hunting regulations so it is unlikely that there would be a biological problem.
- Female wolverines wean their kits from late July through early August. Harvesting females may result in decreased survival rates of kits.
- Fur quality is poor in August.
- Would create an inconsistency in the starting date from all other Units in Alaska.

#### Wolverine / Unit 26A

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**Recommendation: Neutral** 

**Public Proposal** 

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Wolf / Unit 26A

## Lengthen the hunting season for wolves in Unit 26A by 11 days

#### **Recommendation: Neutral**

If adopted we recommend retaining the current closure date of April 30

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Wolf / Unit 26A

### Current Season: August 10- April 30 Bag Limit: 10 wolves per year

## Proposed Season: July 31- April 20 Bag Limit: 10 wolves per year

- There have been no recent surveys to assess the current <u>UNITWIDE</u> wolf population.
- The number of wolves seen during spring moose surveys and hunter's reports indicate that wolf numbers are stable.
- Annual reported harvest has been variable, ranging from 5-37 wolves (hunting and trapping combined), and there is no apparent increasing or decreasing trend since 2000.

### Wolf / Unit 26A

**Reported Wolf Harvest** 



Wolf / Unit 26A

## Lengthen the hunting season for wolves in Unit 26A by 11 days

### Recommendation: Neutral, if adopted we recommend retaining the current closure date of April 30

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