

# Proposal 30: Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits for Muskrat in 26A

Proposed Season: Open Year-Round, no limit

Department Recommendation: Support

Proposal Submitted by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

North Slope Advisory Committee: No action

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## Unit 26A Muskrat Regulations

### Unit 26A Current Regulation:

- Season: Nov 1-June 10
- Bag Limit: No Limit
- Same as Units 22, 26B and federal season in 26A

### Proposed Regulation

- Season: [Nov 1-June 10] Year Round
- Bag Limit: No Limit
- Same as Units 18 and 23

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## Muskrats what we know

- ADFG does not survey for muskrats
- ADFG does not have any harvest data on muskrats in 26A
- Anecdotal evidence suggests they have expanded their range in the last 10 years



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Proposal 31: Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose  
in Unit 26A and Hunt Boundary Adjustment

Adjust the boundary of the western Unit 26A moose  
hunt and change the bag limit to one moose.

Department Recommendation: Support

Submitted by: North Slope Advisory Committee

North Slope Advisory Committee: Support 7-0

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Current 26A West Moose Hunting Regulations

Current Regulation:

- Unit 26A, that portion west of 156W longitude not including the Colville River drainage
- 1 antlered bull
- July 1-Sept 14



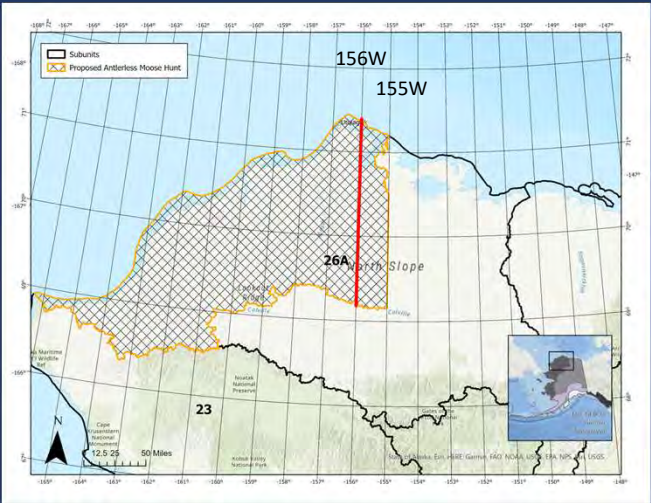
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Proposed Regulation

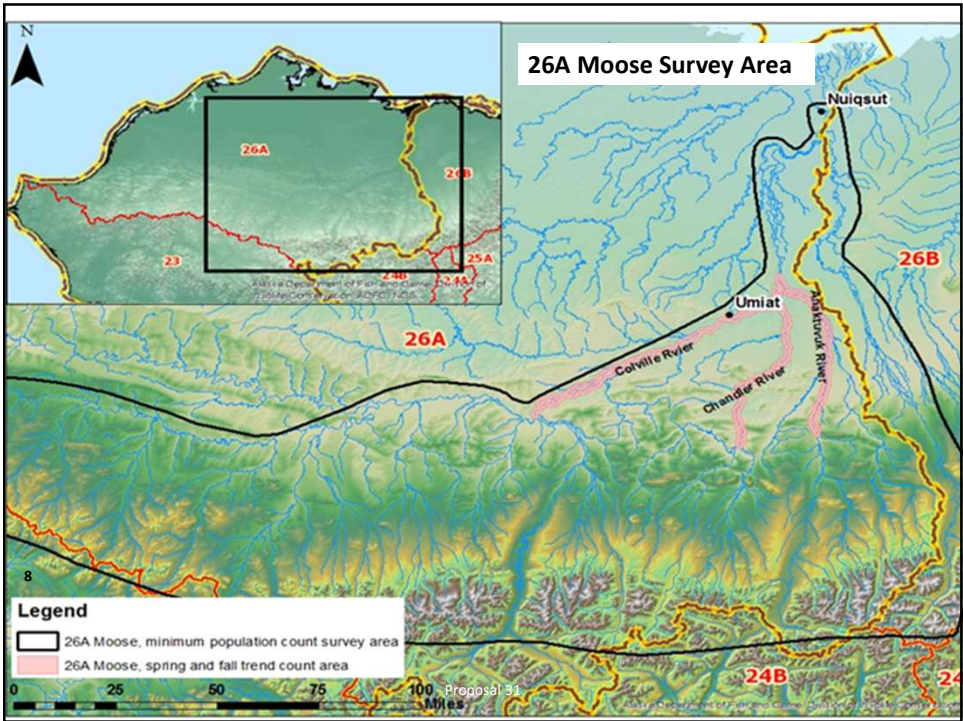
- Move the eastern boundary from 156 W Longitude East
- Bag Limit: 1 moose; you may not take a calf, or a cow accompanied by a calf
- Season: July 1-Sep. 14



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## Moose

- Minimum Count: 437 (2021)
- Status: Increasing
- Harvest (2018-2022):-Range= 2-3, average=2
- C&T: Positive
- ANS: 15-30
- Intensive Management Objective: Not identified

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## Proposal 31: Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose in Unit 26A and Hunt Boundary Adjustment

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# Proposal 32: Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area Boundary Expansion and Hunt Opening

Requests to modify the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area defined under 5AAC 92.540

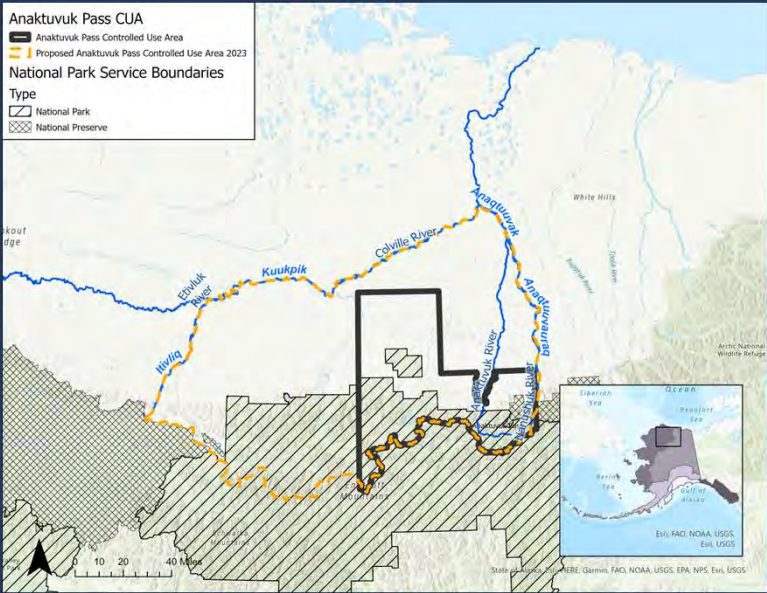
- 1) To expand the boundary of the Anaktuvuk Pass CUA
- 2) To continue to restrict the use of aircraft for hunting caribou and add furbearers, sheep and brown bears
- 3) To take cue from the trilateral community of Anaktuvuk Pass to open the hunt once the migration has reached Anaktuvuk Pass

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Proposal Submitted by: The North Slope Advisory Committee

North Slope AC: Support 7-0

## Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area 5AAC 92.540





# Anaktuvuk Pass CUA Regulation

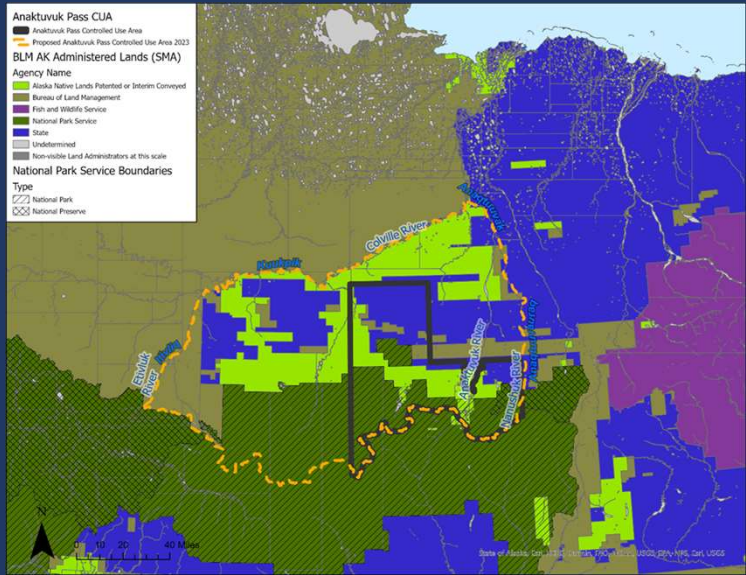
- Closes the previously outlined area Aug 15-Oct 15
- To the use of aircraft to:
  - Transport caribou hunters
  - Gear
  - Caribou Parts
  - Hunting Gear
- Does not include transport between publicly owned airports

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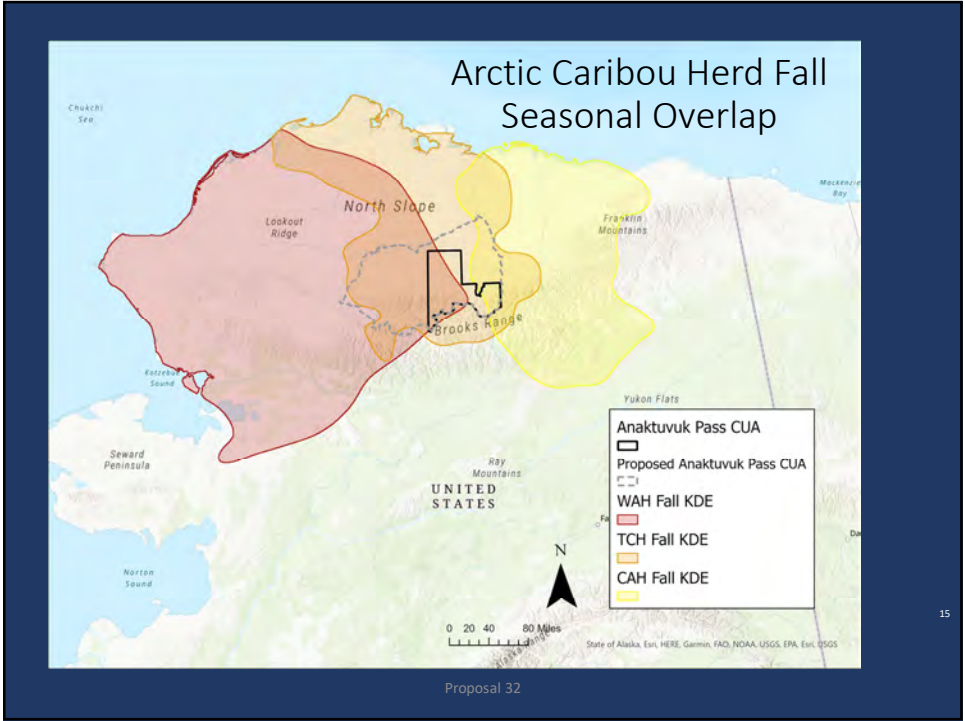
# Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area Land Status



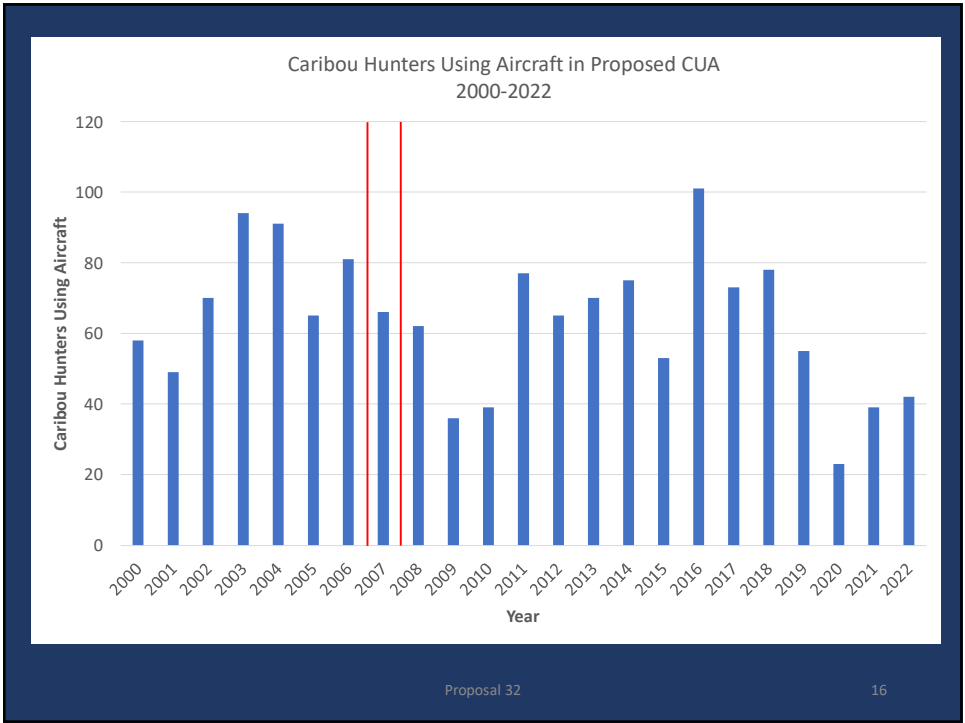
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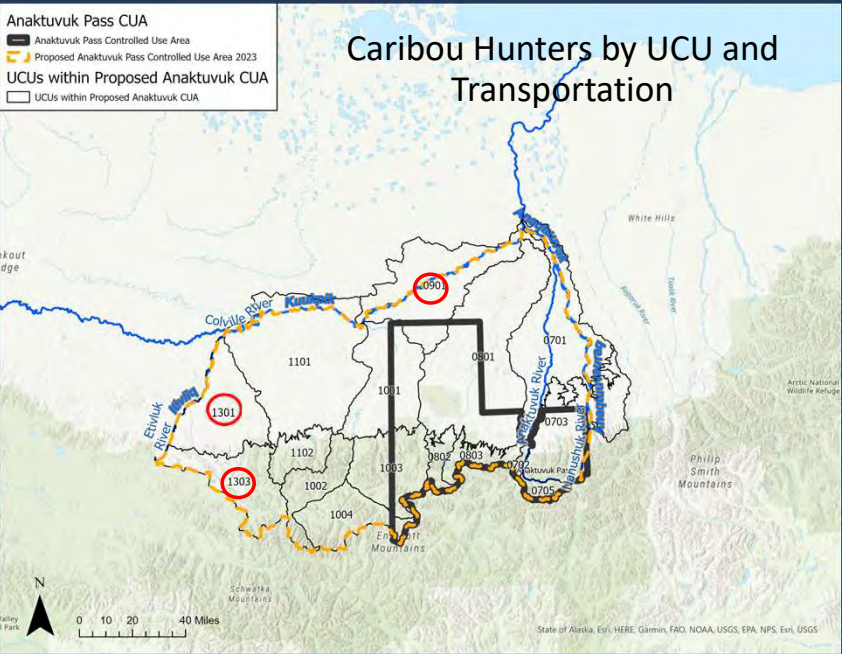


# Hunter Success for Caribou By Residency in Proposed CUA

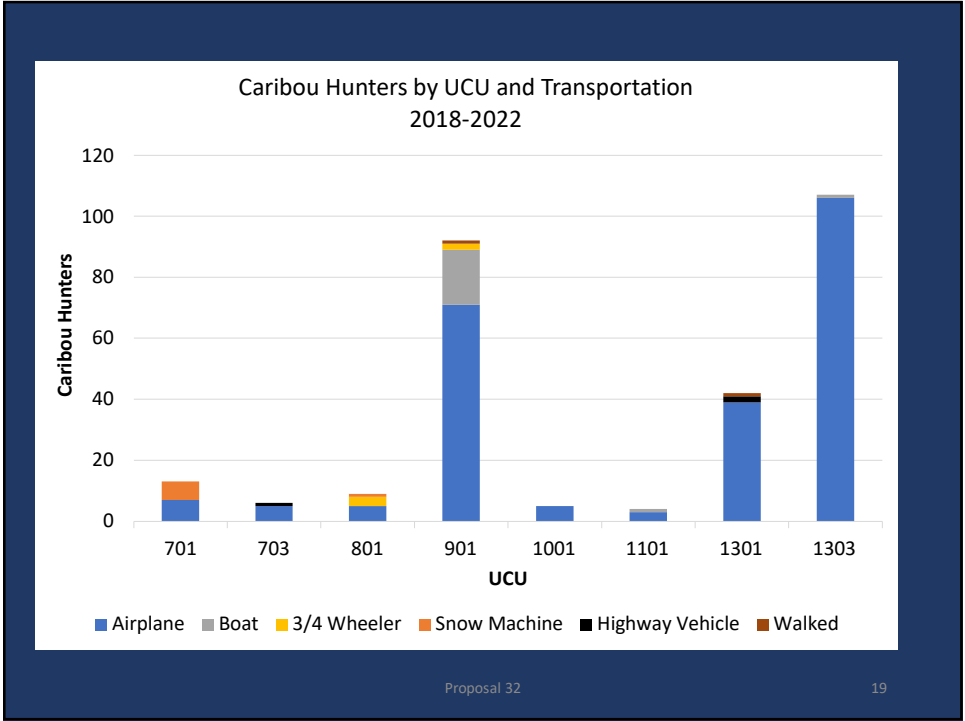
Caribou Hunter Success by Residency in Proposed CUA (5-year average 2018-2022)		
	Successful	Unsuccessful
Non-Resident	37	9
Resident	6	3

- The resident harvest is not well represented by the general season and RC907 permits.
- The 2014 community harvest survey indicates about 770 caribou are harvested by Anaktuvuk Pass (Subsistence Division).

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Caribou Hunters using Commercial Services- Proposed CUA						
UCU	None	Transport to field	Non-guided services	Registered Guide	Lodge Camp	Annual Average
701	6	0	0	7	0	1
703	1	2	0	4	1	1
801	4	3	0	3	1	1
901	2	0	0	90	10	20
1001	0	3	2	0	0	1
1101	0	0	0	3	0	1
1301	10	27	3	3	0	7
1303	6	94	19	12	5	26
*45 individuals utilized more than one commercial service between 2018-2022, services utilized over the last 5 years total						

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Resident & Non-Resident Brown Bear Harvest using aircraft in proposed CUA	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	7
2019	2
2020	1
2021	6
2022	2

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Resident and Non-Resident Furbearer Harvest in Proposed CUA and Transportation				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Airplane</u>	<u>4-Wheeler</u>	<u>Snowmachine</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	2	3	2	7
2019	0	0	2	2
2020	0	0	2	2
2021	1	0	11	12
2022	1	0	17	18

Furbearer: wolves and wolverines  
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Resident and Non-Resident Sheep Hunters by Aircraft in Proposed CUA 2018-2022	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	0
2019	3
2020	0
2021	3
2022	3

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### Proposal 32: Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area Boundary Expansion and Hunt Opening

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

Proposal Submitted by: The North Slope Advisory Committee

North Slope Advisory Committee: 7-0

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Proposal 33

Sheep/ 26A

Change resident bag limit of sheep Unit 26A to one every four years.

Public Proposal

Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 33

Sheep / Unit 26A

If adopted, this proposal would reduce the Unit 26A sheep bag limit.

- The bag limit would be one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years.
- The season dates would remain the same
- August 10 – September 20

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding (C&T) for Dall Sheep for Unit 26A.

Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) are as follows:

- Units 23 and 26A west of the Etuvluk River (DeLong Mountains): 0-9
- Units 23 and 26A east of the Etuvluk River (Schwotka Mountains): 2-4
- GMUs 23, 24, 25A, and 26 (Brooks Range): 75-125

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Proposal 33

Sheep / 26A

- Sheep hunting in unit 23 and western 26A was closed in 2014 by emergency order.
- The Board of Game adopted a proposal in 2015 to continue that closure due to conservation concerns over low population numbers.
- The Delong and Baird sheep populations declined between 50 and 80% from 2011 to 2015.

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Sheep / 26A

Opportunity for all residents and nonresidents in Units 23 and 26A (that portion west of the Etivluk River drainage) is currently closed.



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# Proposal 33

## Sheep/ 26A

- Bag Limit is one full-curl ram
- Aug 1-5 for youth hunts
- Aug 10-Sept 20 for general season

### Unit 26A, East Etivluk River

#### Sheep - General Hunt

**Residents and Nonresidents - Harvest Ticket Required**

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**AREA DESCRIPTION:** Unit 26A, east of Etivluk River excluding Gates of the Arctic National Park.

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# Proposal 33

## Sheep / Unit 26A

- Bag Limit is three sheep
- Season is Aug 1- April 30

### Units 26A and 26B, GAAR NP Private Lands

#### Sheep - General Hunt

**Residents - Harvest Ticket Required    Nonresidents - No Open Season**

**AREA DESCRIPTION:** Units 26A and 26B, private lands within the Gates of the Arctic National Park.

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# Proposal 33

## Sheep / Unit 26A

Unit 26A remainder

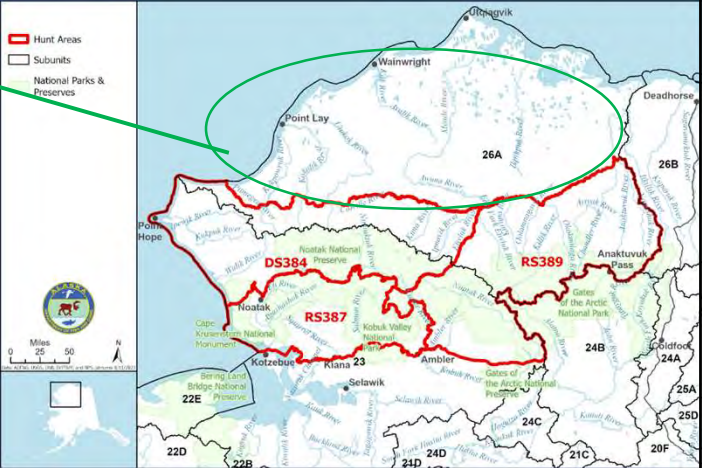
General Season

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Hunt Areas

Subunits

National Parks & Preserves



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# Proposal 33

## Sheep/ Unit 26A

### Change resident bag limit of sheep Unit 26A to one every four years.

#### Public Proposal

#### Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 34

Sheep/ Unit 26A

Open an Archery-only registration Hunt for sheep in Unit 26A

Public Proposal

Recommendation: Neutral

\*Language in Proposal is virtually identical to Proposal 1

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Proposal 34

Sheep / Unit 26A

If adopted, this proposal would create an archery-only registration hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 26A east and west of the Etivluk River to include the DeLong and Schwatka mountains within 23 and 26A.

- The bag limit would be one ram with full-curl horn or larger.
- The season dates would be August 10 – September 20, permits would only be available in person at license vendors.
- Harvest would have to be reported within 48 hours.

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding (C&T) for Dall Sheep for Unit 26A.

Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) are as follows:

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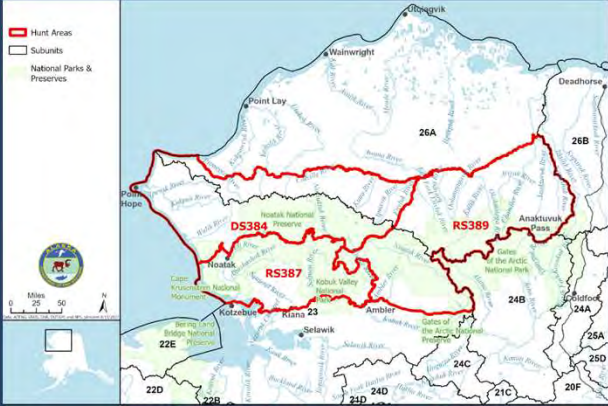
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Sheep / Units 26A

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# Proposal 34

## Sheep / Unit 26A

- Bag Limit is one full-curl ram
- Aug 1-5 for youth hunts
- Aug 10-Sept 20 for general season

### Unit 26A, East Etivluk River

#### Sheep - General Hunt

**Residents and Nonresidents - Harvest Ticket Required**

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# Proposal 34

## Sheep / Units 26A

- Bag Limit is three sheep
- Season is Aug 1- April 30

### Units 26A and 26B, GAAR NP Private Lands

#### Sheep - General Hunt

**Residents - Harvest Ticket Required    Nonresidents - No Open Season**

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Sheep / Units 26A

Unit 26A remainder

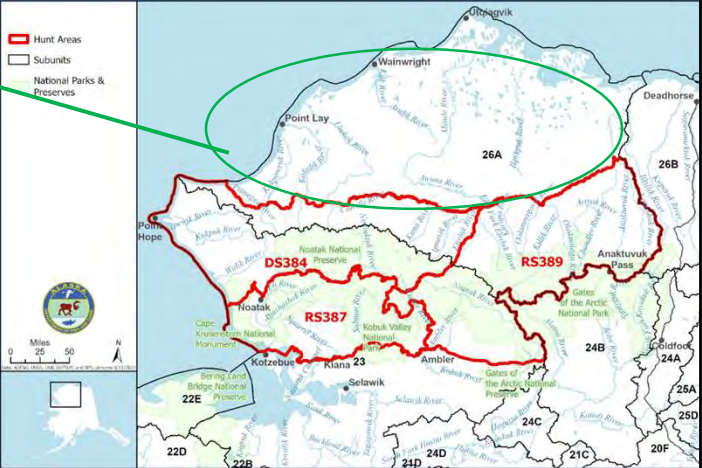
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Hunt Areas

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# Proposal 34

Sheep/ Units 26A

Open an Archery-only registration Hunt for sheep in Unit 26A

Public Proposal

Recommendation: Neutral

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# Proposal 35: Muskoxen Hunt Boundary

Seeks to align TX109 eastern boundary and the western boundary of TX108 hunt with the federal muskoxen hunt boundary

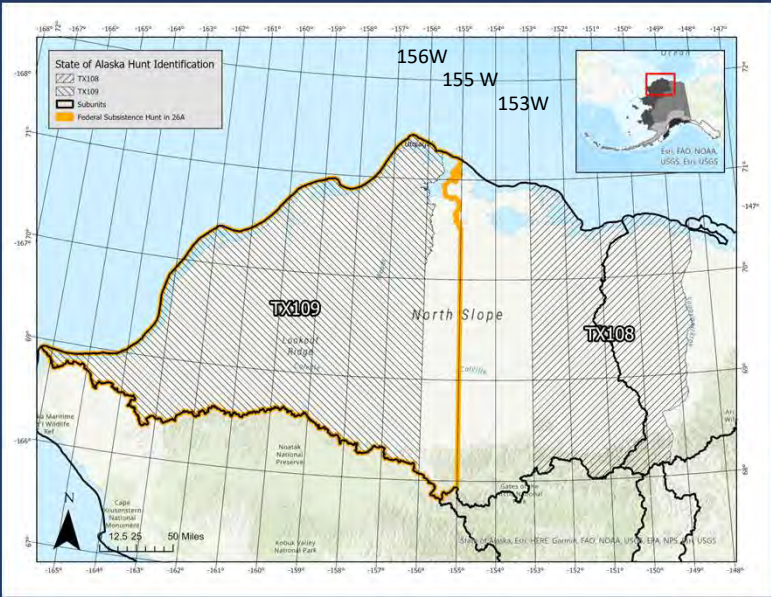
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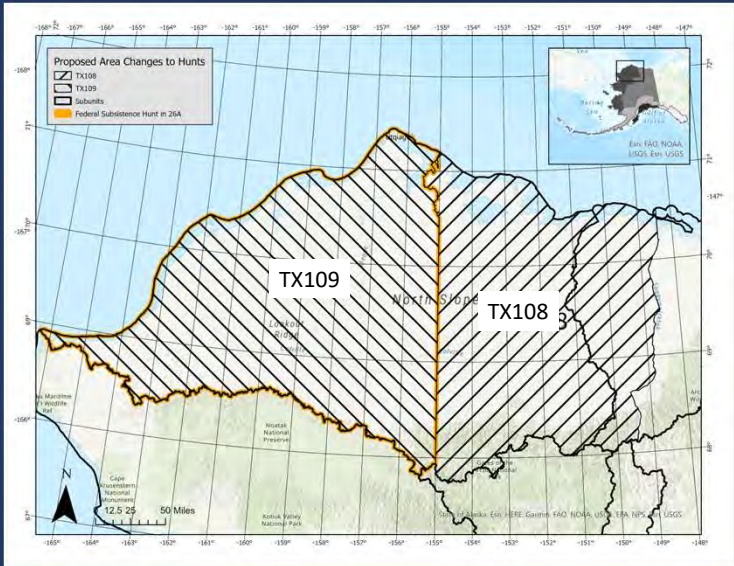
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## Current Unit 26 A Muskoxen Hunt Boundaries



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## Proposed Alignment of Muskoxen Hunt Boundaries



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## TX109 Hunt History

- Tier II hunt that was adopted by the BOG in 2022, and the draw was fall of 2022.
  - Season: Aug. 1-Mar. 15
  - Bag Limit: 1 muskoxen by Tier II permit
- Three permits were issued
- First season of this hunt started in August 2023
- There has been one bull muskoxen harvested.

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# TX108 Hunt History

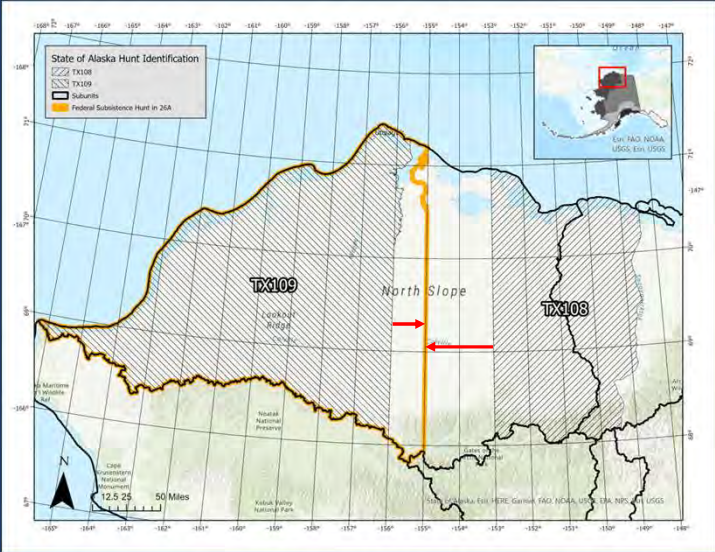
- Season: Aug.1-Mar. 15
- Bag Limit: One muskoxen by Tier II Permit
- Tier II hunt had been closed since 2005 due to conservation concerns
- The population objective was met of 300 muskoxen
- The spring 2022 minimum count was 362 muskoxen
- In 2022 the application period was opened and there was a draw for four any muskoxen permits.

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# Federal Hunt Opened in 2022



- One muskoxen was reported taken in the federal hunt in 2022 for Western 26A

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## Amount Necessary for Subsistence- 26A West of 156 W. Longitude

- There is a positive customary and traditional use finding (C&T)
- Muskoxen in Unit 23, that portion north and west of the Kobuk River drainage, and that portion of Unit 26A west of the Topagoruk River following 156°00' W longitude South to the Unit 26A border (the Cape Thompson population)
- ANS: 18-22

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## Amount Necessary for Subsistence: 26B West of the Dalton

- Positive C&T finding for muskoxen in Unit 26A
- That portion east of the Topagoruk River following 156°00' W longitude South to the Unit 26A border, and Unit 26B, that portion west of the Dalton Highway Corridor
- ANS of 20 muskoxen

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North Slope Advisory Committee: Support 7-0

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