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SUBJECT: Wildlife Excluded from Ceremonial Harvest

Under regulation 5 AAC 92.019 the department is required to compile and maintain a list of areas that are not eligible for ceremonial harvest of wildlife because harvest would be inconsistent with sustained yield principles. The department considers all areas that have an open hunting season for game eligible for ceremonial harvest. In addition, ceremonial harvest may be allowed for game populations that do not currently have a hunting season, but current population size and growth patterns indicate that a limited ceremonial harvest is sustainable. Ceremonial harvesters are encouraged to contact wildlife management staff for more specific information on harvest opportunities and procedures.

The following list of big game species by area do not meet the above criteria and are not available for ceremonial harvest at this time. Bison and elk are not eligible because the Board of Game has not determined that those species have customary and traditional use.

| Species  | Geographic Location  |
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| Bison    | Statewide  |
| Elk      | Statewide  |
| Caribou  | Unit 20D, South of the Tanana River, for cow caribou (the Macomb herd) |
| Moose    | Unit 1A for cow moose  |
| Moose    | Unit 1C, Berner's Bay for cow moose;                                   |
| Moose    | Unit 9, for cow moose  |
| Moose    | Unit 20B, Minto Flats Management Area, for cow moose                   |
| Moose    | Unit 20C, for cow moose  |
| Moose    | Unit 20F, for cow moose  |
| Moose    | Unit 25C, for cow moose  |
| Muskoxen | Unit 18, excluding Nunivak and Nelson Island                           |
| Muskoxen | Unit 26A, that portion east of 154° W Longitude                        |
| Muskoxen | Units 26B and 26C  |

This list remains in effect until updated.