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Federal Subsistence Board to hold teleconference on Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA21-01 (Units 23 and 26A caribou and moose)

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) will hold a teleconference on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to take action on Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA21-01.

The public is invited to listen in; however, public comments will not be taken. To join the teleconference, dial toll-free (800) 857-9670, passcode is 6992079.

Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA21-01, submitted by the Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, requests that Federal public lands in Units 23 and 26A be closed to the harvest of caribou and moose by non-Federally qualified users from August 1 through September 30, 2021.

A public hearing, Tribal and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) consultations, and a five-day written public comment period were held for this temporary wildlife special action request in April 2021. Additional Tribal and ANCSA consultations will be held in late May 2021. Over 1,300 received comments will be incorporated into an analysis presented by Office of Subsistence Management staff to the Board for their consideration prior to taking action on WSA21-01. The analysis will be available approximately two weeks before the teleconference, at https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/board.

The Board is committed to providing access to this meeting for all participants. Please direct requests for accommodation needs to the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3888 or by e-mail at <u>subsistence@fws.gov</u>.

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