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Public hearing announced for Temporary Wildlife Special Action Request WSA21-01 regarding caribou and moose in Units 23 and 26A

A telephonic public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., or until the end of public participation, on Friday, April 23, 2021, to receive public testimony on a temporary special action request submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board).

Temporary Special Action Request WSA21-01, submitted by the Northwest Arctic Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, asks to close Federal public lands in Units 23 and 26A to harvest of caribou and moose by non-Federally qualified users from August 1 through September 30, 2021. This request would add the following language to the current Federal regulations for caribou and moose in Units 23 and 26A:

"Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou and moose from August 1 through September 30, 2021, except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations."

The public is encouraged to participate in this hearing by calling the telephone number below. When prompted, enter the passcode. Comments will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Public Hearing Information:

Friday, April 23, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (or until the end of public participation)

Teleconference: Toll Free: (877) 918-3011

Passcode: 8147177

The Board is committed to providing access to this public 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 subsistence@fws.gov at least seven business days prior to the meeting.

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