



U.S. Department of the Interior
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Federal Subsistence Management Update

BLM Alaska Virtual RAC Meeting Feb. 8, 2022

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Federal Subsistence Board (FSB) Events

- Feb. 1-2: Work Session
- April 12-15: Wildlife Regulatory Meeting
- March: Public meeting to decide on Wildlife Special Action (WSA) 21-01
- Agendas and proposals:
www.doi.gov/subsistence



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service experts speak at a 2019 Federal Subsistence Board meeting at the BLM Alaska State Office in Anchorage.



FSB Work Session Issues



A person cuts up salmon with an ulu.
Office of Subsistence Management photo.

- Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program Project Funding
- Individual Customary and Traditional Use request for salmon in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve
- Update on WSA21-01 from OSM
- Annual Report Reply Process Review
- Federal Subsistence Management Budget Briefing



FSB Wildlife Regulatory Meeting Issues

- Proposals and Wildlife Closure Reviews
- 70 Proposals on agenda
- 43 Proposals on consensus agenda
- 27 Proposals on non-consensus agenda
- 14 Proposals and Closure Reviews relevant to BLM-managed lands
- Unclear if meeting will be in-person or virtual



A bull moose at Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, in Unit 23, late summer 2006. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service photo by Steve Hillebrand.



BLM-related Proposals

- 4 Wildlife Closure Reviews applicable to BLM-managed lands
- 10 Wildlife Proposals applicable to BLM-managed lands



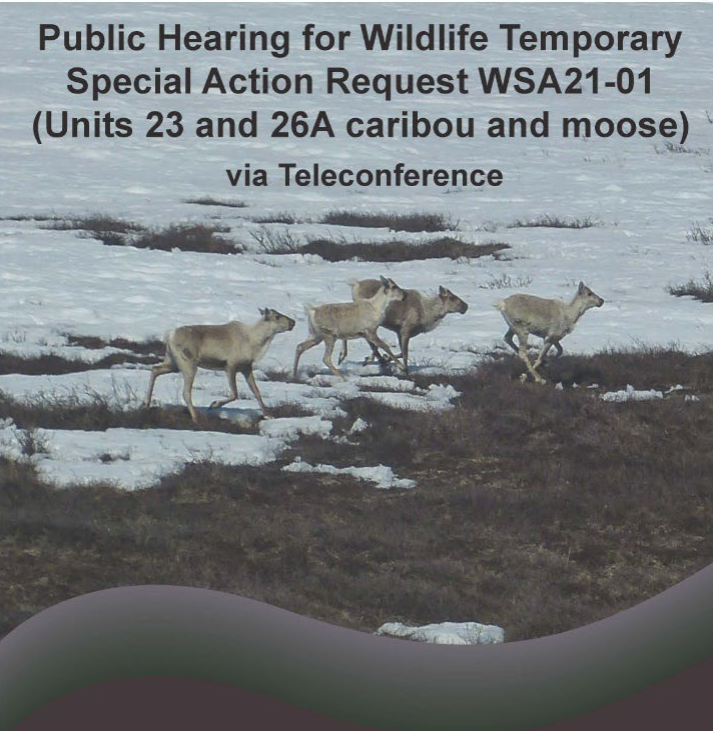
Ptarmigan in the NPR-A.
BLM photo by Bob Wick.



Temporary Wildlife Special Action WSA21-01

- Requests that caribou and moose hunting on Federal public lands in Units 23 and 26A be closed to non-Federally qualified users Aug. 1 – Sept. 30, 2022.
- Originally submitted for the 2021 hunting season.
- Decision deferred by the Board in June 2021.
- Western Arctic Caribou Herd numbers at 188,000 animals in 2021, down from 244,000 animals in 2019.

**Public Hearing for Wildlife Temporary
Special Action Request WSA21-01
(Units 23 and 26A caribou and moose)
via Teleconference**




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

TELECONFERENCE: call the toll free number:
(877) 918-3011
participant passcode: 8147177

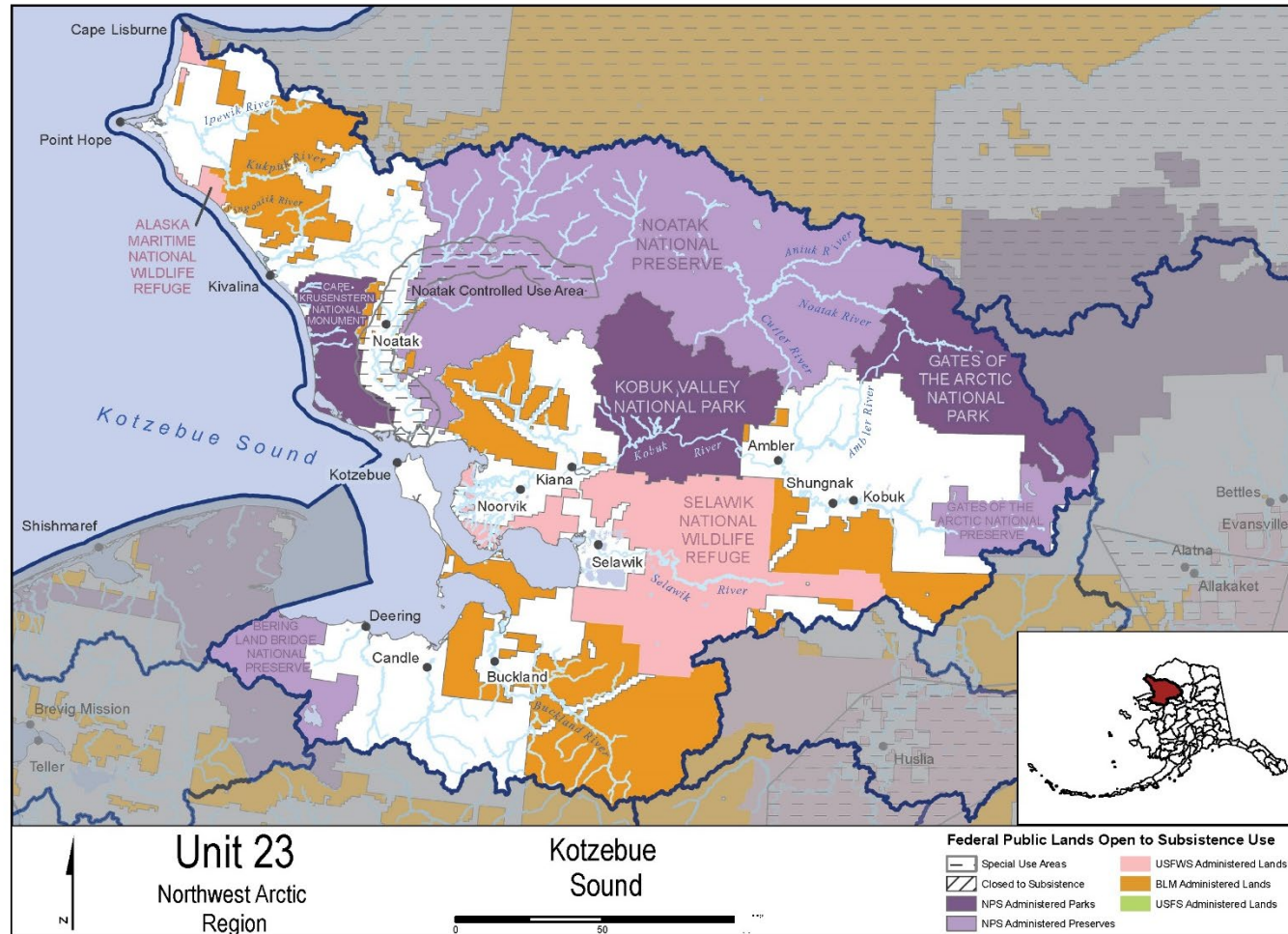
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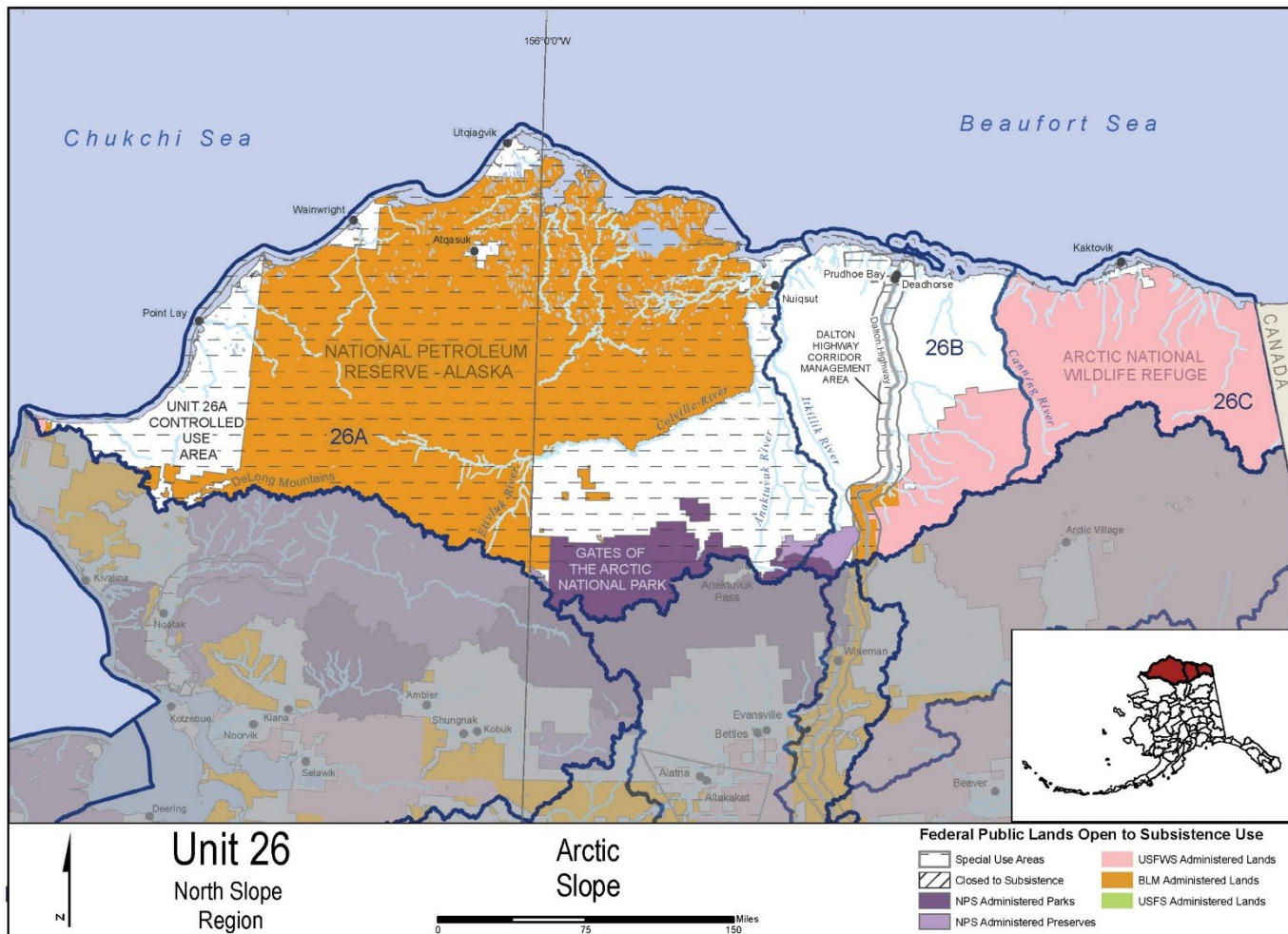
Game Management Unit 23



Wildlife Special Action 21-01 requests lands in Unit 23 be temporarily closed to non-federally qualified (urban) hunters.



Game Management Unit 26



Wildlife Special Action 21-01 requests lands in Unit 26a be temporarily closed to non-federally qualified (urban) hunters.
BLM manages ~25 million acres in Unit 26a.



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QUESTIONS?

