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Federal Subsistence Board Delegates Authority for In-Season Management of the Subsistence Moose Hunts in Unit 15.

The Federal Subsistence Board met July 18, 2012 in Anchorage in public and executive sessions. During the public session, the Board delegated authority for in-season management of the subsistence moose hunts in Unit 15 to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge manager. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requested the Board delegate this authority to allow more timely and flexible management. There are conservation concerns regarding the moose population in Unit 15 since the bull:cow ratios in portions of the unit are very low. These low bull:cow ratios, if not corrected, could lead to low productivity and potentially severe moose population declines on the Kenai Peninsula in the future. The Board agreed that the Southcentral Subsistence Regional Advisory Council should review this delegation of authority at its October 15-16, 2012 meeting. The Board will review the delegation of authority and any recommendations from the Council at its January 2013 meeting.

Additional information on the Federal Subsistence Management Program can be found at <http://alaska.fws.gov/asm/home.html>.

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