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## Alaska Statues

### **AS 16.05.258. SUBSISTENCE USE AND ALLOCATION.**

(a) Except in nonsubsistence areas, the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game shall identify the fish

stocks and game populations, or portions of stocks or populations, that are customarily and traditionally

taken or used for subsistence. The commissioner shall provide recommendations to the boards concerning the stock and population identifications. The boards shall make identifications required under this subsection after receipt of the commissioner's recommendations.

(b) The appropriate board shall determine whether a portion of a fish stock or game population identified under (a) of this section can be harvested consistent with sustained yield. If a portion of a stock or population can be harvested consistent with sustained yield, the board shall determine the amount of the harvestable portion that is reasonably necessary for subsistence uses and

(1) if the harvestable portion of the stock or population is sufficient to provide for all consumptive uses, the appropriate board

(A) shall adopt regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses of those stocks or populations;

(B) shall adopt regulations that provide for other uses of those stocks or populations, subject to preferences among beneficial uses; and

(C) may adopt regulations to differentiate among uses;

(2) if the harvestable portion of the stock or population is sufficient to provide for subsistence uses and some, but not all, other consumptive uses, the appropriate board

(A) shall adopt regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses of those stocks

or populations;

(B) may adopt regulations that provide for other consumptive uses of those stocks or populations; and

(C) shall adopt regulations to differentiate among consumptive uses that provide for a preference for the

subsistence uses, if regulations are adopted under (B) of this paragraph;

(3) if the harvestable portion of the stock or population is sufficient to provide for subsistence uses, but no other consumptive uses, the appropriate board shall

(A) determine the portion of the stocks or populations that can be harvested consistent with sustained yield; and

(B) adopt regulations that eliminate other consumptive uses in order to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses; and

(4) if the harvestable portion of the stock or population is not sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses, the appropriate board shall

(A) adopt regulations eliminating consumptive uses, other than subsistence uses;

(B) distinguish among subsistence users, through limitations based on

(i) the customary and direct dependence on the fish stock or game population by the subsistence user for human consumption as a mainstay of livelihood;

(ii) the proximity of the domicile of the subsistence user to the stock or population; and

(iii) the ability of the subsistence user to obtain food if subsistence use is restricted or eliminated.

(c) The boards may not permit subsistence hunting or fishing in a nonsubsistence area. The boards, acting jointly, shall identify by regulation the boundaries of nonsubsistence areas. A nonsubsistence area is an area or community where dependence upon subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life of the area or community. In determining whether dependence upon subsistence is a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life of an area or community under this subsection, the boards shall jointly consider the relative importance of subsistence in the context of the totality of the following socio-economic characteristics of the area or community:

- (1) the social and economic structure;
- (2) the stability of the economy;
- (3) the extent and the kinds of employment for wages, including full-time, part-time, temporary, and seasonal employment;
- (4) the amount and distribution of cash income among those domiciled in the area or community;
- (5) the cost and availability of goods and services to those domiciled in the area or community;
- (6) the variety of fish and game species used by those domiciled in the area or community;
- (7) the seasonal cycle of economic activity;
- (8) the percentage of those domiciled in the area or community participating in hunting and fishing activities or using wild fish and game;
- (9) the harvest levels of fish and game by those domiciled in the area or community;
- (10) the cultural, social, and economic values associated with the taking and use of fish and game;
- (11) the geographic locations where those domiciled in the area or community hunt and fish;
- (12) the extent of sharing and exchange of fish and game by those domiciled in the area or community;
- (13) additional similar factors the boards establish by regulation to be relevant to their determinations under this subsection.

(d) Fish stocks and game populations, or portions of fish stocks and game populations not identified under (a) of this section may be taken only under nonsubsistence regulations.

(e) Takings and uses of fish and game authorized under this section are subject to regulations regarding open and closed areas, seasons, methods and means, marking and identification requirements, quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size limitations. Takings and uses of resources authorized under this section are subject to AS 16.05.831 and AS 16.30.

(f) For purposes of this section, "reasonable opportunity" means an opportunity, as determined by the appropriate board, that allows a subsistence user to participate in a subsistence hunt or fishery that provides a normally diligent participant with a reasonable expectation of success of taking of fish or game. (§§ 6 ch 52 SLA 1986; am § 2 ch 1 SSSLA 1992)

**Delayed amendment of section.-** Under §§ 3 and 12, ch 1 SSSLA 1992, as amended by sec. 3, ch. 68, SLA 1995, § 3, ch. 130 SLA 1996, and § 1, ch. 109, SLA 1997, effective October 1, 1998, this section is amended to read: "**Sec. 16.05.258. Subsistence use and allocation of fish and game.** (a) The Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game shall identify the fish stocks and game populations, or portions of stocks and populations, that are customarily and traditionally used for subsistence in each rural area identified by the boards.

“(b) The boards shall determine

“(1) what portion, if any, of the stocks and populations identified under (a) of this section can be harvested consistent with sustained yield; and

“(2) how much of the harvestable portion is needed to provide a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the subsistence uses of those stocks and populations.

"(c) The boards shall adopt subsistence fishing and subsistence hunting regulations for each stock and population for which a harvestable portion is determined to exist under (b)(1) of this section. If the harvestable portion is not sufficient to accommodate all consumptive uses of the stock or population, but is sufficient to accommodate subsistence uses of the stock or population, then nonwasteful subsistence uses shall be accorded a preference over other consumptive uses, and the regulations shall provide a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the subsistence uses. If the harvestable portion is sufficient to accommodate the subsistence uses of the stock or population, then the boards may provide for other consumptive uses of the remainder of the harvestable sustained yield or continue subsistence uses, then the preference shall be limited, and the boards shall distinguish among subsistence users, by applying the following criteria:

"(1) customary and direct dependence on the fish stock or game population as the mainstay of livelihood;

"(2) local residency; and

"(3) availability of alternative resources.

"(d) The boards may adopt regulations consistent with this section that authorize taking for nonsubsistence uses a stock or population identified under (a) of this section.

"(e) Fish stocks and game populations, including bison, or portions of fish stocks and game populations, not identified under (a) of this section may be taken only under nonsubsistence regulations.

"(f) Taking authorized under this section are subject to reasonable regulation of seasons, catch or bag limits, and methods and means. Takings and uses of resources authorized under this section are subject to AS 16.05.831 and AS 16.30."

**Cross references.** - For legislative findings, purpose, and intent in connection with the 1992 amendment of this section, see § 1, ch.1, SSSLA 1992 in the Temporary and Special Acts; for requirement that the boards expeditiously adopt regulations to implement this section, see § § 6 and 7, ch. 1, SSSLA 1992 in the Temporary and Special Acts; for transitional provisions and for review by the governor and report to the legislature, see §§ 7-9, ch 1, SSSLA 1992, as amended by §§ 1 and 2, ch. 68, SLA 1995 and §§ 1 and 2, ch. 130, SLA 1996 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

**Effect of Amendments.**- The 1992 amendment rewrote this section.

**Effective date of 1992 amendment.** — Under § 11, ch. 1, SSSLA 1992, the amendment to this section made by § 2, ch. 1, SSSLA 1992 takes effect "on the effective date of regulations first adopted under sec. 6 of this Act by the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game."

**Opinions of attorney general.** — Under this section, for a given fish stock or game population, if there is a harvestable surplus and if the relevant board has found a customary and traditional use of that stock, then subsistence uses must be authorized. Jan. 1, 1991 Op. Att'y Gen.

Under this section, the Board of Fisheries and Game may not provide less than reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses unless nonsubsistence uses are closed. However, assuming that guideline is met, the board may go to a two tier analysis under the statute (which is necessary if less than reasonable opportunity can be provided) in two cases: (1) to assure sustained yield, or (2) to continue subsistence uses. The latter situation may be presented when a population is being managed for overall growth, in order that eventually more opportunity can be provided. Jan. 1, 1991 OB Att'y Gen.

## Notes To Decisions

**Rural residency requirement unconstitutional.** – The requirement contained in the 1986 subsistence statute (ch. 52, SLA 1986), that one must reside in a rural area in order to participate in subsistence hunting and fishing, violates Alaska Const., art. VIII, §§ 3, 15, and 17. *McDowell v. State*, 785 P.2d 1 (Alaska 1989).

**Prohibition of subsistence permits for residents in nonsubsistence areas invalid.** – The requirements of the equal access clauses apply to both tiers of subsistence users. Just as eligibility to participate in all subsistence hunting and fishing cannot be made dependent on whether one lives in an urban or rural area, eligibility to participate in Tier II subsistence hunting and fishing cannot be based on how close one lives to a given fish or game population. Subsection (b)(4)(B)(ii), which uses the proximity of the domicile of the Tier II subsistence permit applicant to the fish and game population which the applicant wishes to harvest as a basis for the applicant's eligibility, violates sections 3, 15, and 17 of article VIII of the Alaska Constitution. *State v. Kenaitze Indian Tribe*, 894 P.2d 632 (Alaska 1995).

**Creation of nonsubsistence area not unconstitutional.** – The statutory provision in subsection (c) mandating the creation of nonsubsistence areas does not violate sections 3, 15, and 17 of article VIII of the Alaska Constitution because the provision by itself without the proximity of domicile provisions does absolutely bar subsistence uses for certain residents. *State v. Kenaitze Indian Tribe*, 894 P.2d 632 (Alaska 1995).

**Regulations adopted under former AS 16.05.257 had to be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62).** *State v. Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Ass'n*, 583 P.2d 854 (Alaska 1978).

While former AS 16.05.257, which authorized the Board of Game to adopt regulations providing for subsistence hunting, did not specifically refer to the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), it appeared clear that it merely set forth an additional purpose for which regulations might be promulgated. *State v. Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Ass'n*, 583 P.2d 854 (Alaska 1978).

**Considerations in adopting regulations.** — The boards of fisheries and game have the discretion to adopt regulations that recognize the needs, customs, and traditions of Alaska residents, but they are not mandated to do so when formulating their subsistence regulations. *State v. Morry*, 836 P.2d 358 (Alaska 1992).

**"Sustained yield".** — The term "sustained yield" in subsection (b) is potentially broad enough to include authority in the game board to restrict even subsistence hunting in order to rebuild a damaged game population. However, the board does not have absolute discretion in this area. There must be a balance of minimum adverse impact upon rural residents who depend upon subsistence use of resources and recognized scientific principles of game management. *Kwethluk IRA Council v. Alaska*, 740 F. Supp. 765 (D. Alaska 1990).

**Familial relationship not required.** – In evaluating a subsistence fishery proposal, the Board of Fisheries erroneously required users of salmon in an area to have a familial relationship with prior generations of subsistence users in the area; such interpretation of 5 AAC 99.010(b) was inconsistent with subsection (a) and the definition of "customary and traditional" in AS 16.05.940. *Payton v. State*, 938 P.2d 1036 (Alaska 1997).

**Invalid regulations severable.** – Invalid portions of regulations established pursuant to the mandate of this section are severable from the remaining regulations if, standing alone, the regulation can be given legal effect and the legislature intended the provision to stand. *State v. Palmer*, 882 P.2d 386 (Alaska 1994).

**Issuance of permits based on verbal instructions to agents held improper.** – Nothing in the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62) authorizes the Board of Game to impose requirements not contained in written regulations by means of oral instructions to agents. Such verbal additions to regulations involving requirements of substance are unauthorized and unenforceable. *State v. Tanana Valley Sportsmen’s Ass’n*, 583 P.2d 854 (Alaska 1978).

**Adoption of eligibility criteria.** – All Alaskans are eligible to participate in subsistence hunting and fishing, and the board of game lacks the authority to adopt eligibility criteria when the resource is sufficiently abundant to satisfy all subsistence users. *State v. Morry*, 836 P.2d 358 (Alaska 1992).

**The least intrusive standard** applied by the superior court to board of game regulations for subsistence uses is not explicitly mentioned in the text of the subsistence preference laws nor can such a standard be reasonably implied from the fact that the subsistence law in this section accords a “preference” to subsistence users. The subsistence law provides a preference only by giving subsistence users “reasonable opportunity” to harvest the resource, and the superior court erred in its decision that the least intrusive standard was implied as a rule of construction for the term “reasonable opportunity.” *State v. Morry*, 836 P.2d 358 (Alaska 1992).

**Reasonable basis for Board of Game’s quota of caribou to be killed under former AS 16.05.257** – See *State v. Tanana Valley Sportsmen’s Ass’n*, 583 P.2d 854 (Alaska 1978).

**Emergency caribou hunt allowed.** – Native Alaskan villagers were granted injunctive relief permitting an emergency caribou hunt allowing the taking of 50 to 70 animals where the hunt was justified by economic conditions and would not adversely affect the herd. *Kwethluk IRA Council v. Alaska*, 740 F. Supp. 765 (D. Alaska 1990).

**Regulations held invalid.** – Board of game regulations establishing seasons and bag limits on the taking of moose and caribou were arbitrary and invalid, where the board did not follow or articulate its use of the statutory analytical process for adopting bag limits as to subsistence hunting, and the regulations imposed seasons not consistent with the board’s findings as to established village customs and thereby unacceptably restricted the statutory preference for subsistence uses. *Bobby v. Alaska*, 718 F. Supp. 764 (D. Alaska 1989).

Trophy hunting regulations adopted by the board of game do not constitute compliance with the requirement of subsection (c) that the board adopt subsistence hunting regulations for game. *State v. Morry*, 836 P.2d 358 (Alaska 1992).

Where no hearing was ever held regarding whether regulations of the board of game were consistent with the subsistence law prior to their adoption as subsistence regulations, the challenged tag/fee and sealing regulations, as subsistence regulations applicable to the taking and use of brown/grizzly bears in the affected game management units, were invalid. *State v. Morry*, 836 P.2d 358 (Alaska 1992).

**Remand.** – Where defendant was erroneously barred from challenging regulations prohibiting hunting with the aid of an artificial light and applying the prohibition against subsistence hunters, the case was remanded to allow defendant to demonstrate that the regulations were adopted without compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act, AS 44.62. *Totemoff v. State*, 905 P.2d 954 (Alaska 1995), cert. denied, --U.S.--, 116 S. Ct. 2499, 135 L. Ed. 2d 290 (1996).

**Cited in** *Krohn v. State, Dep’t of Fish & Game*, 938 P.2d 1019 (Alaska 1997).

**AS 16.05.259. NO SUBSISTENCE DEFENSE.**

In a prosecution for the taking of fish or game in violation of a statute or regulation, it is not a defense that the taking was done for subsistence uses.( § 7 ch 52 SLA 1986)

**Revisor's notes.-** Formerly AS 16.05.261. Renumbered in 1987.

**Notes To Decisions**

**Power to challenge regulation.** – A person charged with a subsistence hunting violation is not precluded by this section or by the federal Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act from challenging the regulation he is alleged to have violated. *Bobby v. Alaska*, 718 F. Supp. 764 (D. Alaska 1989).

Since *State v. Eluska*, 724 P.2d 514 (Alaska 1986) and this section prevent hunters who took game in the absence of any regulation authorizing them to do so from claiming a subsistence defense; a defendant was not prohibited from contesting the validity of a regulation which prohibits hunting with the aid of an artificial light. *Totemoff v. State*, 905 P.2d 954 (Alaska 1995), cert. denied, --U.S.--, 116 S. Ct. 2499, 135 L. Ed. 2d 290 (1996).

**AS 16.05.940. DEFINITIONS.**

(7) "customary and traditional" means the noncommercial, long-term, and consistent taking of, use of, and reliance upon fish or game in a specific area and the use patterns of that fish or game that have been established over a reasonable period of time taking into consideration the availability of the fish or game;

(8) "customary trade" means the limited noncommercial exchange, for minimal amounts of cash, as restricted by the appropriate board, of fish or game resources; the terms of this paragraph do not restrict money sales of furs and furbearers;

(27) "rural area" means a community or area of the state in which the noncommercial, customary, and traditional use of fish or game for personal or family consumption is a principal characteristic of the economy of the community or area;

(30) "subsistence fishing" means the taking of, fishing for, or possession of fish, shellfish, or other fisheries resources by a resident domiciled in a rural area of the state for subsistence uses with gill net, seine, fish wheel, long line, or other means defined by the Board of Fisheries;

(31) "subsistence hunting" means the taking of, hunting for, or possession of game by a resident domiciled in a rural area of the state for subsistence uses by means defined by the Board of Game;

(32) "subsistence uses" means the noncommercial, customary and traditional uses of wild, renewable resources by a resident domiciled in a rural area of the state for direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools, or transportation, for the making and selling of handicraft articles out of nonedible by-products of fish and wildlife resources taken for personal or family consumption, and for the customary trade, barter, or sharing for personal or family consumption; in this paragraph, "family" means persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, and a person living in the household on a permanent basis;

## Alaska Administrative Code

### **SUBSISTENCE USES.**

#### **Sections**

- 10. Boards of fisheries and game subsistence procedures
- 12. (Repealed)
- 14. (Repealed)
- 15. Joint Board nonsubsistence areas
- 16. Activities permitted in a nonsubsistence area
- 20. (Repealed)
- 21. Definition
- 25. Customary and traditional uses of game populations
- 30. Eligibility for subsistence and general hunts

#### **5 AAC 99.010. SUBSISTENCE PROCEDURES**

(a) In applying a subsistence law, the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game will provide for conservation and development of Alaska's fish and game resources according to sustained yield principles.

(b) Each board will identify fish stocks or game populations, or portions of stocks or populations, that are

customarily and traditionally taken or used by Alaska residents for subsistence uses by considering the following criteria:

(1) a long-term consistent pattern of noncommercial taking, use, and reliance on the fish stock or game

population that has been established over a reasonable period of time of not less than one generation, excluding interruption by circumstances beyond the user's control, such as unavailability of the fish or game caused by migratory patterns;

(2) a pattern of taking or use recurring in specific seasons of each year;

(3) a pattern of taking or use consisting of methods and means of harvest that are characterized by efficiency and economy of effort and cost;

(4) the area in which the noncommercial, long-term, and consistent pattern of taking, use, and reliance upon

the fish stock or game population has been established;

(5) a means of handling, preparing, preserving, and storing fish or game that has been traditionally used by

past generations, but not excluding recent technological advances where appropriate;

(6) a pattern of taking or use that includes the handing down of knowledge of fishing or hunting skills, values, and lore from generation to generation;

(7) a pattern of taking, use, and reliance where the harvest effort or products of that harvest are distributed

or shared, including customary trade, barter, and gift-giving; and

(8) a pattern that includes taking, use, and reliance for subsistence purposes upon a wide diversity of fish and game resources and that provides substantial economic, cultural, social, and nutritional elements of the subsistence way of life.



(c) When circumstances such as increased numbers of users, weather, predation, or loss of habitat may jeopardize the sustained yield of a fish stock or game population, each board will exercise all practical options for restricting nonsubsistence harvest of the stock or population and may address other limiting factors before subsistence uses are restricted below the level the board has determined to provide a reasonable opportunity. If all available restrictions for nonsubsistence harvests have been implemented and further restrictions are needed, the board will eliminate nonsubsistence consumptive uses, and reduce the take for subsistence uses in a series of graduated steps under AS 16.05.258 (b)(4)(B) - the "Tier II" distinction - by distinguishing among subsistence users through limitations based on

(1) the customary and direct dependence on the fish stock or game population by the subsistence user for human consumption as a mainstay of livelihood;

(2) the proximity of the user's domicile to the stock or population; and

(3) the ability of the subsistence user to obtain food if subsistence use of the stock or population is restricted

or eliminated. (Eff. 5/30/82, Register 82; am 1/17/91, Register 117; am 5/15/93, Register 126)

Authority: AS 16.05.251      AS 16.05.258  
   AS 16.05.255

**5 AAC 99.012. RURAL CRITERIA**

Repealed 1/17/91.

**5 AAC 99.014. JOINT BOARD FINDINGS RELATING TO RURAL AND NON-RURAL AREAS**

Repealed 1/17/91.

**5 AAC 99.015. JOINT BOARD NONSUBSISTENCE AREAS.**

(a) The following areas are found by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game to be nonsubsistence use areas:

(1) The Ketchikan Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 1(A), as defined in 5 AAC 92.450(1) (A), all drainages of the Cleveland Peninsula between Niblack Point and Bluff Point, Revillagigedo, Gravina, Pennock, Smeaton, Bold, Betton, and Hassler Islands; all marine waters of Sections 1-C, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (3), 1-D, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (4), 1-E, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (5), that portion of Section 1-F, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (6), north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Mary Island and within one mile of the mainland and the Gravina and Revillagigedo Island shorelines; and that portion of District 2, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(b), within one mile of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline and east of the longitude of Niblack Point.

(2) The Juneau Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 1(C), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(1) (C), all drainages on the mainland east of Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage from the latitude of Eldred Rock to Point Coke, and on Lincoln, Shelter, and Douglas islands; within Unit 4, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(4), that portion of Admiralty Island that includes the Glass Peninsula, all drainages into Seymour Canal north of and including Pleasant Bay, all drainages into Stephens Passage west of Point Arden, the Mansfield Peninsula, all drainages into Chatham Strait north of Point Marsden; all marine waters of Sections 11-A and 11-B, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200(k) (1) and (k)(2), Section 12-B, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200(l) (2), and that portion of Section 12-A, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200(l) (1), north of the latitude of Point Marsden and that portion of District 15, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200

(o), south of the latitude of the northern entrance to Berners Bay, and including Berners Bay.

(3) The Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: Units 7, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(7) (except the Kenai Fjords National Park lands), 14, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(14), 15, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(15) (except that portion south and west of a line beginning at the mouth of Rocky River up the Rocky and Windy Rivers across the Windy River/Jakolof Creek divide and down Jakolof Creek to its mouth, including the islands between the eastern most point of Jakolof Bay and the eastern most point of Rocky Bay), 16(A), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(16) (A); all waters of Alaska in the Cook Inlet Area, as defined by 5 AAC 21.100 (except those waters north of Point Bede which are west of a line from the eastern most point of Jakolof Bay north to the western most point of Hesketh Island including Jakolof Bay and south of a line west from Hesketh Island; the waters south of Point Bede which are west of the eastern most point of Rocky Bay; and those waters described in 5 AAC 01.555(b), known as the Tyonek subdistrict).

(4) The Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 20(A), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(20) (A), east of the Wood River drainage and south of the Rex Trail but including the upper Wood River drainage south of its confluence with Chicken Creek; within Unit 20(B), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(20) (B), the North Star Borough and that portion of the Washington Creek drainage east of the Elliot Highway; within Unit 20(D) as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(20) (D), west of the Tanana River between its confluence with the Johnson and Delta Rivers, west of the east bank of the Johnson River, and north and west of the Volkmar drainage, including the Goodpaster River drainage; and within Unit 25(C), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(25) (C), the Preacher and Beaver Creek drainages.

(5) The Valdez Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 6(D), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(6) (D), and all waters of Alaska in the Prince William Sound Area as defined by 5 AAC 24.100, within the March 1993 Valdez City limits.

(b) The provisions of this section do not apply during the period from April 28, 1994 until a final decision by the Alaska Supreme Court in State v. Kenaitze, No. S-6162, concerning the constitutionality of AS 16.05.258 (c). (Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126; am 4/28/94, Register 130)

Authority: AS 16.05.251            AS 16.05.258  
   AS 16.05.255

**5 AAC 99.016. ACTIVITIES PERMITTED IN A NONSUBSISTENCE AREA.**

(a) A nonsubsistence area is an area or community where dependence upon subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life of the area of community. In a nonsubsistence area, the following activities will be permitted if so provided by the appropriate board by regulation:

- (1) general hunting, including drawing and registration permit hunts;
- (2) personal use, sport, guided sport, commercial fishing, and other fishing authorized by permit.

(b) Subsistence hunting and fishing regulations will not be adopted for these areas and the subsistence priority does not apply. (Eff. 5/15/93, Register 126)

Authority: AS 16.05.251            AS 16.05.258  
   AS 16.05.255

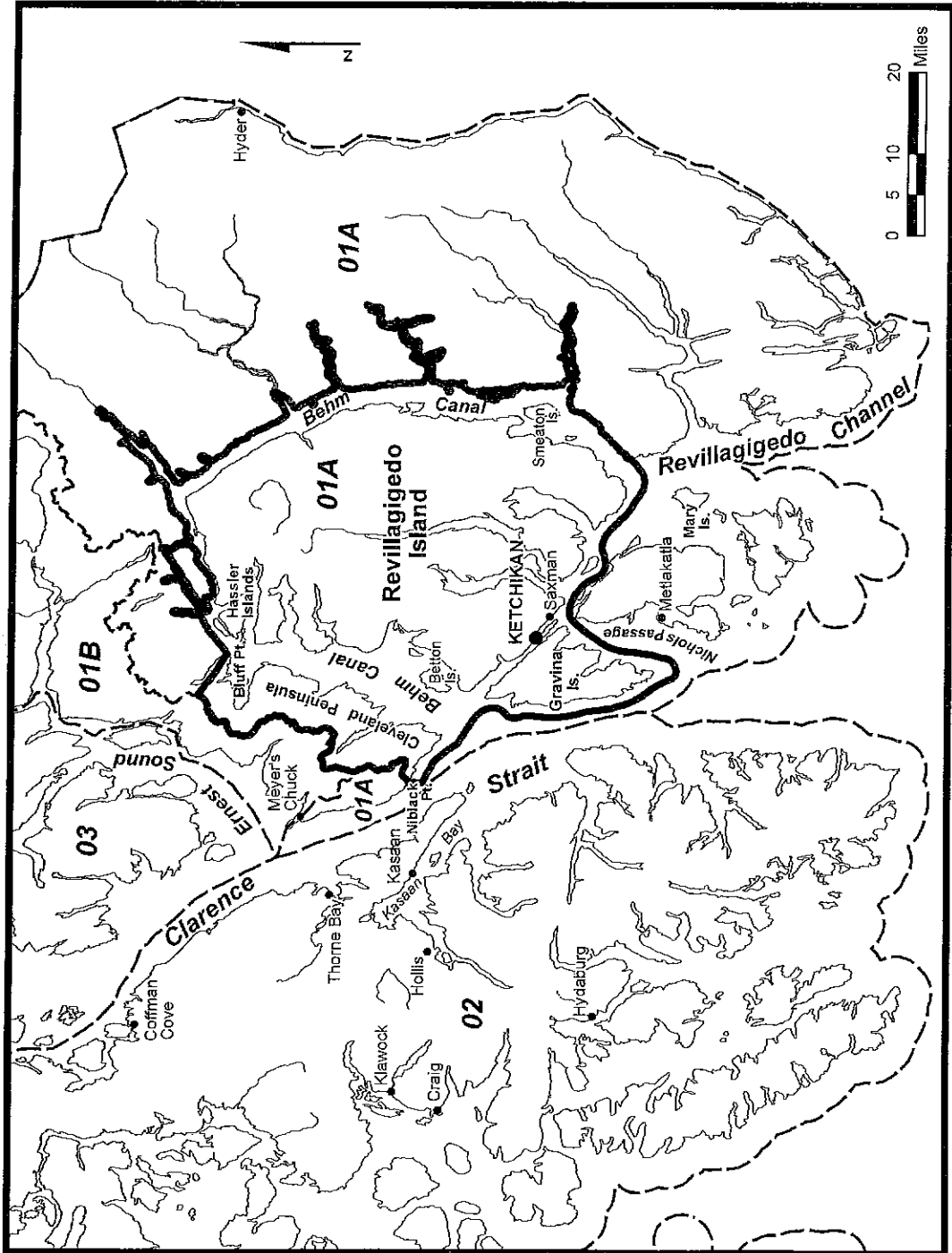
**5 AAC 99.020. DEFINITIONS.**

Repealed 10/9/83.

**5 AAC 99.021. DEFINITION.**

In addition to the definitions in AS 16.05.940 , in this chapter "road-connected area" means the location of domiciles that are normally accessed by motorized highway vehicles operating on constructed roads that connect to the main highway system in the relevant area, including roads that can be negotiated during all portions of the year; in this section, "normally accessed" means that it is reasonably feasible to transport persons, food, and other supplies to domiciles by motorized highway vehicles.

# Ketchikan Nonsubsistence Area



The Ketchikan Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 1(A), as defined in 5 AAC 92.450(1) (A), all drainages of the Cleveland Peninsula between Niblack Point and Bluff Point, Revillagigedo, Gravina, Pennock, Smeaton, Bold, Betton, and Hassler Islands; all marine waters of Sections 1-C, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (3), 1-D, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (4), 1-E, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (5), that portion of Section 1-F, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(a) (6), north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Mary Island and within one mile of the mainland and the Gravina and Revillagigedo Island shorelines; and that portion of District 2, as defined by 5 AAC 33.200(b), within one mile of the Cleveland Peninsula shoreline and east of the longitude of Niblack Point.

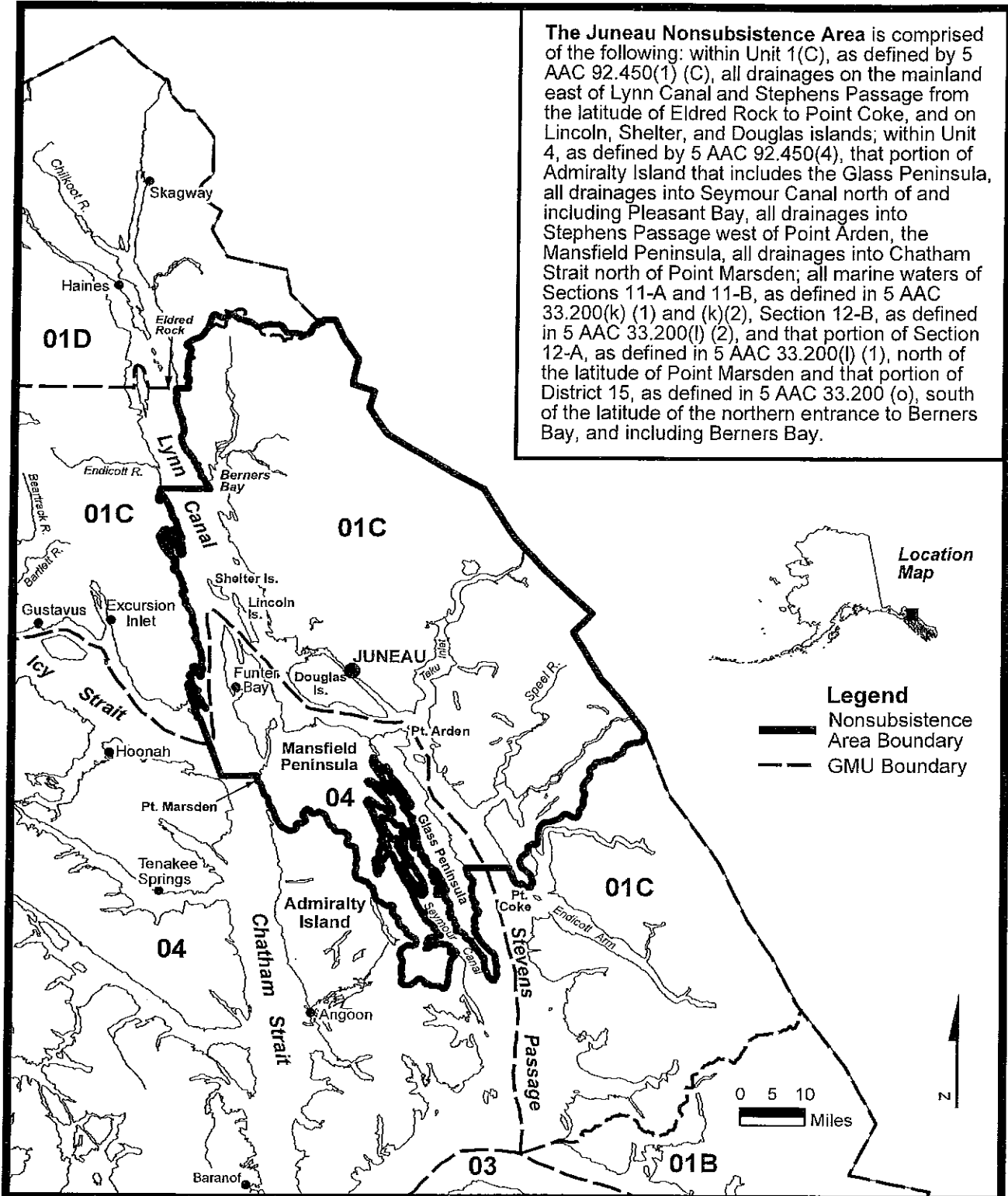


**Legend**  
 Nonsubsistence Area Boundary  
 GMU Boundary



# Juneau Nonsubsistence Area

The Juneau Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 1(C), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(1) (C), all drainages on the mainland east of Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage from the latitude of Eldred Rock to Point Coke, and on Lincoln, Shelter, and Douglas islands; within Unit 4, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(4), that portion of Admiralty Island that includes the Glass Peninsula, all drainages into Seymour Canal north of and including Pleasant Bay, all drainages into Stephens Passage west of Point Arden, the Mansfield Peninsula, all drainages into Chatham Strait north of Point Marsden; all marine waters of Sections 11-A and 11-B, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200(k) (1) and (k)(2), Section 12-B, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200(l) (2), and that portion of Section 12-A, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200(l) (1), north of the latitude of Point Marsden and that portion of District 15, as defined in 5 AAC 33.200 (o), south of the latitude of the northern entrance to Berners Bay, and including Berners Bay.

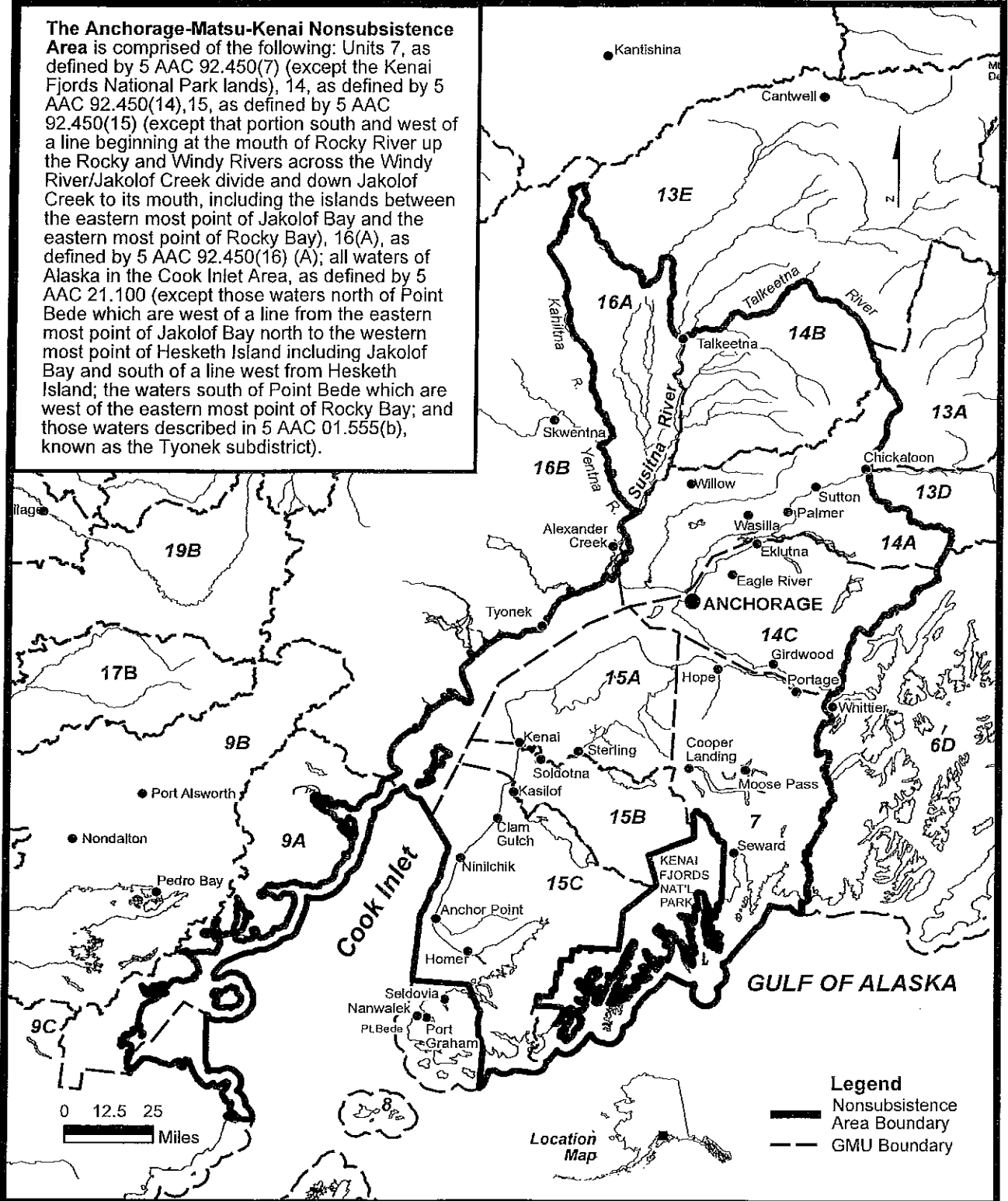


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# Anchorage Nonsubsistence Area

The Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: Units 7, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(7) (except the Kenai Fjords National Park lands), 14, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(14), 15, as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(15) (except that portion south and west of a line beginning at the mouth of Rocky River up the Rocky and Windy Rivers across the Windy River/Jakolof Creek divide and down Jakolof Creek to its mouth, including the islands between the eastern most point of Jakolof Bay and the eastern most point of Rocky Bay), 16(A), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(16) (A); all waters of Alaska in the Cook Inlet Area, as defined by 5 AAC 21.100 (except those waters north of Point Bede which are west of a line from the eastern most point of Jakolof Bay north to the western most point of Hesketh Island including Jakolof Bay and south of a line west from Hesketh Island; the waters south of Point Bede which are west of the eastern most point of Rocky Bay; and those waters described in 5 AAC 01.555(b), known as the Tyonek subdistrict).



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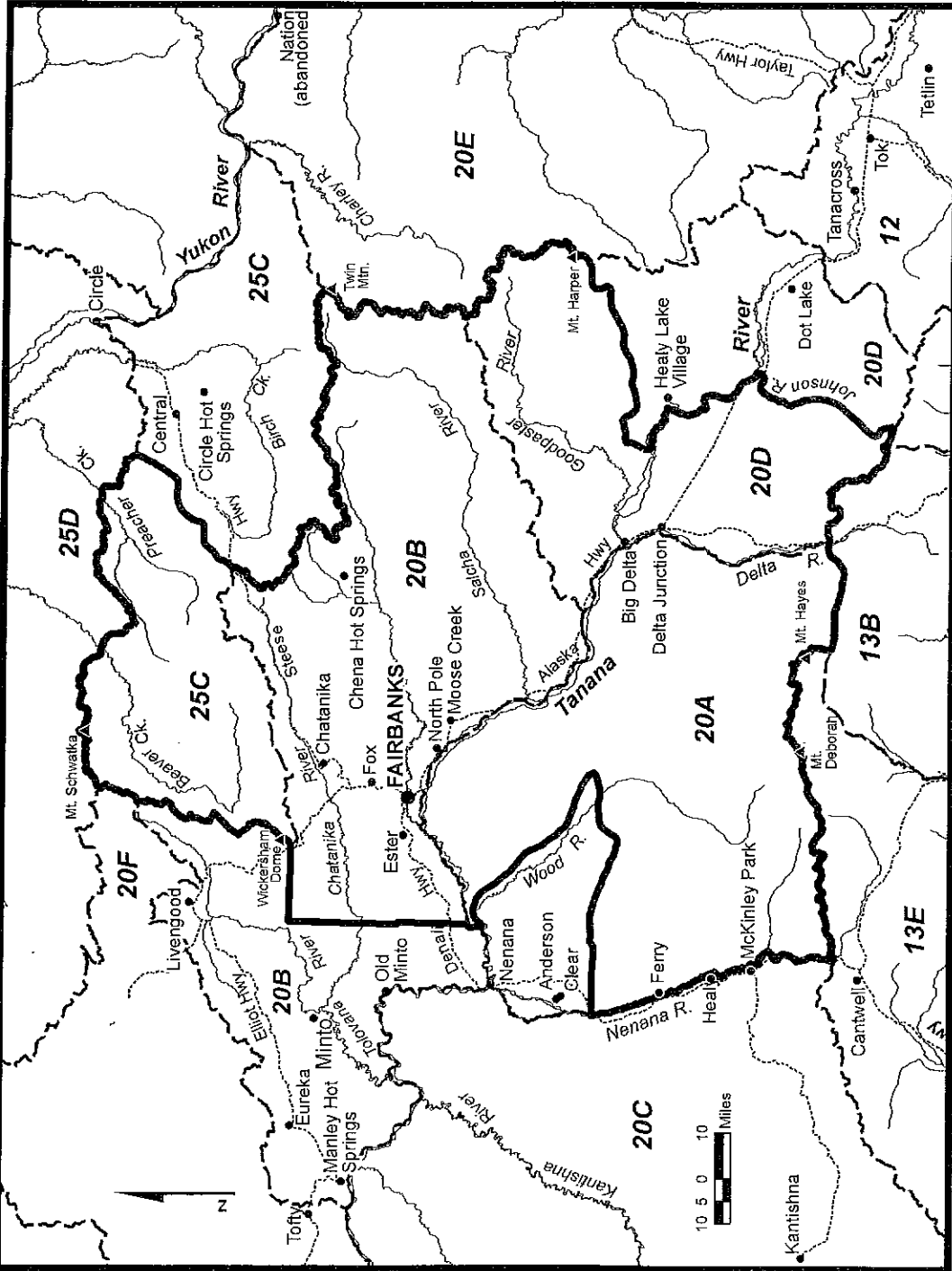
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# Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area

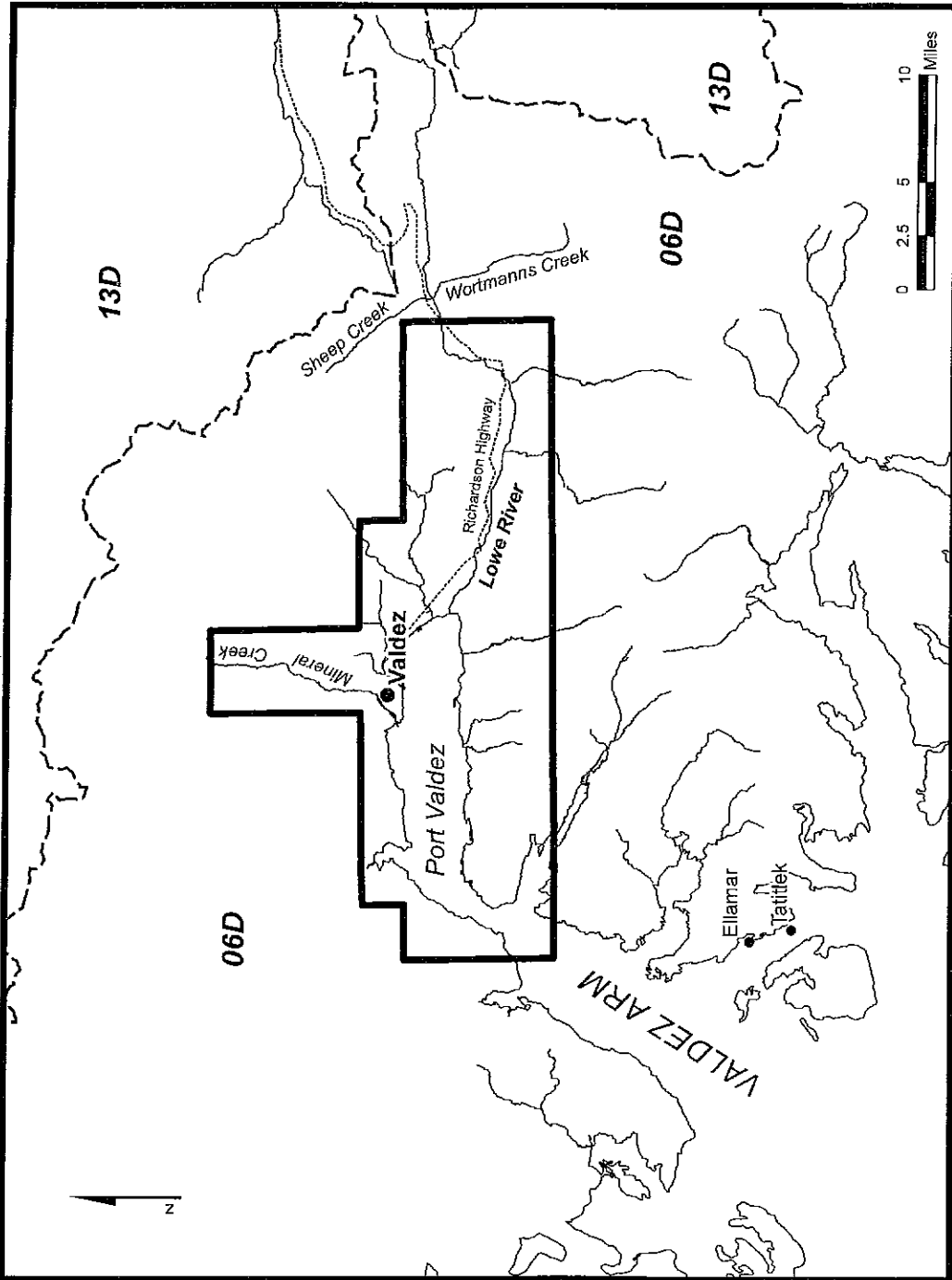
The Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 20(A), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(20) (A), east of the Wood River drainage and south of the Rex Trail but including the upper Wood River drainage south of its confluence with Chicken Creek; within Unit 20(B), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(20) (B), the North Star Borough and that portion of the Washington Creek drainage east of the Elliot Highway; within Unit 20(D) as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(20) (D), west of the Tanana River between its confluence with the Johnson and Delta Rivers, west of the east bank of the Johnson River, and north and west of the Volkmar drainage, including the Goodpaster River drainage; and within Unit 25(C), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(25) (C), the Preacher and Beaver Creek drainages.



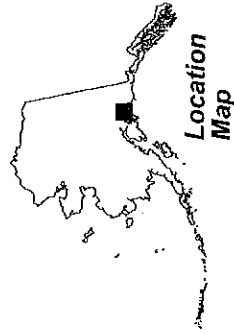
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# Valdez Nonsubsistence Area



The Valdez Nonsubsistence Area is comprised of the following: within Unit 6(D), as defined by 5 AAC 92.450(6) (D), and all waters of Alaska in the Prince William Sound Area as defined by 5 AAC 24.100, within the March 1993 Valdez City limits.



### Legend

- Nonsubsistence Area Boundary
- - - GMU Boundary
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## Steps When Considering Subsistence Uses and Proposals that Affect Subsistence Uses

### 1. Nonsubsistence Area Filter

Is the fish stock in the proposal in a nonsubsistence area? If all of the fish stock is in a nonsubsistence area, there is no need for the board to address subsistence uses—subsistence harvests are not allowed in a nonsubsistence area. If any portion of the fish stock is outside a nonsubsistence area, then the board goes to step 2.

### 2. Customary and Traditional Use Determination

The board determines if there is a customary and traditional use of the fish stock by applying the eight criteria (5 AAC 99.010), considering information about the use pattern. If there has been a previous positive finding, then this step is unnecessary, and the board goes to step 3. If there has been a previous negative finding, there is no need to address subsistence use further, unless the proposal is for reconsidering a negative finding. Also, the board may periodically reconsider previous customary and traditional use findings.

### 3. Harvestable Surplus Filter

Can a portion of the fish stock be harvested consistent with sustained yield, considering biological information? If there is no harvestable surplus, then the board authorizes no fishery on the stock, and there is no need to address subsistence uses further. If there is a harvestable surplus, then the board goes to step 4.

### 4. Amount Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence

The board determines the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses, considering information about the subsistence use pattern. If there has been a previous determination on the amount, then the board goes to step 5. The board may periodically reconsider and update these determinations.

### 5. Sufficient Surplus for All or Some Uses

If the harvestable portion of the fish stock is sufficient for all consumptive uses, the board shall adopt regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses and for other (nonsubsistence) uses.

If the harvestable portion of the fish stock is sufficient to provide for subsistence uses and some, but not all, other consumptive uses, the board shall adopt regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses and may adopt regulations that provide for other uses.

### 6. Sufficient Surplus Only for Subsistence

If the harvestable portion of the fish stock is sufficient to provide for subsistence uses, but no other consumptive uses, the board shall adopt regulations that eliminate other consumptive uses in order to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses.

### 7. Subsistence Regulations and Reasonable Opportunity Finding

The board shall adopt subsistence regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses. When the board adopts subsistence regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses, then adjustments to regulations governing nonsubsistence uses are not necessary. The board may adopt regulations providing for other uses as long as subsistence regulations are adopted that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence. If there is a proposal to reduce subsistence opportunity, regulations must still provide a priority for

subsistence uses. If subsistence regulations do not provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses after eliminating all other uses, then the board goes to step 8.

#### 8. Tier II Subsistence Regulations

If the harvestable surplus is not sufficient to provide a reasonable opportunity for all subsistence uses, the board adopts Tier II subsistence fishery regulations on the fish stock (cf., 5 AAC 92.062 for the procedures for game). Tier II regulations differentiate among subsistence users in order to provide opportunity to those most dependent on the resource and having the fewest alternatives other than that resource.

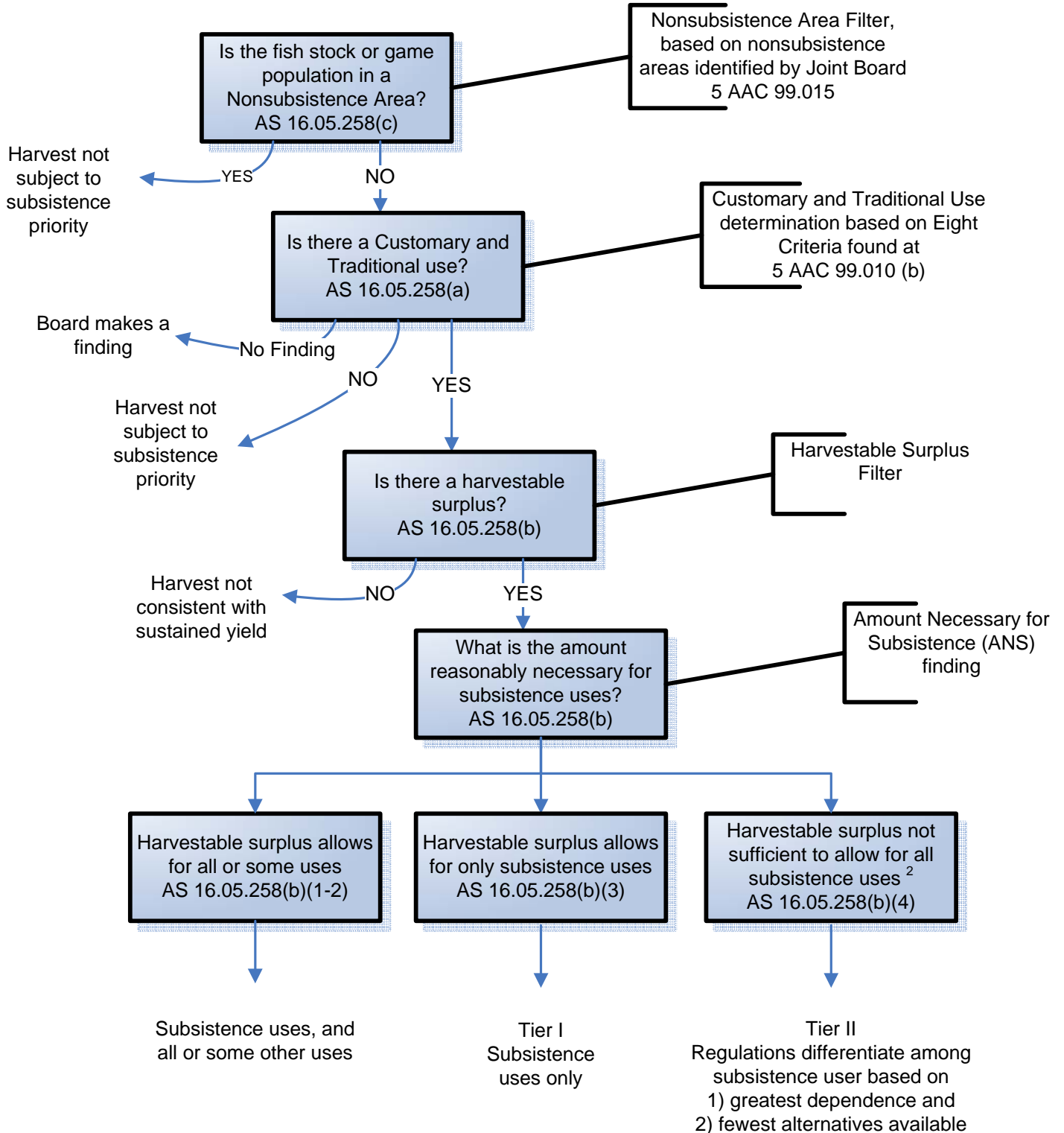
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### Steps When Considering Regulations that Affect Subsistence Uses

Alaska Statute 16.05.258 Subsistence Use and Allocation of Fish and Game



<sup>2</sup> Harvestable surplus below lower end of ANS range