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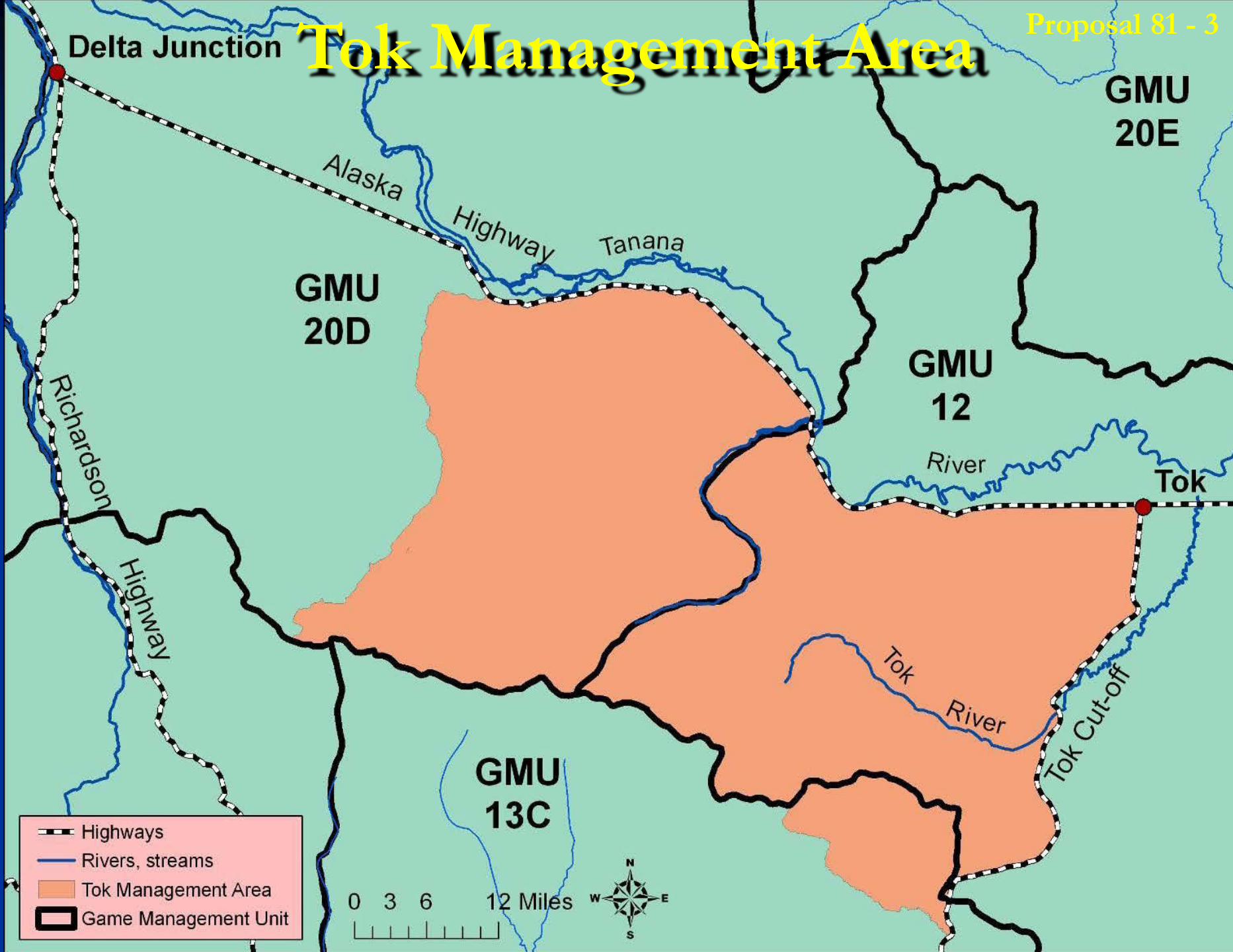
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Tok Management Area



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Alaska

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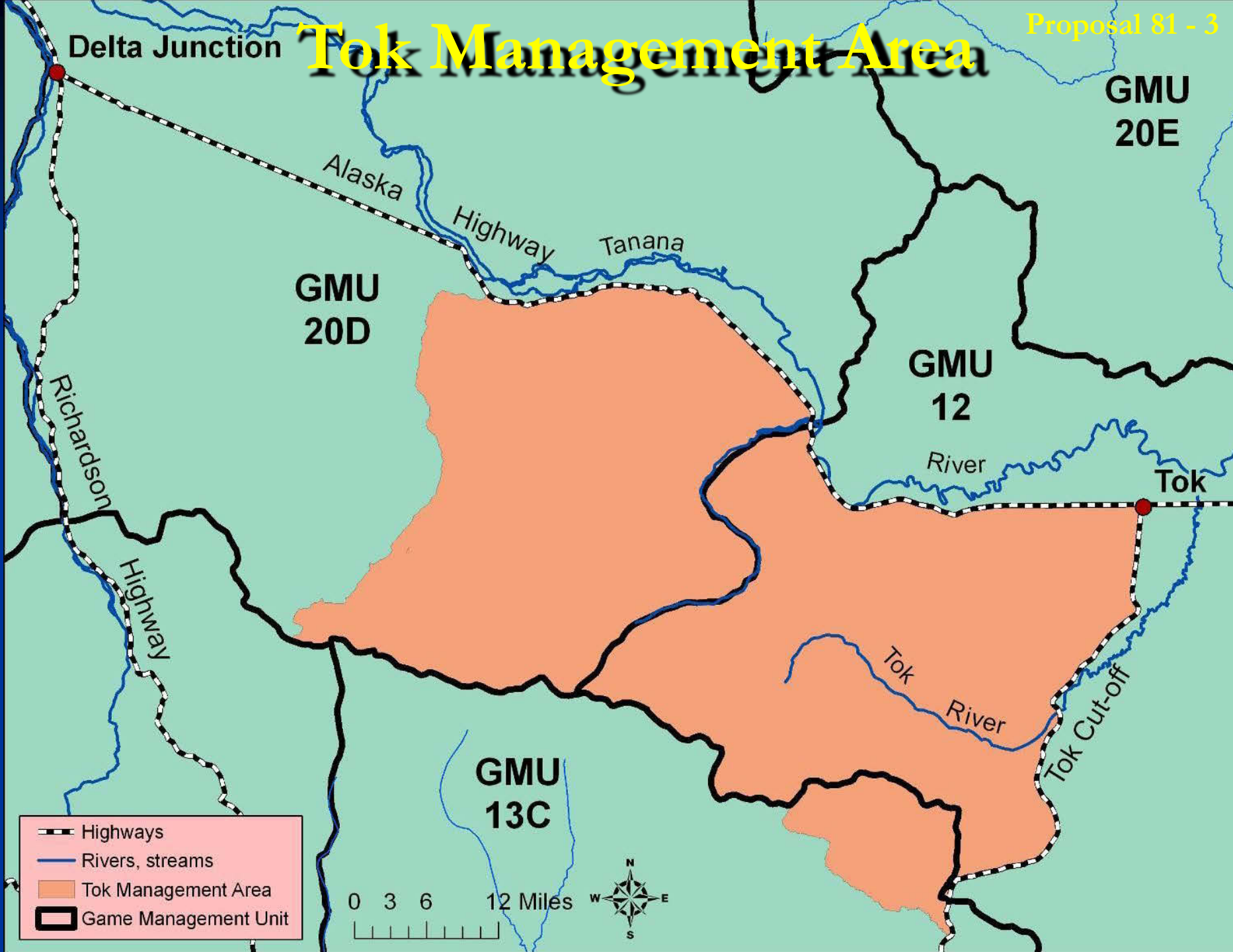
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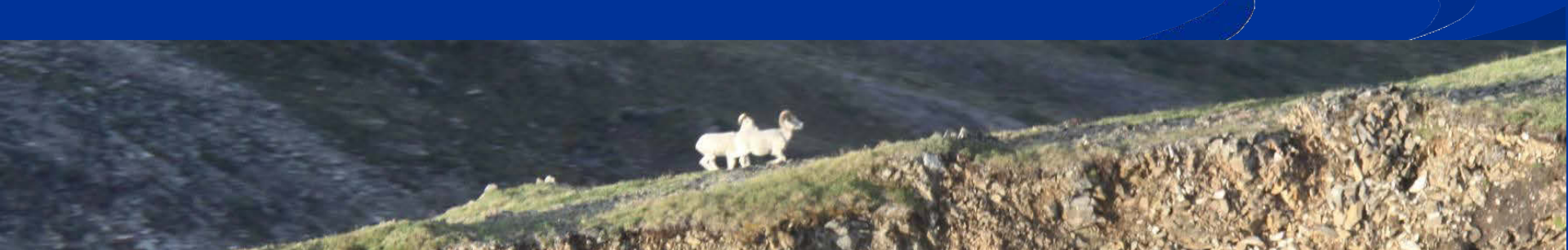
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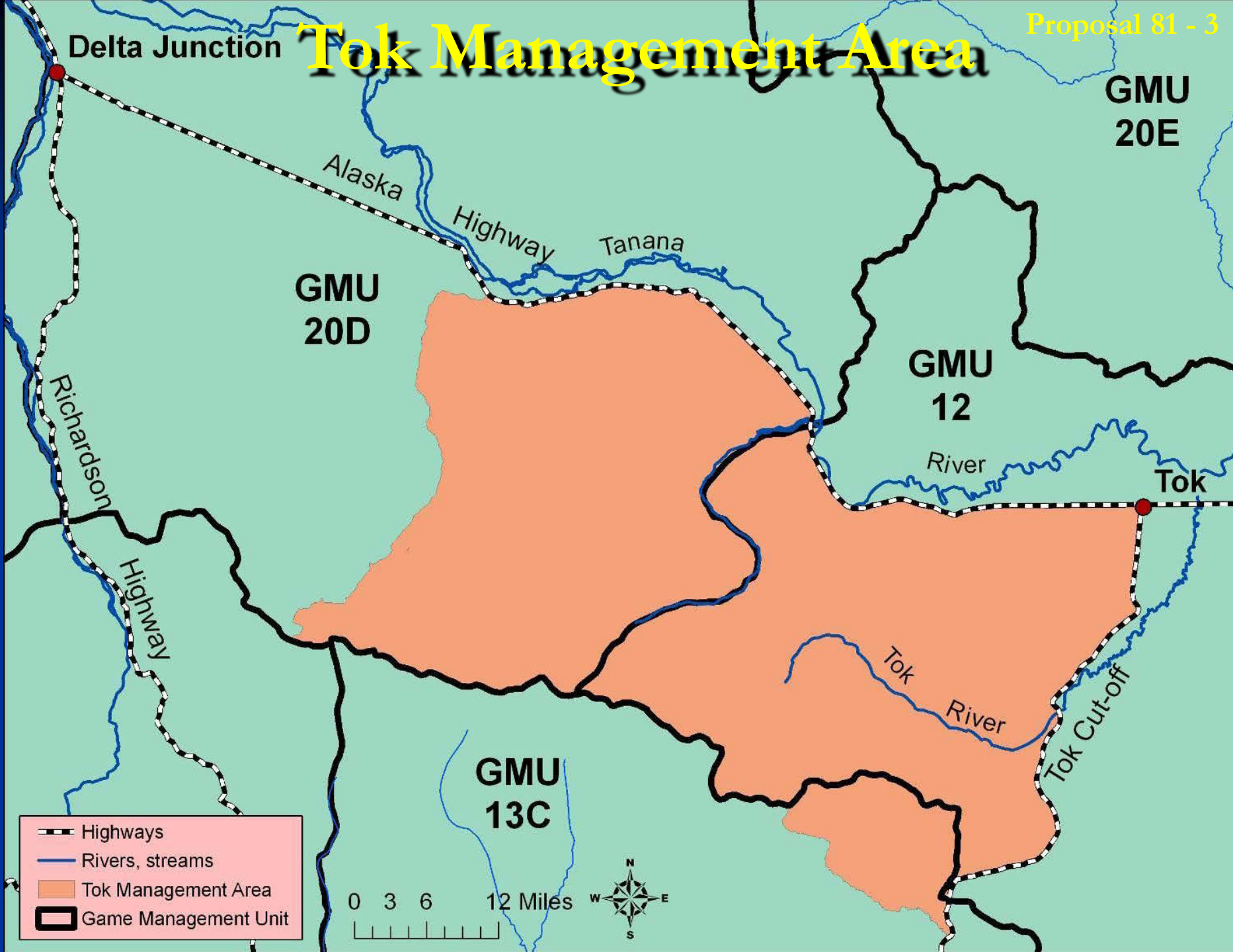
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Guide Use Area requirement

Issues:

- Guide use area selection timeline
- Not regulated by ADF&G
 - ADF&G has no ability to verify GUA selection

As a result, permits have been issued to hunters contracted with guides who do not have a guide use area registered in the TMA at the time of application



Guide Use Area Requirement

Further changes required to remedy problem:

- Significant programming changes
- Timing of application period
- Access to electronic information from **DCCED**



Cost Analysis

Increased costs to department:

- Review guide-client agreements
- New GUA selection requirements



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