

ACR 5 – Renew the Unit 15C Intensive Management program.

SUBMITTED BY: Alaska Department of Fish & Game

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.
5 AAC 92.118(c). Unit 15C Predation Control Area.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. The regulation for the Unit 15C Intensive Management (IM) program is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2017 and the next scheduled board meeting for this area is in 2019. If this regulation is not renewed prior to June 30, 2017 the program will be suspended until the board renews the regulation.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? We recommend that the board adopts a proposal to renew the Unit 15C IM program. The proposal will contain revised regulatory language that conforms with the department's protocol for IM programs and include research data that was not available when the proposal was originally adopted.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.

a) for a conservation purpose or reason: N/A

b) to correct an error in regulation: N/A

c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:
This regulation was adopted before the board went to the new three-year meeting cycle. It was not anticipated that the regulation would expire on a date that is two years prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting for Unit 15C, and we have research data on moose productivity and survival to include that was not available at the time this proposal was originally adopted.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE? The next regularly scheduled Board of Game meeting for Region II will be held in 2019, and any regulation passed during that meeting will not go into effect until July 1, 2019. Delaying the consideration of this proposal until the 2019 meeting would suspend the Unit 15C IM program for two regulatory years.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE. The impacts of the Unit 15C IM program apply equally to all resource users who qualify to participate in hunting opportunities in the area.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE. N/A

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING. The Unit 15C IM regulation was originally adopted by the board in January 2012.