## Unit 23 Working Group Meeting May 4-5, 2016 – Kotzebue, Alaska

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Tony Gorn, Management Coordinator, ADF&G/DWC/Reg. 5

FROM: Brandon Saito, Area Biologist, ADF&G/DWC/Reg. 5

DATE: 20 April 2016

Subject: Selawik Moose Population and Harvest

#### **Population Background**

The Selawik survey area spring 2011 population estimate was 1739 total moose (90Cl+/-18%) and 11 calves:100 adults. During April 2016 we counted 453 adults and 57 calves for a total of 520 moose during intensive survey unit searches. The GSPE population estimate was 940 total moose (90Cl+/-12%) and the calf: adult ratio was 14:100 (Table 1). The two population surveys represent a 46% decline between 2011 and 2016, and a 12% annual rate of decline during the same time period.

From 2007-2011 the Selawik population declined 7% annually (Fig. 1). From 2011-2016 the population decreased 12% annually. Fall trend count composition surveys between 2010 and 2015found Bull: 100cow ratios between 54-43B: 100C and calf: 100cow ratio between 18-20Ca: 100C (Table 1). This stable sex composition is indicative of a proportional decline.

| Year | Area    | Abundance Estimate   | Ca: 100 Adults | % Short<br>yearlings | Annual rate of<br>change between<br>surveys |
|------|---------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---|
| 2007 | Selawik | 2319 90% CI (+/-16%) | 10c: 100A      | 9%                   |   |
| 2011 | Selawik | 1739 90% CI (+/-18%) | 11c: 100A      | 10%                  | -7%   |
| 2016 | Selawik | 940 90% CI (+/-12%)  | 14c: 100A      | 12%                  | -12%  |

Table 1 Spring Population Survey Results

A trend count composition survey was completed during the fall of 2015 and staff classified 532 moose in the Selawik/Tagagawik drainages. Data resulted in 43 bulls: 100 cows and 14 calves: 100 adults (Table 2).

#### Table 2 Fall Composition Survey Results

| Year | Area    | N=  | % of population estimate sampled | B: 100C   | Ca: 100C  |
|------|---------|-----|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 2008 | Selawik | 464 | 20% (Spring 2007)                | 54B:100C  | 18Ca:100C |
| 2010 | Selawik | 474 | 20% (Spring 2007)                | 47B: 100C | 19Ca:100C |
| 2015 | Selawik | 532 | 57% (Spring 2016)                | 43B: 100C | 20Ca:100C |

#### **Harvest Information**

Since 2011 reported harvest from the Selawik survey area has averaged 26 moose/ year (Table 3). Less than 1% of the reported harvest is cow harvest. Subsistence household surveys estimate average annual local harvest to be 48 moose and of average of 8% being cows (Table 4). The large discrepancy between reported harvest and household surveys is difficult to understand. Since the creation of RM880 (2004) more effort has been focused on collecting Unit 23 moose harvest reports, and since 2010 we collected 91% of harvest reports. Since 2010 an average of 31 Selawik residents annually used a RM880 permit.

| Year    | Moose Harvested | Unit 23 Resident | Alaska   | Non      |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|----------|----------|
|         |                 |                  | Resident | Resident |
| 2011    | 26              | 5                | 10       | 11       |
| 2012    | 38              | 9                | 17       | 12       |
| 2013    | 27              | 8                | 14       | 5        |
| 2014    | 11              | 2                | 5        | 4        |
| 2015    | 29              | 6                | 17       | 6        |
| Average | 26.2            | 6                | 12.6     | 7.6      |
|         |                 | 23%              | 48%      | 29%      |

Table 3. Reported Moose Harvest

Note: All reported harvest is bull harvest except for 1 reported cow harvest in 2013

| Year    | Moose<br>Harvested | Bull | Cow | Unknown |
|---------|--------------------|------|-----|---------|
| 1999    | 57                 | 37   | 3   | 17      |
| 2006    | 46                 | 37   | 7   | 1       |
| 2011    | 40                 | 38   | 2   | 0       |
| Average | 50                 | 37   | 4   | 6       |

Table 4. Subsistence Household Harvest Survey Results (Selawik)

#### Hunt Management

Harvest data from the Selawik survey area is incomplete. For the purpose of evaluating recent harvest data and harvest rates we'll assume an approximate annual harvest of 70 moose per year (50 Unit 23 resident and 20 non-local Alaskan and Nonresident) from the survey area which yields a realized harvest rate of 7 % (Table 5).

Table 5 Unit 23 Hunt Management and Harvest Rates

| 2016 Population | ADF&G Harvest | Harvest   | Harvest Rate |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| Estimate        | Information   | Scenarios |              |
| 940 moose       |               | 40 moose  | 4%           |
| 940 moose       | 50 moose      |           | 5%           |
| 940 moose       |               | 60 moose  | 6%           |
| 940 moose       |               | 70 moose  | 7%           |
| 940 moose       |               | 80 moose  | 9%           |
| 940 moose       |               | 90 moose  | 10%          |

#### Recommendations

At this time harvest rates are estimated to be acceptable. The 7% harvest rate could be a high estimate, since the majority of harvest is based on pre-2011 household harvest when the moose population was much larger. That being said; harvest of caribou in Unit 23 has shown remarkable consistency through varying availability. Unit 23 moose density has always been low, and yet has retained a healthy bull: cow ratio and calf recruitment. The difference in reported harvests and household surveys has been a long term problem that needs to be addressed.

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**Selawik Spring Moose Population Estimates** 3000 2500 Estimated Moose (90%C I) -7% annual decline 2000 -12% annual decline 1500 1000 500 0 2007 2011 2016 **Survey Year** 

Figure 1. Selawik Spring Moose Population Survey Results

# Western Arctic National Parklands

Bering Land Bridge National Preserve Cape Krusenstern National Monument Kobuk Valley National Park Noatak National Preserve



Unit 23 Working Group Meeting - May 2016

NPS Resource Protection Update & Coordination Summary

Each fall hunting season for the last several years, Western Arctic National Parklands has brought up additional US Park Rangers to assist with checking hunters and hunting camps on NPS lands within the Parklands. US Park Rangers conduct field checks to insure local and non-local hunters have proper hunting licenses and permits. Rangers also inspect hunting camps on NPS lands to insure hunters are taking the proper care of meat, not wasting meat, not leaving trash, and are in compliance with camping and food storage regulations. NPS law enforcement officers utilized jet boats, fixed-wing aircraft, canoes, foot patrols, and helicopters in order to conduct field checks.

In addition, the NPS Resource Protection Division worked closely with Purcell Security during the 2015 hunting season to assist NANA trespass officers with trespass issues on private lands adjacent to Western Arctic National Parklands.

Taking a proactive approach, NPS law enforcement officers handed out to all hunters they contacted in 2015 the information bulletin produced by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game titled "Hunting Legal Hunting Smart in Unit 23, Northwest Alaska" which does an excellent job of explaining important issues such as; land ownership, not wasting meat, proper care of meat, and respecting local traditional knowledge.

For the last several years, Western Arctic National Parklands has been bringing up a helicopter (R-44) to assist with our hunter compliance checks and field inspections of hunting camps. Each fall we bring up the helicopter for roughly a 10 day period in September. The helicopter is an excellent platform for our law enforcement checks. We're very careful how we use the helicopter, going into only established airstrips & hunting camps (we do not contact hunters in the middle of their ongoing hunts). We also use the helicopter to make patrols within Kobuk Valley National Park and Cape Krusenstern National Monument to investigate reports of illegal activities. Each year we offer the helicopter to our local Alaska State Troopers and to the Northwest Arctic Borough if they should need it for search and rescue missions in the NANA Region. Over the years, US Park Rangers have assisted Alaska State Troopers with several successful search and rescue operations throughout the NANA Region using the NPS contracted helicopter.

Throughout the entire year, US Park Rangers contact approximately 200 users within Western Arctic National Parklands. The user groups we contact represent boaters, hikers, snowmachiners, trappers, wood cutters, berry pickers, anglers, and hunters. The majority of field contacts are positive and gives our Rangers the opportunity to further clarify Federal and State regulations to local and non-local users. In 2015, we had six transporters operating within Noatak National Preserve who brought in approximately 300 non-local hunters and 50 local hunters. In over 95% of our fall field checks, the hunters are in compliance with all Federal and State hunting regulations. Enforcement patrols within the Parklands are accomplished by using jet boats, canoes, snowmachines, fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, ATV's, and hiking.

Enforcement coordination between National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska State Troopers, and NANA Village Trespass Officers remains good. Each year we have at least one pre-season hunting enforcement meeting in order to coordinate our patrol efforts, review

safety procedures, radio frequencies, aircraft & personnel resources, insure the maximum law enforcement coverage possible throughout Unit 23, and hopefully minimize duplicate field checks of hunting groups.

## Navigability Project

The State of Alaska Public Access Assertion and Defense (PAAD) Unit needs your assistance to help preserve public access on Alaska roads and trails!

Request For Trail Use Information

The mission of the Division of Mining, Land & Water's Navigability Project is to protect the public rights associated with navigable and public waters, and to ensure that the state's title to lands beneath navigable waters is protected. The Alaska State Constitution provides for free access and common use of public and navigable waters by any citizen of the United States or resident of the State of Alaska. State ownership of the beds of navigable waters is an inherent attribute of state sovereignty protected by the United States Constitution.

The Division's Navigability Project will enable the State of Alaska to assert ownership of lands beneath navigable waters. This is important for two reasons: first, the public will be ensured access to these state lands; and second, if these lands are already owned by the State of Alaska, they shouldn't be counted against Alaska's statehood land entitlement or conveyed by the Federal Government to non-state ownership.

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### State Policy on Navigability

#### Navigability

Navigable Waters Web Map

State's Policy on Navigability Navigability Assistance Agreement Reports

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Recordable Disclaimers of Interest Fact Sheet (PDF)

State's Recordable Disclaimers of Interest for Navigable Waters

BLM's website for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest for Navigable Waters

BLM's Spatial Data Management System (SDMS) website for access to land records.

#### **Mission Statement**

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#### Policies and Procedures on Ownership and Management of Navigable and Public Waters

June 18,1996 State ownership of the beds of navigable waters is an inherent attribute of state sovereignty protected by the United States Constitution. Utah v. United States, 482 U.S. 193 (1987). Under the doctrine, all states enter the Union on an equal footing with respect to sovereign rights and powers, title to the beds of navigable waters in Alaska vested in the newly formed State of Alaska in 1959. In addition, under the Alaska Constitution and the public trust doctrine, all waters in the state are held and managed by the state in trust for the use of the people, regardless of navigability and

The purpose of this paper is to describe the State of Alaska's policies and procedures for identifying and protecting the state's title to the beds of navigable waters. In addition, this paper outlines the legal and policy considerations which guide the ownership and management of submerged lands and public waters.

# I. IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING STATE TITLE TO THE BEDS OF NAVIGABLE WATERS

Identification and management of the beds of navigable waters is an important policy of the State of Alaska. In 1980, the state established a comprehensive navigability program to respond to federal land conveyances and land management activities under

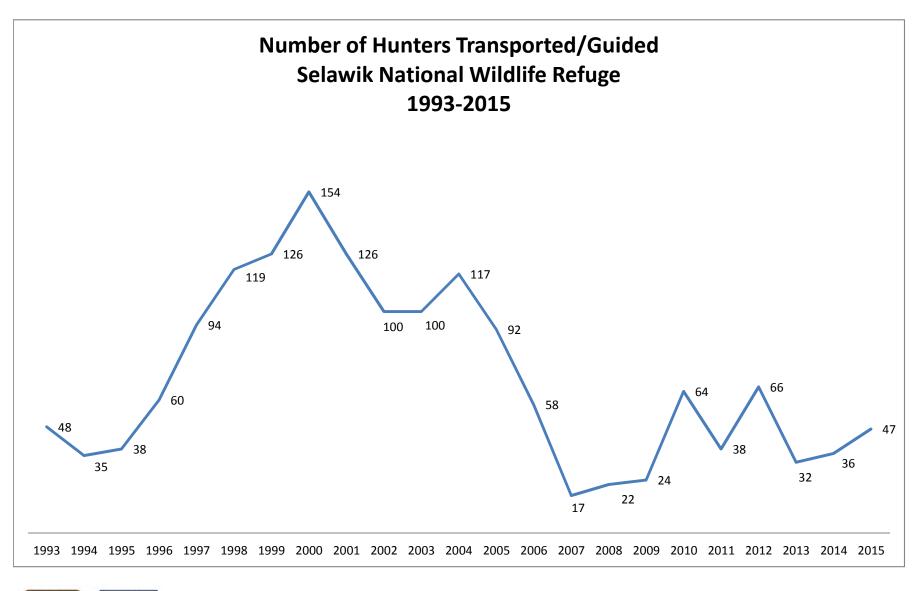


# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Selawik National Wildlife Refuge

Special Use Permit Activity Report 1993-2015 (including Guide and Transporters)

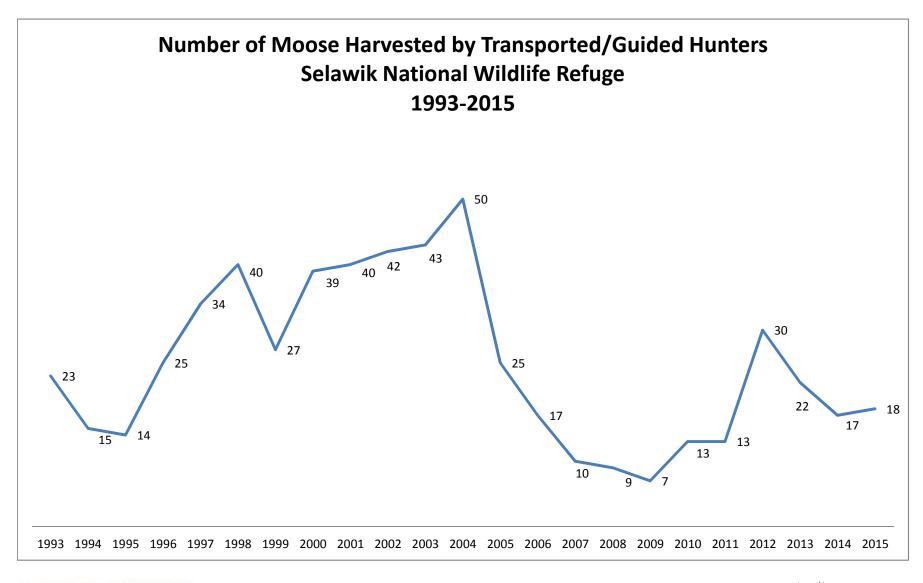
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| Number of<br>hunters<br>transported or<br>guided | 48   | 35   | 38   | 60   | 94   | 119  | 126  | 154  | 126  | 100  | 100  | 117  | 92   | 58   | 17   | 22   | 24   | 64   | 38   | 66   | 32   | 36   | 47   |
| Number of<br>transporters<br>(inc 1 guide)       | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 7    | 6    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 6    | 3    | 3    | 5    | 3    | 3    | 5    | 5    | 6    |
| Moose harvest                                    | 23   | 15   | 14   | 25   | 34   | 40   | 27   | 39   | 40   | 42   | 43   | 50   | 25   | 17   | 10   | 9    | 7    | 13   | 13   | 30   | 22   | 17   | 18   |
| Caribou harvest                                  | 19   | 21   | 29   | 41   | 83   | 118  | 97   | 174  | 68   | 42   | 46   | 35   | 75   | 20   | 5    | 14   | 14   | 29   | 5    | 35   | 0    | 11   | 7    |
| Brown bear<br>harvest                            | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 4    | 0    | 3    | 1    |
| Other harvest*                                   | 0    | 0    | 1    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 6    | 4    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 3    | 3    | 0    | 9    | 4    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 0    |

\*Other includes black bear and wolf

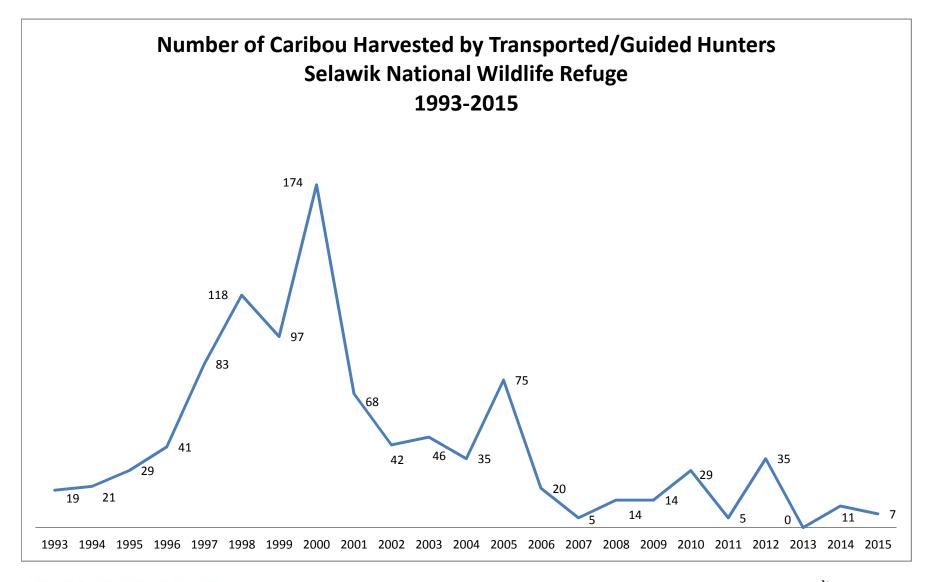






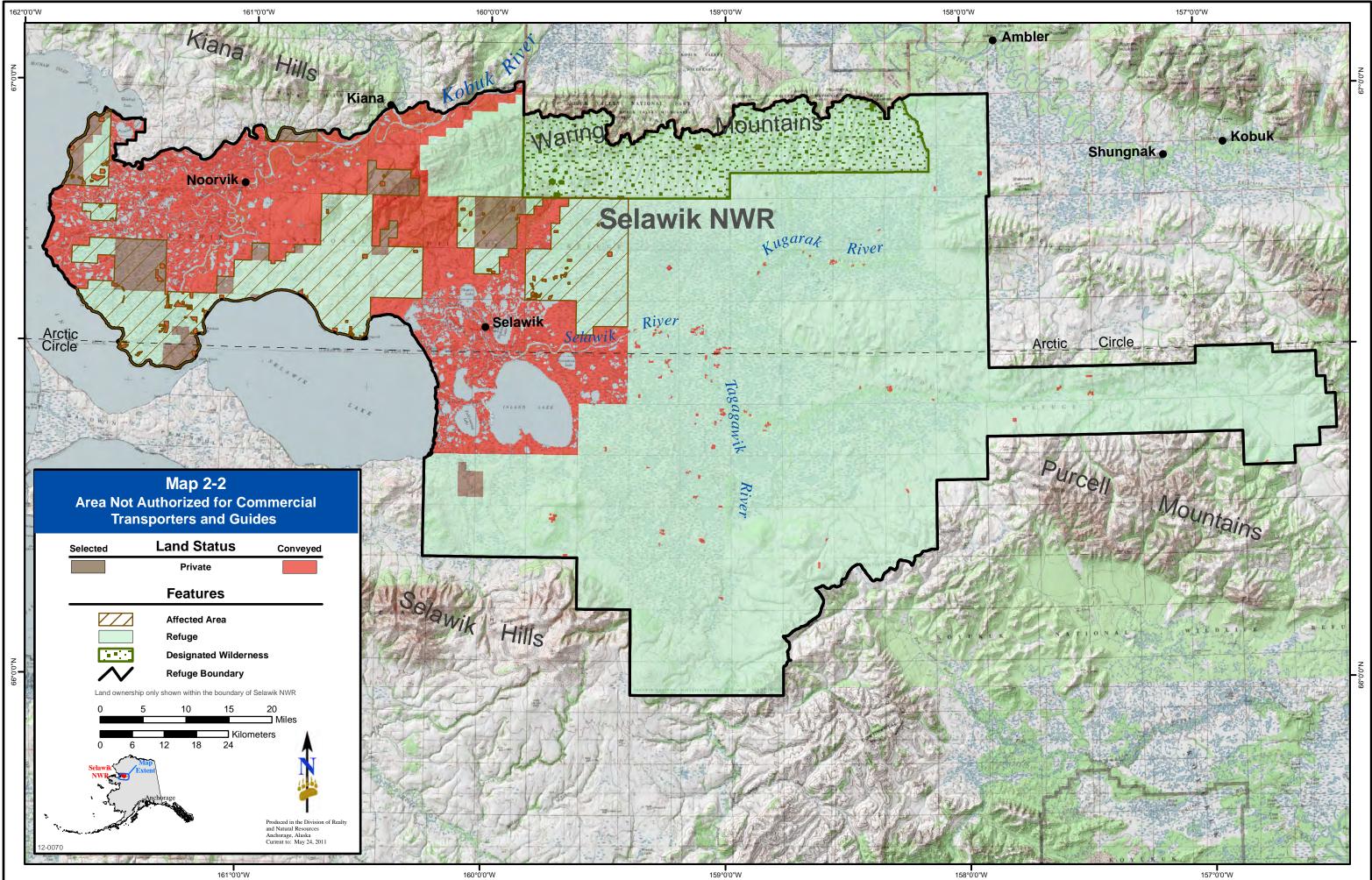




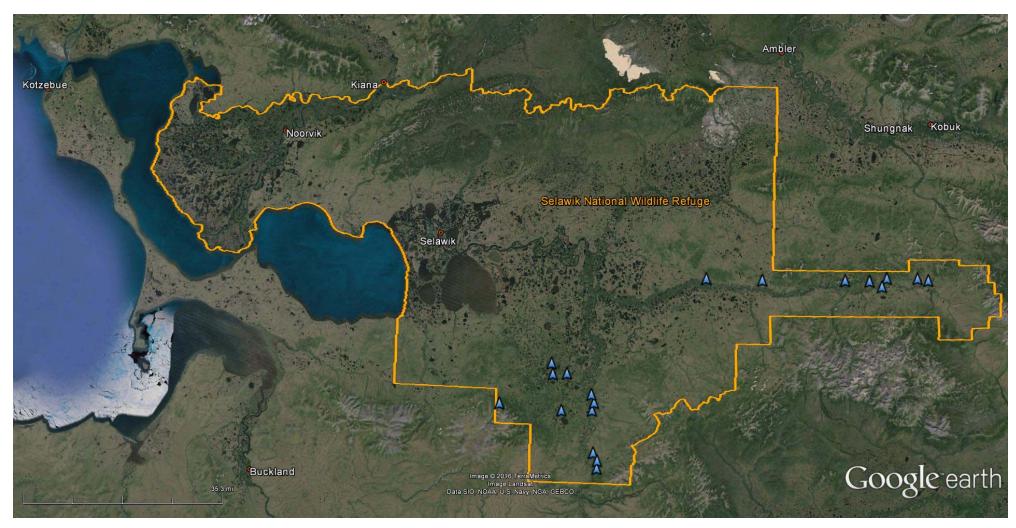








# Access Points for Transported/Guided Hunters in 2015 Selawik National Wildlife Refuge



Blue triangles = Dropoff and pickup points for transported/guided hunters, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, 2015, based on special use permit data.



## **Big Game Commercial Services Board**

| Statutes and Regulations Applicable to Air Taxis vs. Transport | tutes and F | Regulations | Applicable to | Air Taxis vs. | Transporte |
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| Air Taxis   | Transporters  |
|---|---|
| No (but many do)<br>AS 08.54.720(a)(9)-(11),(13)<br>Unlawful acts.<br>AS 08.54.790(12)(B)(ii)<br>Definitions.                         | Yes   |
| No (but many do)<br>AS 08.54.790(12)(B)(i)<br>Definitions.  | Yes   |
| No  | Yes<br>AS 08.54.650(c) Transporter<br>license.<br>AS 08.54.660(c) Renewal of<br>guide and transporter licenses.<br>AS 08.54.710(a)(2) Discipline of<br>guides and transporters.<br>12 AAC 75.395 Distribution and<br>use of transporter activity<br>reports.<br>12 AAC 75.400 Transporter<br>activity report. |
| No (but some may)   | Yes<br>AS 08.54.720(a)(1) and<br>AS 08.54.720(a)(8)(B)(ii)<br>Unlawful acts   |
| No<br>Must comply with FAA operating<br>regulations at 14 CFR 135.<br>Not required to pay land use fee<br>or per-client fee to state. | Yes (pays state nothing)<br>AS 08.54.680(c) Financial<br>responsibility and other<br>requirements for guides and<br>transporters.<br>12 AAC 75.450 Transporter<br>contract requirements.  |
| No  | Yes (but not until after drop-off)<br>AS 08.54.750(f) Use area<br>registration.<br>12 AAC 75.400 Transporter<br>activity report.  |
| No  | Yes<br>Statutes and regulations, in<br>general:<br>AS 08.54.591 – 08.54.790 Big<br>Game Guides and Related<br>Occupations<br>Submitted by P   |
|   | No (but many do)   AS 08.54.720(a)(9)-(11),(13)   Unlawful acts.   AS 08.54.790(12)(B)(ii)   Definitions.   No (but many do)   AS 08.54.790(12)(B)(i)   Definitions.   No   No   No (but some may)   No   No (but some may)   No   No required to pay land use fee or per-client fee to state.   No           |

|  |                                | 12 AAC 75.100 – 12 AAC 75.990<br>Big Game Commercial Services<br>Board.<br>Specific statutes and regulations:<br>Statutes:<br>AS 08.54.600 Duties of the<br>board.<br>AS 08.54.605 Eligibility for<br>licenses.<br>AS 08.54.650 Transporter license<br>AS 08.54.660 Renewal of guide<br>and transporter licenses.<br>AS 08.54.660 Renewal of guide<br>and transporter licenses.<br>AS 08.54.680 Financial<br>responsibility and other<br>requirements for guides and<br>transporters.<br>AS 08.54.710 Discipline of guides<br>and transporters.<br>AS 08.54.720 Unlawful acts.<br>AS 08.54.720 Unlawful acts.<br>AS 08.54.740 Responsibility of<br>guide or transporter for<br>violations.<br>AS 08.54.750(f) Use area<br>registration.<br>AS 08.54.770(a)(4) and (d)<br>License and examination fees.<br><b>Regulations:</b><br>12 AAC 75.145 Application for a<br>transporter license.<br>12 AAC 75.395460<br>Transportation services.<br>12 AAC 75.900(e) License |
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| Required to follow ethics                      | No (may drop hunter off on top | renewal.<br>Yes (Must try to keep camps  |
| nequired to follow curics                      | of others or on private land)  | apart)<br>12 AAC 75.440 Professional<br>ethics standards for providers of<br>transportation services.  |
| Permitted to over-book and use<br>private land | Yes                            | No<br>12 AAC 75.440(c)(12) (no<br>overbooking)   |

BGCSB Statutes and Regulations Applicable to Air Taxis vs. Transporters

#### Outreach and Education

- ADFG: Published annual newsletter *Caribou Trails 2015*
- ADFG: Started production of Caribou Gender ID Quiz (which Kari will continue working on into 2016, for the ADF&G website)
- ADFG: Visited villages with Jim Dau for outreach concerning changes in caribou hunting regulations for 2015
- ADFG: Organized students and teachers from Noorvik to participate in caribou collaring at Onion Portage, along with BLM, NPS, and FWS.
- ADFG: Visited 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders in Nome with education activities about caribou habitat at Anvil City Science Center annual science camp
- ADFG: Educated Kindergarteners at Nome Elementary about caribou physical and behavior traits
- ADFG: 20 different people took the Unit 23 Pilot Orientation quiz from January 1, 2015 December 31, 2015 (one person took it twice so entries totaled 21 in the quiz database).
- ADFG: Trooper McGinnis Update
- FWS: Created fact sheet for GMU 23, summarizing both the new federal and state caribou hunting regulations
- FWS: Assisted with the content review of *Caribou Trails*
- FWS: Updated and managed content of the WAH Working Group website
- FWS: Utilized Refuge Facebook page to communicate regulation and conservation concerns (included in this year's Refuge report)
- FWS: Educated Selawik students about caribou herd status at Selawik science-culture camp
- FWS: Educated 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Kotzebue about caribou range and migration
- NPS: Nome Archaeology Camp: NPS ran last July near Nome with Kawerak, Bering Straits Native Corporation, and the Carrie M. McClain Museum. A focal activity was mapping of a prehistoric caribou drive line and discussion of traditional caribou hunting techniques.
- NPS: The Alaska Archaeology Month poster in 2015 focused on prehistoric caribou hunting in northern Alaska and made the point that this is an exceptionally long tradition. It went to 1000 schools, libraries and museums in Alaska and around the world. Web pages and public talks were associated.
- NPS: Talks to Local Schools: Nordale Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Tanana MS (8<sup>th</sup> grade), Ryan MS (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- NPS: staff and students from Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School and Anaktuvik Pass will prepare the caribou skeleton so that it can be used to analyze remains from a 7,000 year-old archaeological site at Lake Matcharak in Gates of the Arctic.

Lastly, I would like to invite you all to contribute to *Caribou Trails*. There is a wealth of information and photographs out there. If you have photos of your family that you are proud of, photos of historical significance, or have any written information you would like to include, I invite you to share those with me. This publication is successful because of those who take the time to give an interview, share stories, send in photographs, provide research, or give suggestions for improvement.

So please feel open to contact me at any time and share the experiences you have had with the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group.

Thank you ...

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| Game Management Unit (GMU)23  |             |                            |
| Hunting Subsistence   |             |                            |
| Resident Nonresident  |             |                            |
| Which meeting would you like to submit your proposal to?  |             |                            |
| □ Interior and Northeast Region (GMUs<br>12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C) Arctic/Western Region (GMUs 18, 22, 23, and 26A)   |             |                            |
| Please answer all questions to the best of your ability. All answers will be printed in the proposal book along with the proposer's name (address and phone numbers will not be published). Use separate forms for each proposal. Address only one issue per proposal. State the issue clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing items.                                      |             |                            |
| 1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5AAC: 92.540 (9) (i)Regulation Book Page No: 1074  |             |                            |
| 2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?<br>The disruption of big game hunting in the fall time on the Squirrel, Agasisauk and Eli Rivers due to the increased density of hunters creating a barrier to the migration.   |             |                            |
| 3. What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say? (Please provide draft regulatory language, if possible.) Big game hunting camps are required to be spaced at least 3 miles apart on the Controlled Use Area and along the Agasisuak, Eli and Squirrel Rivers. This would allow the caribou to migrate with less disruption. |             |                            |
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