

PROPOSAL 53

5 AAC 95.530(24). Management areas.

Modify the hunting area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 as follows:

Replace the Petersburg Management Area description shown on page 47 of the 2017/2018 Alaska Hunting Regulations with the following:

Petersburg Management Area: that portion of Unit 3 on Mitkof Island, north and west of a line from Frederick Point to the highest point in Section 8, T59S, R80E; to the highest point in Section 7, T59S, R80E; to the highest point in Section 13, T59S, R79E; to the highest point in Section 23, T59S, R79E; then due south to Petersburg city boundary; and at least [1/4 MILE] **100 yards** from an airport property, dwelling, business, highway, road or street within the corporate city limits is open to hunting with bow and arrow only. International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP) certification required for big game; small game hunting by falconry is allowed.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Modify the legal hunting area description within the Petersburg Management Area (PMA) from “at least 1/2 mile from an airport property...” to “at least 100 yards from an airport property...” The original idea behind creating the PMA for certified archery hunting was to help control the unusually high abundance of deer in Petersburg residential area using certified archers as an effective wildlife management tool. There have been a few deer harvested within the Petersburg Management Area annually by archers since the hunt was established around 2000/2001, but it doesn’t appear to have decreased the in-town population; in fact, it appears to have grown. This proposal would offer more land within the Petersburg Management Area to help control the deer population near town. The requirement to restrict hunters within the Petersburg Management Area to certified archers would remain in place.

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