

**PROPOSAL 154**

**5 AAC 92.530. Management areas.**

Restrict the taking of waterfowl in the Badger Slough area in Unit 20B to falconry and archery with flu-flu arrows to as follows:

From April 15 through October 1, hunting of waterfowl on the Badger Slough will be restricted to archery with flu-flu arrows and falconry. This protected region would extend from where the slough begins on the northern bank of the Tanana River to where the slough ends on the southern bank of the Chena River. This regulation in no way changes the waterfowl hunting regulations on the Tanana River or the Chena River.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Duck hunting is legal on the Badger slough. The slough is heavily populated as both banks are lined with residential areas as well as businesses and parks. The slough is a spawning zone for grayling. The slough is a nesting area for migratory fowl such as ducks and swans. The slough is an area where cow moose shelter their new-born calves. Responsible hunting regulations protect both the public and the wildlife. At the present, all a hunter is required to do is to step off the road before discharging a firearm. It is only a matter of time until someone accidentally shoots something other than a duck.

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