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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 6) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to create a refuge or ask the legislature to create a refuge or critical habitat area to protect important parts of the Macomb Caribou herd range.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B. The department is unaware of any effects of regulations that were unforeseen when the regulation was adopted.
- C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns. The Macomb caribou herd has recently faced some difficult winters, as have other species in the Delta area, and across the interior of Alaska. Harvest quotas were adjusted in response, and the herd continues to support a sustainable harvest.
- D. The department is unaware of any unforeseen or unexpected events that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f).
- E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

The requested change is outside of the authority of the Alaska Department Fish and Game and the Board of Game. The Alaska Legislature has the authority to create refuges and critical habitat areas, which are then managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

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