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SUBJECT: Registering for extra Guide Use Areas associated with Intensive Management Programs

This memo provides information about provisions of Alaska statute that provide for additional guiding opportunities to licensed guide-outfitters in areas where the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) is conducting Intensive Management (IM) programs to benefit populations of deer, moose and caribou. Under AS 08.54.760(e) guide-outfitters are allowed to select additional guide use areas (GUAs) - beyond the normal limit of three - for GUAs within a Game Management Unit (unit) or portion of a unit where the Board of Game (board) has approved an IM plan and the department is conducting an active predator control program. As defined in 5AAC 92.116(c), "active" means that predator control permits have been issued during the current year.

IM programs may include only a portion of a unit or a sub-unit; however, guide-outfitters are allowed to select GUAs anywhere within the unit or sub-unit where there is an active IM program. Thus any GUA contained within or partially within one of the units or subunits listed below can be registered under AS 08.54.760(e).

When registered as an additional GUA under AS 08.54.760(e), a guide-outfitter is only allowed to provide guide or outfit services for the predator species that is the subject of the active IM program within the unit or sub-unit.

The board has approved IM plans in several areas of the state, but GUAs associated with these areas are only eligible to be selected when the department has authorized an active predator control program in the unit or sub-unit associated with the GUA and only during that calendar year. There are times when IM programs are inactive even though the plan remains in regulation.

Below is a list of units and sub-units that have active IM programs for calendar year 2013 and the species that are the subject of each program. Registered guide-outfitters can register additional GUAs in any of these areas with the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

- Unit 9B, 9C, 9E - wolf
- Unit 12 - wolf
- Unit 13A, 13B, 13C, 13E - wolf
- Unit 15A - wolf
- Unit 16A - wolf, black bear
- Unit 16B - wolf, black bear, brown bear
- Unit 17B, 17C -wolf
- Unit 19A, 19D - wolf, black bear, brown bear
- Unit 19B - wolf
- Unit 20B, 20D, 20E - wolf
- Unit 24B - wolf
- Unit 25C -wolf

This authorization will expire December 31, 2014, at which time a new list of active IM areas will be produced.