

*The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting in March 2020. The original proposal was Proposal 63.*

**PROPOSAL 173**

**5 AAC 92.530(7). Management areas.**

Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area as follows:

Repeal 5 AAC 92.530(7) in total. Present language does not mirror all of the restrictions in Alaska Statute 19.40.210 causing confusion among hunters and enforcement. Present language in codified:

- (7) the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area:
  - (A) the area consists of those portions of Units 20 and 24-26 extending five miles from each side of the Dalton Highway, including the drivable surface of the Dalton Highway, from the Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean, and including the Prudhoe Bay Closed Area.
  - (B) the area within the Prudhoe Bay Closed Area is closed hunting; however, big game, small game, and fur animals may be taken in the area by bow and arrow only, and small game may be taken by falconry;
  - (C) no motorized vehicle may be used to transport hunters, hunting gear, or parts of game, within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area, except that
    - (i) licensed highway vehicles may be used on the following designated roads:
      - (1) Dalton Highway,
      - (2) Bettles Winter Trail during periods when the Bureau of Land Management and the City of Bettles announce the trail is open for winter travel,
      - (3) Galbraith Lake Road from the Dalton Highway to the BLM campground at Galbraith Lake, including the gravel pit access road when the gate is open,
      - (4) Toolik Lake Road, excluding the driveway to the Toolik Lake Research Facility,
      - (5) the Sagavanirktok River access road two miles north of Pump Station 2, and any constructed roadway or gravel pit within one-quarter mile of the Dalton Highway;
    - (ii) aircraft and boats may be used
    - (iii) a snowmachine May be used to cross the Management area from land outside the management area to access land on the other side of the management area
  - (D) any hunter traveling on the Dalton Highway must stop at any check station operated by the department within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area;

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** REPEAL (7) the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. The restrictive regulations codified are unnecessary and confusing to the public and law enforcement. The guiding restrictions are clear in AS 19.40.210. Hunting regulations should refer to the statute. Conflicts arise from federal agency management for federally qualified rural Alaskans to the detriment of Alaskans who are subsistence hunting. The statutory limits prevail so let's use the instead of re-creating some of them.

**PROPOSED BY:** Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-116)  
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