

RC 57



United States Department of the Interior



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Koyukuk Nowitna Innoko National Wildlife Refuge
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

FWS/BOG letter

12/10/2021

Mr. Chair and Board members,

First, I would like to thank the Board for considering to take action on the Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge Agenda Change Request (ACR #3 or proposal #266) to change the boundary location between Game Management Unit 21C and 21D. This proposal was submitted as a result of incomplete information on existing State of Alaska registered guide regulations and incorrect boundary information available at the time of submitting the proposal. After further consultation with the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Area Biologist it has been determined that no further action should be taken by the Board.

The Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge is no longer seeking to change these Game Management Unit (GMU) boundaries. Part of the misunderstanding was the perception that guides were limited to no more than three GMUs. Registered Guides are limited only by State Guide Use Areas (3) but are not limited by the number of GMUs. In the initial Agenda Change Request, Game Management Unit boundaries were assumed to be relevant to the number of Guide Use Areas that a guide could utilize; this is not the case.

I respectfully ask the Board to table this request and take no further action on it. I sincerely apologize for any work this request has made for the Board, ADF&G, or anyone that has put time and effort into looking at this ACR. I appreciate your respect and ask for your forgiveness for the time you have spent on this request. I will continue to work with ADF&G, the Commercial Services Board, guides, and hunters to maximize the opportunities on refuge lands.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bob Rebarchik
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