

Note: Proposal 210 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting scheduled for March 2024.

PROPOSAL 210

5 AAC 92.450. Description of game management units.

Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel as follows:

5 AAC 92.450(20)

(A) Unit 20(A) consists of that portion of Unit 20 bounded on the south by the Unit 13 boundary, bounded on the east by the west bank of the Delta River, bounded on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River from its confluence with the Delta River downstream to its confluence with the Nenana River, and bounded on the west by the east bank of the Nenana River **including Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough;**

...

(C) Unit 20(C) consists of that portion of Unit 20 bounded on the east by the east bank of the Nenana River **including Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough** and on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River downstream from the Nenana River;

WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS AND WHY?

This proposal addresses a change that has occurred in the location of the main channel of the Nenana River that effects the border of Units 20A and 20C. The proposed language clarifies that Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough are channels of the Nenana River and therefore define the western boundary of 20A and the eastern boundary of 20C. Almost all of the water flowing downstream in the Nenana River enters Seventeen Mile and Lost Sloughs to their confluence with the Tanana River. This has created confusion by hunters interpreting the boundary in regulation because the Nenana River has changed its main channel course from what is shown on the map provided in the Alaska Hunting Regulations as well as USGS topographical maps. This boundary clarification will allow hunters to easily determine the subunit boundaries as the main channel of the Nenana River will match correctly with what is printed in the Alaska Hunting Regulations as well as label names on USGS maps. The existing discrepancy has created confusion for hunters and made it difficult for enforcement.

The intent of the regulation is that the Nenana River is the border between Game Management Units 20A and 20C. The main channel of the river has moved since the existing boundary was adopted by the board and since the maps were labeled. As a result, the USGS map and the map in the Alaska Hunting Regulations the boundary where the Nenana River no longer exists. Correcting this issue would increase opportunity for both moose and grizzly bear hunters, as well as making the hunt regulations more clear for the public and enforcement.

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