

Note: The Board of Game does not have authority to delegate the Department of Fish Game's management of the resources.

PROPOSAL 32

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.

Change the boundaries and effective dates of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area as follows:

Area Description:

Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area: the area consists of that portion of Unit 26A including drainages of the Colville River between and including the drainages of the Anaktuvuk River and the Etivluk River (BOUNDED BY A LINE BEGINNING AT 153° 30' W. LONG. ON THE GAME MANAGEMENT BOUNDARY BETWEEN UNITS 24 AND 26(A), NORTH ALONG 153° 30' W. LONG. TO 69° N. LAT., EAST ALONG 69° N. LAT. TO 152° 10' W. LONG., SOUTH ALONG 152° 10' W. LONG. TO 68° 30' N. LAT., EAST ALONG 68° 30' N. LAT. TO 150° 40' W. LONG.,) to the game management boundary between Units 24 and 26(A), [AND WESTERLY ALONG THE GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF ORIGIN AT 153° 30' W. LONG] from July 15 until the caribou migration has moved through Anaktuvuk Pass as determined by the trilateral leadership comprised of the City of Anaktuvuk Pass, the Nunamiut Corporation, and the Naqsragsmiut tribe. The area is closed to the use of aircraft for the harvest of furbearers, sheep, and bear including transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, and or parts of game. (FROM AUG. 15-OCT. 15, IS CLOSED TO THE USE OF AIRCRAFT FOR CARIBOU HUNTING, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION OF HUNTERS, THEIR HUNTING GEAR, AND/OR PARTS OF CARIBOU.)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area (CUA) was created to allow for an undisturbed fall migration of caribou to facilitate the subsistence harvest of caribou by the community of Anaktuvuk Pass. Under current regulations, the start date, spatial extent, and allowances for other species to be hunted limit the effectiveness of the CUA. Community members have expressed concern that hunters can still use aircraft to harvest furbearers, sheep, and bear within the CUA. They are also concerned that these activities occur in important migratory areas outside the CUA area which disrupts the caribou migration. Residents observe resident and nonresident hunters at the Anaktuvuk Pass airport in possession of caribou antlers, only, during the CUA closed period. Caribou taken outside the area and aircraft use within the area can deflect leaders in the caribou migration, and as a result, the entire migration beyond the reach of Anaktuvuk Pass resident hunters.

PROPOSED BY: North Slope Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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