PROPOSAL 35

5 AAC 92.510. Areas closed to hunting.

Open the area within 1/4 mile of Thane Road in Unit 1C, to taking big game by archery only, as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

- a) The following areas are closed to hunting as specified:
- B) the area in the Juneau area, that area between the coast and a line one-fourth mile inland of the following road systems is closed to the taking of big game:
- (i) Glacier Highway from Mile 0 to the northern bank of Peterson Creek;
- (ii) Douglas Highway from the Douglas city limits to the northeast bank of Fish Creek;
- (iii) Mendenhall Loop Road; and
- [(iv) THANE ROAD;]

C) the area in the Juneau area, that area between the coast and a line one-fourth mile inland of the following road systems is closed to the taking of big game with firearms. However, in the following areas, big game may be taken by archery only

(i) Thane Road

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

The area within 1/4 mile of Thane Road is closed to the taking of big game. Opening this area to taking of big game by archery only would allow for increased opportunities for local residents, especially those who cannot travel by boat to one of the surrounding islands. The City and Borough of Juneau regulations do not allow for use of firearms in city limits within 1/4 mile of a public street, which is very reasonable from a safety perspective. Opening this area to archery only harvest (rather than by firearm harvest as well) would avoid causing any confusion associated with differences between city and state laws. It would also help to prevent any danger to local homeowners and road users due to firearm use.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

No.