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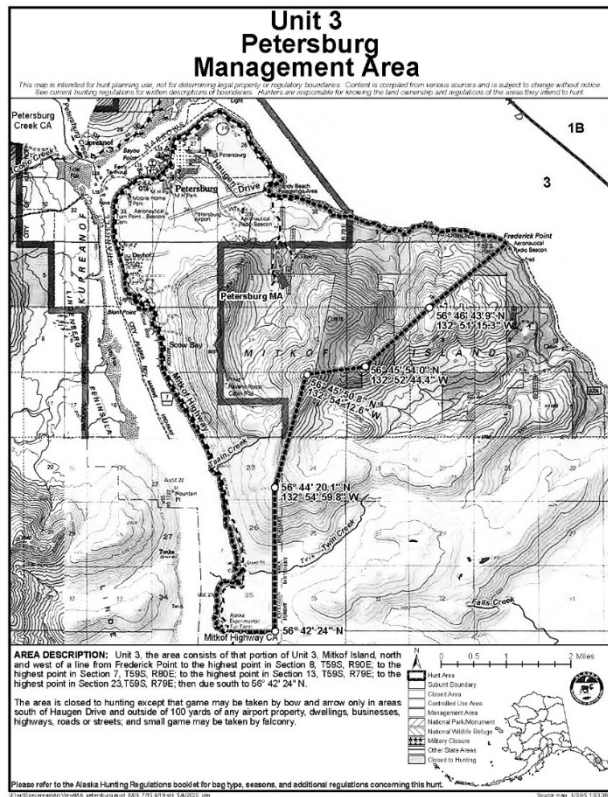
5 AAC 92.510(5)(B). Areas closed to hunting.

5 AAC 92.530(24). Management areas.

Repeal the Petersburg Road System Closed Area in Unit 3, and add the area to the Petersburg Management Area, to allow for big game hunting 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?

5 AAC 92.530(24) - (A) the area consists of that portion of Unit 3 on Mitkof Island north and west of a line from Frederick Point to the highest point in Section 8, T59S, R90E, to the highest point in Section 7, T59S, R80E, to the highest point in Section 13, T59S, R80E, to the highest point in Section 23, T59S, R79E; then due south to 56° 42' 24" N; **(Unit 3, in the Petersburg vicinity, a strip one-fourth mile wide on each side of the Mitkof Highway from mile marker 8.75 of the Mitkof Highway to mile marker 17.22.)** (B) the area is closed to hunting except that game may be taken by bow and arrow only in areas south of Haugen Drive and outside of 100 yards of any airport property, dwellings, businesses, highways, roads, or streets; and small game may be taken by falconry;



5 AAC 92.510(5 - Unit 3) [(B) - IN THE PETERSBURG VICINITY, A STRIP ONE FOURTH MILE WIDE ON EACH SIDE OF THE MITKOF HIGHWAY FROM MILE MARKER 8.75 TO MILE MARKER 17.22 IS CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF BIG GAME, EXCEPT WOLVES]

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

Near Petersburg and the Mitkof Highway road system there are currently three separate areas, each with varying regulations. This proposal would remove 92.510(5 - Unit 3)(B) - Petersburg Road System Closed Areas, and add it to 92.530(24) - Petersburg Management Area. The PMA is a long standing and popular section of Mitkof Island surrounding Petersburg. It was implemented largely to provide hunting access to high deer populations while taking into consideration proximity to dwellings, private property, roads, etc. Within the PMA, big game hunting is allowed for certified bow hunters only. Adding the closed corridor of the Petersburg Road System would extend this opportunity for certified bow hunters through an area with higher than normal deer populations and heavy vehicle traffic. Considering the already well defined regulations of the PMA with distance buffers from aforementioned potential conflict areas, this could be a seamless transition for hunters, public, and law enforcement.

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

Developed myself through discussions with other certified bowhunters from Petersburg.

Please see maps for Petersburg Management Area and Petersburg Road System Closed Area

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