

PROPOSAL 68

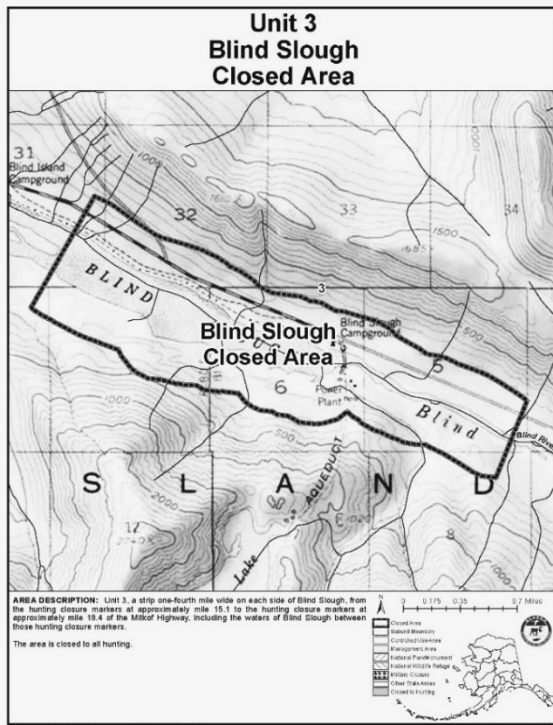
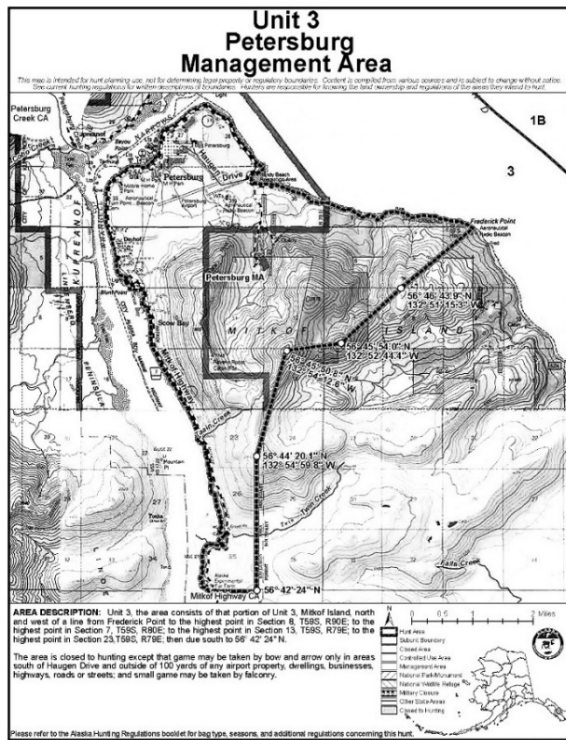
5 AAC 92.510(5)(D). Areas closed to hunting.

5 AAC 92.530(24). Management areas.

Repeal the Blind Slough 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?

1. 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; **Blind Slough, draining into Wrangell Narrows, and a strip one-fourth mile wide on each side of Blind Slough, from the markers at approximately mile 15.4 to the markers at approximately mile 18.4 of the Mitkof Highway,** (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;



2. 5 AAC 92.510(5) - Unit 3) [(D) - BLIND SLOUGH, DRAINING INTO WRANGELL NARROWS, AND A STRIP ONE-FOURTH MILE WIDE ON EACH SIDE OF BLIND SLOUGH, FROM THE HUNTING CLOSURE MARKERS AT APPROXIMATELY MILE 15.4 TO THE HUNTING CLOSURE MARKERS AT APPROXIMATELY 18.4 OF THE MOTIF HIGHWAY, ARE CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING;]

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

Near Petersburg and the Mitkof Highway road system there are three separate areas, each with varying regulations as it pertains to hunting. This proposal would remove 92.510(5 - Unit 3)(D) - Blind Slough Closed Area (BSCA), 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 section of the Blind Slough Closed Area to the PMA would extend this opportunity for certified bow hunters. Opening BSCA would allow for increased deer take near the highway. 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 in Petersburg.

If approved alongside the Petersburg Highway Closed Area proposal these three areas would become one continuous area under a single set of regulations.

Please see maps for Petersburg Management Area and the Blind Slough Closed Area

PROPOSED BY: Kaleb Baird

(OI-F25-029)
