### **PROPOSAL 99**

### 5 AAC 92.540(4)(B). Controlled use areas.

Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C as follows:

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

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas. "(i) the area consists of Unit 15(C): (ii) the area is closed to the use of any motorized vehicle except and aircraft or boat for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose from September 16 through September 19 and September 22 through September 25; however this provision does not apply to the use of a motorized vehicle on a highway maintained by the state or borough or on the gravel portions of Oilwell, Brody, and Tustumena Lake Roads or a driveway used for direct access to a primary residence or business, and the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River. (iii) during the periods specified in (ii) of this subparagraph, a hunter who travels off that highway system in that motorized vehicle may not hunt moose, including transporting moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose, or in any other manner initiate or participate in moose hunting activities, until after the hunter returns the motorized vehicle to the Unit 15(C) highway system; upon returning the motorized vehicle to that highway system, the hunter may initiate or participate in legal moose hunting activities so long as the hunter leaves the motorized vehicle on the Unit 15(C) highway system"

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

This regulation has been in effect for many years without many who live on the south side of Kachemak Bay knowing. It has always been common practice to drive a vehicle or ATV to where you start your hunt. This proposal removes the south side of Kachemak Bay from this regulation and allows the communities to continue to harvest as they have for centuries.

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

The local advisory committee agreed upon and put this proposal together. The AC worked with a local ADF&G wildlife biologist to learn more about the issue and develop the proposed wording.