

Proposal 93

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled Use Areas.

Remove the 40 HP restriction in Holitna–Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

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

Amend 5 AAC 92.540 (Controlled Use Areas) for the Holitna–Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

In the Holitna–Hoholitna Controlled Use Area, this area is closed to the use of aircraft for the purpose of taking big game, and during August 1 through November 1, a person may not use a motorized boat with an outboard motor greater than ~~40 horsepower~~ to take big game.

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

The 40 horsepower motor restriction in the Holitna–Hoholitna Controlled Use Area places unnecessary limits on how people can safely travel the river system during hunting season.

The rivers in this area are long, remote, and can change quickly depending on water levels and conditions. Using a smaller motor can make travel slower and less dependable, especially when hauling gear or returning with meat. In some situations, this can create safety concerns or make it difficult to complete a trip efficiently.

Many boats in use today are designed to run with higher horsepower motors, and limiting them to 40 horsepower does not match how most people are equipped. This can make it harder for hunters to use the equipment they already have safely and effectively.

If the current restriction remains, people will continue to deal with limitations that can affect safe travel and the ability to move efficiently on the river. This may discourage use of the area or create ongoing safety concerns for those who rely on it.

Removing the horsepower limit would allow people to use appropriate equipment for the conditions without changing other existing restrictions in the area. It would improve safety and practicality while still maintaining the intent of managing access through other means already in place.

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

Friends and family

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