

Proposal 99

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled Use Areas.

Update Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area (UKCUA) transportation of moose hunters, their gear, and parts of moose dates from Sept 1-25 to Sep 1-30 to align with current hunting season as follows:

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

(7) Unit 19:

(A) the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area:

(i) the area consists of that portion of Unit 19(D) extending two miles on either side of, and including the Kuskokwim River, upstream from the mouth of the Black River to the mouth of the Swift Fork, extending two miles on either side of, and including, the Takotna River, upstream from the mouth of the Takotna River to Takotna, and extending two miles on either side of, and including, the South Fork River, upstream from the mouth of the South Fork to Nikolai;

(ii) the area is closed to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose during open moose hunting seasons [FROM SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25]; however, this provision does not apply to the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports including McGrath, Medfra, Nikolai, and Takotna, or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption;

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

The Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area (UKCUA) prohibits the transportation of moose hunters, their gear, and parts of moose from Sept 1-25. Prior to RY17 this prohibition was in place all year long, but publicly owned airports were excluded. In March 2017 the board passed proposal 81 which specifically named the publicly owned airports within the UKCUA (McGrath, Medfra, Nikolai, and Takotna) and also limited the UKCUA prohibitions to September 1-25. In March 2024, the board passed proposal 66 which lengthened the moose hunting season to September 30th. However, no changes were made to the UKCUA prohibition dates and the moose hunting season dates and the UKCUA dates are now out of alignment. This housekeeping proposal would realign the dates.

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

This proposal was developed by the McGrath AC and was unanimously supported.

PROPOSED BY: McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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