

The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the 2017 Interior/Northeast Arctic Regulations Meeting. This proposal is scheduled for the March 18-21, 2017 special board meeting in Glennallen.

PROPOSAL 90 - 5 AAC 92.074(d). Community subsistence harvest hunt areas. Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12 as follows:

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(d) Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah Community Harvest Area for moose and caribou: Includes all of:

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(2) that portion including all drainages into the west bank of the Little Tok River, from its headwaters in Bear Valley at the intersection of the unit boundaries of Unit 12 and Unit 13 to its junction with the Tok River, and all drainages into the south bank of the Tok River, from its junction with the Little Tok River to the Tok Glacier, and that area westerly of the of the easternmost bank of the Copper River and drained by all tributaries into the west bank of the Copper River from Miles Glacier north to the confluence with the Slana River, then along the east bank of the Slana River to Suslota Creek, and that area of the Slana River drainage north of the south bank of Suslota Creek, **and that portion within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Add to 92.074(d): "that portion of Unit 12 within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge" to (d) Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti-Kaah Community Harvest Area (CSH).

Participants in the community subsistence hunt (CSH) area can only hunt in a portion of Unit 11 on state and National Preserve lands. This area was inadvertently left out of the community subsistence hunt areas. Local hunters hunt within this area for moose and caribou. Including this area will provide more of an opportunity for CSH participants to hunt and harvest a moose or caribou.

Crowded conditions in Unit 13 will be somewhat alleviated, if these lands areas were included into the CSH hunt areas. Local CSH hunters would be able to have more of a reasonable opportunity to hunt in other areas of Unit 11 and Unit 12 to harvest a moose or caribou.

PROPOSED BY: Ahtna Tene Nene' Customary & Traditional Use Committee (EG-F16-050)
