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AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST FORM
ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

The Board of Game (board) will accept requests to change its schedule under certain guidelines set forth in 5 AAC 92.005. The board will accept these agenda change request (ACRs) only:

- a) for a conservation purpose or reason; or
- b) to correct an error in regulation; or
- c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

1) CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.

5 AAC85.025(15)(20) (Fortymile caribou herd)

2) WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

The Department was unable to implement a limited registration permit hunt for the Fortymile Caribou Herd that was approved by the board at their March 2012, Region 3 meeting because of technological problems. This hunt was designed to allow a small, tightly controlled, harvest adjacent to the Steese and Taylor Highways when large numbers of caribou are present and the unlimited registration permit hunt cannot be held without quickly exceeding the harvest quota.

The Department attempted to implement the limited registration permit hunt by allowing people to phone a dedicated number at the Region 3 office beginning at a specified date and time. Their names were to be placed on a list to receive permits in the order in which they called. Unfortunately, the extraordinary volume of calls caused the phone system in the Region 3 office to malfunction, making it impossible to proceed with the hunt.

The limited registration hunt was proposed by the Fortymile caribou herd Harvest Management Coalition as part of the *Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan 2012–2018* (Plan) which was endorsed by the board at their March 2012 meeting. Alaska members of the Coalition include Anchorage, Central, Eagle, Delta, Fairbanks, Upper Tanana/Fortymile and Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committees and the Federal Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council. The Coalition also includes representatives of the Yukon government and Yukon First Nations.

3) WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Or if the board adopted your solution, what would the new or amended regulation say?

Our preferred solution, which is consistent with the Plan, is to establish a hot spot permit hunt, which means "a registration permit issued on a random, lottery basis to an applicant who has previously registered and agrees to participate in a hunt under short notice"—5 AAC 92.990(82).

4) STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.

Submitted by ANF + G

- a) **for a conservation purpose or reason:** This is not a conservation issue.
- b) **to correct an error in regulation:** There is no error in regulation.
- c) **to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:** The Department was unable to implement the limited registration permit hunt for the Fortymile caribou herd that was approved by the board because of unforeseen technological problems with the Region 3 office phone system.

5) WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?

Waiting until the regular cycle would delay providing this additional hunting opportunity until at least December 2014.

6) STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

This ACR is not allocative because the board previously approved the hunt and the requested change will allow the Department to use a different administrative procedure to implement it.

7) IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

This ACR is not allocative.

8) STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR.

The Harvest Management Coalition has been fully involved since 2001 in making recommendations to the board and the Department concerning management of the herd. Those recommendations have been an important part of a highly successful program.

9) STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.

This ACR has not been previously considered.

SUBMITTED BY: ADF&G on behalf of Fortymile caribou herd Harvest Management Coalition, based on individual communications (there was not enough time for a meeting)

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