

ACR 1 – Require non-subsistence user camps to be spaced 3-5 miles apart in the Noatak Controlled Use Area

SUBMITTED BY: Noatak and Kivalina Advisory Committee

MEETING ACR SUBMITTED FOR: 2016 Statewide Regulations

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.
5 AAC 92.540(9).

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. The caribou migration is being diverted from the villages of Noatak and Kivalina by people who are using aircraft and camping along the Upper Noatak River.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Space non-subsistence user camps apart 3-5 miles so that caribou can cross the river in their migration.

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

a) for a conservation purpose or reason:

b) to correct an error in regulation:

c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted: The effect that was unforeseen when this regulation was adopted was the change in migration route due to an increase in the number of non-subsistence hunters in the migration corridors causing the caribou to migrate away from the villages of Noatak and Kivalina. This migration change has caused a decrease in accessibility to the Western Arctic Caribou Herd which means spending more money on gas \$1000-1500 per trip and still not getting caribou. The village of Noatak has not gotten caribou in the last three years.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE? The villages of Noatak and Kivalina will spend an additional year beyond the last three not having the caribou that they need to provide for subsistence use. We ask the board to consider this for next year.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE. This proposal is somewhat allocative, however there is new information that needs to be considered.

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

- The subsistence needs for caribou of the villages of Noatak and Kivalina and are not being met.
- The caribou migrations are being diverted away from the villages of Noatak and Kivalina have been for three years by hunters who are too densely populated along the river causing the caribou to move further out of their normal migration that would normally go through the current

Controlled Use Area which was established to protect traditional hunting areas by people in Noatak and Kivalina.

-Young people are losing valuable information and time with elders who are passing on such as; caribou hide preparation, sewing, and hunting skills. We are losing our cultural identity with our caribou.

-People are spending substantial amounts of money (\$1000-1500) to try to get caribou and unsuccessful.

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. Subsistence users who trap and hunt.

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. It has not been considered before.