

**Alaska Board of Game**  
**September 8, 2011**  
Teleconference meeting regarding  
Unit 3 Black Bear Controlled Use Area

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game met by teleconference on September 8, 2011 to consider a petition requesting a change the Unit 3 Controlled Use Area for black bear hunting. Six board members were present. A listen-only teleconference site for the public was available at the Department of Fish and Game office in Juneau and the audio of the meeting was streamed on-line.

After discussing the request and the information provided by the department, the board agreed that a finding of an emergency exists because black bear harvesting would be precluded due to limited hunting access along the isolated road systems with the use of off-road vehicles.

The board also recognized that guiding is important to the local economy and that one of the unintentional effects is that guiding is unnecessarily limited and locally guiding is an important aspect of the economy.