

**ACR 2** – Allow 1,000 caribou pass the Noatak River before sport hunters can come to the river.

**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?** Let 1,000 caribou pass the Noatak River before any sport hunters can come to the Noatak River.

**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:** When the original CUA was established it made a no fly zone in a specific area, however, the density of hunters has condensed and moved up river preventing the leader caribou from guiding the rest of the herd to the Noatak and Kivalina region. If 1,000 caribou were allowed to pass it would allow the trails to be established.

**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 years 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, but new information has come about.

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

-Subsistence needs for caribou of the villages of Noatak and Kivalina are not being met.

-The caribou migrations are being diverted away from the villages of Noatak Kivalina and 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 identity with the caribou.

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