

ACR 16 – Renew the regulation for the Unit 13 Intensive Management program.

SUBMITTED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

MEETING ACR SUBMITTED FOR: 2016 Statewide Regulations Meeting

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

5 AAC 85.121(b). Unit 13 Wolf Predation Control Area.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. The regulation for the Unit 13 Intensive Management (IM) program is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2016. If this regulation is not renewed at the March 2016 statewide board meeting, predator control activities will be suspended until the board renews the regulation. The next regularly scheduled meeting for Unit 13 will not occur until 2018.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? We recommend that the board adopts a proposal to renew the Unit 13 IM program. The proposal will contain revised regulatory language that conforms with the department's protocol for IM programs.

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

a) for a conservation purpose or reason: The Unit 13 IM program is an important tool for managing wildlife populations in Unit 13. If the regulation is not renewed, predator control activities designed to regulate wolf predation on moose will not occur after the regulation expires and moose mortality rates would be expected to increase. Unit 13 is an important area for producing high levels of moose for human consumptive use and to help meet subsistence needs.

b) to correct an error in regulation: N/A

c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:

This regulation was adopted before the board went to the new 3 year meeting cycle. It was not anticipated that the regulation would expire on a date that is 2 years prior to the next regularly scheduled board meeting for Unit 13.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE? The next regularly scheduled Board of Game meeting for Region IV will be held in 2018, and any regulation passed during that meeting will not go into effect until July 1, 2018. Delaying the consideration of this proposal until the 2018 meeting would suspend the Unit 13 IM program for 2 regulatory years.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

The benefits of the Unit 13 IM program apply equally to all resource users who qualify to participate in hunting opportunities in the area.

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

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. Alaska Department of Fish and Game, IM program administrator.

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. The Unit 13 IM regulation was originally adopted by the board in March 2000. It was renewed in March 2005 and again in October 2010.