

PROPOSAL 150

5 AAC 92.113. Intensive Management Plans III.

Establish an intensive management plan for wolves and bear in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B as follows:

The intent of Alaska Board of Game moose hunting regulations in Minto Flats Management Area (MFMA) is to provide for all uses of moose for general resident and nonresident moose hunting, subsistence moose hunting by Alaska residents, and ceremonial harvests by Alaska residents for Alaska Native funerary and memorial potlatch ceremonies. Because of public concerns about the impact of high wolf numbers on moose in the MFMA, the Alaska Board of Game should direct the ADF&G to develop an Intensive Management feasibility assessment to evaluate the benefits of a predation control plan for wolves (and/or bears?) to increase the moose population for high levels of all human uses in the Minto Flats Management Area, including ceremonial uses of cow moose.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Establish an Intensive Management plan to control predation by wolves in Unit 20B, MFMA. Local residents are concerned about the high numbers of wolves in the MFMA and their impact on the availability of moose for local customary and traditional subsistence uses and ceremonial uses for certain Alaska Native religious ceremonies. This area is all state-managed refuge lands, Alaska Native allotments, and Alaska Native corporation lands, as well as limited amounts of other private land, which currently falls under the jurisdiction of the Alaska Board of Game and the ADF&G.

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