

Board of Game Petition submitted by Ann-Marie Parker

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Alaska Board of Game
Kritsy Tibbles and acting members of the Board of Game
Alaska Board of Game
Juneau, AK. 99903

I am writing to ask you to support to petition for an emergency meeting regarding an emergency regulation amendment to Proposal 26 which was passed with the BOG November, 2010.

Proposal 26 states that road systems in unit 3 being serviced by ferry service should remain closed, which means that all other roads, and roads systems not being serviced by the State Ferry in the entirety of Unit 3 should be modified and reopened to motorized use for Black Bear. In my case specifically the Portage Bay road system on North Kupreanof Island.

If you look at page in the ADF&G hunting regulation 2011-12 booklet page 44, #6 goes against what the BOG voted in favor of which was road closure to only roads in Unit 3 that are serviced by the state ferry system. I feel that this regulation does not take into account the changes that the BOG voted in favor of, therefore should be amended to accurately reflects the boards decision that all of the motorized roads in the whole of Unit 3 besides those utilized by the ferry system by opened this fall (Sept. 1st) for the access and enjoyment of all.

The proposal does not say or mention anything in regards to it being broken down by Islands in Unit 3 but by Ferry Access or non Ferry Accessible roads and therefore should not have been broken down to only Kuiu Island access.

My fall black bear hunts start Sept. 1st. I was at the BOG meeting until Friday evening. The proposal that I supported as attached below is what I thought had passed. When I scanned the reg book and noticed this discrepancy I took immediate action. Not being able to utilize the road system on the North end of Kupreanoff Island will be detrimental to my hunting accessibility and the quality of my clients overall experience. Without this road access it is a very difficult place to hunt effectively and ensuring the harvest of mature boars. We had planned to use the road system there and without this option the quality and success of our fall hunts will be disastrous.

The above emergency petition request I feel justifies what is outlined in the Joint Board Petition due to the fact that it meets the criteria that this was unforeseen and unexpected and therefore will preclude a delay on the effectiveness of my hunting operation starting Sept. 1st. This will also be a burden to us in the future because the way it is written will not allow future accessibility.

This is a biologically allowable resource harvest that is being delayed and not utilized because of a discrepancy in the way the regulation is written in the regulations.

I urge you to consider my request and the effects that not expediting this amendment will have on my operation.

Sincerely,

Ann-Marie Parker

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Below are the attached pages that I got off the BOG website regarding this issue.

Petersburg – Unit 3

PROPOSAL 26 - 5 AAC 92.510 (12) (a). Areas closed to hunting. Modify the Southern

Southeast Islands Controlled Use Area in Unit 3:

The Controlled Use Area closure (September 1-30) only applies to road systems with access to Alaska ferry service.

ISSUE: The Controlled Use Area Controlled use (area #6 in the hunting regulations) - use of motorized land vehicles for black bear (September 1-30) closure.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Road systems not served by the Alaska

ferry service are not public roads. They are maintained and controlled by the U.S. Forest

Service. Commercial use requires a USFS permit. Access to road systems only possible by private carrier.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR THE PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Eliminating the CUA on road systems not serviced by an Alaska ferry allows dispersed hunting effort, reduces field conflicts, and reduces female and small bear harvest.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Users of the road system not served by Alaska ferry service. Use is very minimal due to expensive and difficult access by sea to USFS road systems not serviced by Alaska ferry.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Unknown.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED:

PROPOSED BY: Jimmie Rosenbruch

LOG NUMBER: EG08131020

As written under maps in the BOG proposal...

26 Modify the controlled use area for Unit 3.

As written under the draft roadmap...

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