

Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Reduce area of Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area in Unit 19D to match current extent under State regulations.

Current Federal regulation:

*§ 100.26 (n) (19) (ii)*

*(B) which consists of that portion of Unit 19D upstream from the mouth of the Selatna River, but excluding the Selatna and Black River drainages, to a line extending from Dyckman Mountain on the northern Unit 19D boundary southeast to the 1,610-foot crest of Munsatli Ridge, then south along Munsatli Ridge to the 2,981-foot peak of Telida Mountain, then northeast to the intersection of the western boundary of Denali National Preserve with the Minchumina-Telida winter trail, then south along the western boundary of Denali National Preserve to the southern boundary of Unit 19D, you may not use aircraft for hunting moose, including transportation of any moose hunter or moose part; however, this does not apply to transportation of a moose hunter or moose part by aircraft between publicly owned airports in the Controlled Use Area, or between a publicly owned airport within the area and points outside the area.*

Current State regulation:

*5 AAC 92.540(7)(A)*

*(i) the area consists of that portion of Unit 19(D) extending two miles on either side of, and including the Kuskokwim River, upstream from the mouth of the Black River to the mouth of the Swift Fork, extending two miles on either side of, and including, the Takotna River, upstream from the mouth of the Takotna River to Takotna, and extending two miles on either side of, and including, the South Fork River, upstream from the mouth of the South Fork to Nikola*

This proposal would align Federal hunting regulations with State regulations. Adopting this proposal would reduce the size of the Upper Kuskokwim CUA under Federal regulations which is currently larger than it exists in State regulations. The current extent of the Federal CUA outside of the State CUA only applies to federally qualified subsistence users, making Federal regulations more restrictive than State.