PROPOSAL 119

5 AAC 92.450. Description of game management units.

Change the boundary between Game Management Subunits 21E and 21D as follows:

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(E) Unit 21(E) consists of that portion of Unit 21 in the Yukon River and Arhymot Lake drainages upstream from a line starting at the downriver boundary of Paimiut on the north bank of the Yukon River, then south across the Yukon River to the northern terminus of the Paimiut Portage, then south along the Portage to its intersection with Arhymot Lake, then along the northern and western bank of Arhymot Lake to the outlet at Crooked Creek (locally known as Johnson River) drainage, then to and to but not including, the Eagle Creek drainage [BLACKBURN CREEK DRAINAGE], and the Innoko River drainage downstream from the Iditarod River drainage;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Boundary change for Units 21E and 21D. Unit 21D has antler destruction, Unit 21E does not and does not want this restriction on Unit 21E. No other solutions discussed or wanted.

Residents in Grayling are having to travel 120 miles by boat to hunt in their old grounds, the Innoko River near the old Holikachuck Village. Grayling hunters now have to travel 120 miles by boat, if the Yukon, Shageluk Slough does not have enough water for travel, causing hunting issues on Anvik and Holy Cross corporation lands on the Yukon and Lower Innoko Rivers.

Residents of Grayling will be able to hunt the area now in Unit 21D under the permit RM836 if the boundaries are extended.

The GASH AC will have some say in the management of this area in question – trend counts, predator numbers and measures to help control bear and wolf populations.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? Yes. Discussion by the committee was on two occasions, voted yes by all present. The chair was directed to proceed with proposal and have further talks with the area biologist.

PROPOSED BY: Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH) Fish and Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F24-039)