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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 2) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 92.510(5)(B) & 5AAC 92.530(24). The proponent is asking the board to reinstate the Petersburg Road System Closed Area. This would mean that the Mitkof Highway corridor (mile 8.75 to 17.22, one quarter on each side) would revert back to being closed to the take of big game, except wolves.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
B. The department is unaware of any effects of regulations that were unforeseen when the regulation was adopted.
C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns.
D. The request is not for the purpose of identifying an unforeseen or unexpected event that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f).
E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

The requested change will reinstate the Petersburg Road System Closed Area, specifically a strip 1/4 mile wide on each side of the Mitkof Hwy from mile marker 8.75 of the Mitkof Highway to mile marker 17.22 will be closed to the take of big game, except for wolves. The area is currently open to big game hunting by archery only.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for Southeast Region is during winter/spring of 2029/2030. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March meeting in Fairbanks to allow for more public input.

Sincerely,

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