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**SPECIAL AREA PERMIT
FH13-III-002-SA**

**ISSUED: April 15, 2013
EXPIRED: May 26, 2013**

Alaska Hound Group Association
Attn: Jeannette Davis
1105 Nenana St.
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mrs. Davis:

RE: Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge
Lure Coursing Field Trial
Fairgrounds Field

Pursuant to 5 AAC 95, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Habitat, has reviewed your proposal to conduct a lure coursing field trial during afternoon/evening hours on May 25th and 26th, 2013 on Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge (CFMWR). Approximately five acres of the pasture directly adjacent to the Tanana Valley Fairgrounds will be used to lay-out an 800-yard course with a line and pulley system used to guide a visual drag that a hound will track. Actively racing hounds will be under the supervision of the owners/handlers, judges, and trial staff, while all hounds not participating in given races will be leashed. Trial participants will access the field via the fairgrounds or the ADF&G hunter education parking area.

CFMWR was created pursuant to AS 16.20.039 to protect and enhance wildlife habitat, with emphasis on waterfowl and other migratory birds, to promote conservation of wildlife, and provide for compatible public uses.

In accordance with 5 AAC 95, approval is hereby given subject to the following stipulations:

1. Conduct activities in a manner to ensure protection of refuge resources and property. No vegetation shall be cut/cleared or other alteration to habitat conducted to facilitate the proposed activity without prior authorization.

2. Activities may not occur in established fields when migratory waterfowl (including cranes) are present.
3. The permittee is responsible for removal of all trash generated by the activity.
4. This authorization does not provide exclusive privilege to use the refuge; thus, the permittee must ensure activities do not conflict with other users of the refuge.

The permittee is responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work or participate in the activity authorized by the approved plan. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, the permittee shall notify the ADF&G, Division of Habitat, and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment prior to commencement of the work or activity. Any action taken by the permittee or an agent of the permittee that increases the overall scope of the project or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any stipulation contained in this permit will be considered a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the ADF&G. Therefore, it is recommended that ADF&G, Division of Habitat, be consulted immediately when a deviation from the approved plan is considered.

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of 5 AAC 95. This permit must be retained onsite during the approved activity. Please be advised that this approval does not relieve you of the responsibility for securing other permits, state, federal, or local.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, **this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or with applicable statutes and regulations, or if activities described in this permit conflict with activities directly associated with the primary purpose of the refuge.** The permittee shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitat, or any restriction or interference with public use, which the commissioner determines may be expected to result from, or which actually results from, the permittee's activity, or which was a direct result of the permittee's failure to: 1) comply with a permit condition or a provision of 5 AAC 95; or 2) correct a condition or change a method foreseeably detrimental to fish and wildlife, or their habitat.

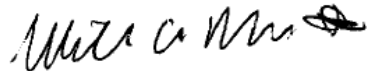
The recipient of this permit shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or the permittee's performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect, if, but only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

Pursuant to 5 AAC 95.920, an interested person may initiate an appeal of a decision made under this chapter in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630 by requesting a hearing under AS 44.62.370.

Any questions or concerns about this permit may be directed to Habitat Biologist Todd Nichols at 907-459-7363 or emailed to todd.nichols@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Cora Campbell, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Morris", followed by a small circular mark.

BY: William A. Morris, Regional Supervisor
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Alaska Department of Fish and Game

ecc: Laurie Boeck, ADF&G, Fairbanks
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