

**SB**

**262**

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## SPONSOR STATEMENT

### SENATE BILL 262

Alaska license holders are outraged by the department's adoption of a preservationist philosophy which opposes consumptive uses by restricting access. At the fall 1995 Board of Game meeting, the Department of Fish and Game urged the Board of Game to close 236 square miles to Alaska's hunters. The department's own biologists testified that there was no biological problem, no justification, nor actual conflict among user groups in the area. The department's director admitted that the only issue was one based solely on a misperception resulting from purposeful misinformation and disinformation promulgated by animal rights extremists.

Senate Bill 262 restricts the department from curtailing traditional access for hunting and trapping unless the specific means of access is causing biological harm to a game population in the area where the restriction is to apply; and, the recovery of the wildlife population requires the access restriction.

The Board of Game is now politically compromised and has developed a pattern of establishing "controlled use areas" which deny user group access without any biological justification. To get politics out of wildlife management, the legislature must require that all wildlife regulations be necessary and biologically justified.

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**TO:** Senator Tim Kelly, Chair  
Senate Rules Committee

**FROM:** Senator Robin Taylor *RLT*

**DATE:** March 23, 1998

**RE:** Senate Bill 262 Relating to management of hunting.

Request you calendar SB 262 for floor vote at your earliest convenience. This bill prohibits the department from restricting access unless the restriction is biologically necessary. Existing controlled use areas are grandfathered under the Resources Committee Substitute.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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## Hunting Areas With Access Restrictions

Controlled Use Area	Eff. Date*	Restriction
Chichagof CUA (4) 5 AAC 92.540(1)	1989	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for brown bear hunting
Delta CUA (13B & 20A) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(A)	1971	closed to use of any motorized vehicle or pack animal for hunting from 8/5-25
Sourdough CUA (13B) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(B)	1971	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for hunting (except designated highways)
Clearwater Creek CUA (13B) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(C)	1971	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for hunting (except designated highways)
Tonsina CUA (13D) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(D)	1975	closed to use of any motorized vehicle or pack animal for hunting from 7/26-9/30
Glacier Mountain CUA (20E) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(E)	1971	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for hunting from 8/5-9/20 (except designated highways)
Wood River CUA (20A) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(F)	1976	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except aircraft for big game hunting and transportation of game
Macomb Plateau CUA (20D) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(G)	1974	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for hunting or transportation of game from 8/10-9/30 (except some aircraft)
Yancet CUA (20A) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(H)	1973	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except aircraft for big game hunting and transportation of game
Ladue River CUA (20E) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(I)	1994	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except aircraft for big game hunting and transportation of game (except designated highways)
Nenana CUA (20A & C) 5 AAC 92.540(2)(J)	1996	closed to use of airboats for hunting moose, transporting moose hunters or their gear
Kenai CUA (15A) 5 AAC 92.540(3)(A)	1982	closed to use of aircraft during moose season until 9/11 (except at airports)
Lower Kenai CUA (15C) 5 AAC 92.540(3)(B)	1985	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except aircraft or boat for hunting 9/11-14 and 9/17-20 (except designated highways)
Kalskag CUA (18) 5 AAC 92.540(4)	1977	closed to use of aircraft for hunting big game, transporting hunters or game (except from public airport)

\*effective date of access restriction, not when the area was established

Controlled Use Area	Eff. Date*	Restriction
Upper Kuskokwim CUA (19D) 5 AAC 92.540(5)(A)	1981	closed to use of aircraft for hunting moose, transporting moose hunters or moose parts (except from public airport)
Hoholtna-Hoholitna CUA (19A & B) 5 AAC 92.540(5)(B)	1992	closed to use of boats equipped with motors over 40hp for big game hunting, transporting hunters and game from 8/1-11/1
Koyukuk CUA (21 & 24) 5 AAC 92.540(6)(A)	1978	closed to use of aircraft for hunting moose, transporting moose hunters or moose parts (except from public airport)
Kanuti CUA (24) 5 AAC 92.540(6)(B)	1979	closed to use of aircraft for hunting moose, transporting moose hunters or moose parts (except from public airport)
Paradise CUA (21) 5 AAC 92.540(6)(C)	1977	closed to use of aircraft for hunting moose, transporting moose hunters or moose parts (except from public airport)
Noatak CUA (23) 5 AAC 92.540(7)	1988	closed to use of aircraft for hunting big game, transporting hunters or game (except from public airport)
Upper Mulchatna CUA (17B) 5 AAC 92.540(8)	1990	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except aircraft or boat for hunting big game (except vehicle in camp)
GMU 26A CUA 5 AAC 92.540(9)	1990	closed to use of aircraft for hunting moose, transporting moose hunters or moose parts from 8/1-31 and 1/1-3/31 (except from public airport)
Naknek CUA (9C) 5 AAC 92.540(10)(A)	1991	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except aircraft, boat or snowmobile for hunting from 8/1-11/30 (except designated areas)
Izembek CUA (9E) 5 AAC 92.540(10)(B)	1993	closed to use of any motorized vehicle except boats for hunting, transporting hunters or game

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Management Area	Eff. Date*	Restriction
Dalton Highway Corridor MA 5 AAC 92.530(7)	1987	no motorized vehicles, except aircraft, boats and licensed highway vehicles may be used to transport game or hunters
Minto Flats MA (20B) 5 AAC 92.530(8)	1995	aircraft and airboats may not be used for moose hunting or to transport moose, moose hunters or their equipment
Northwest Alaska Brown Bear MA 5 AAC 92.530(16)	1992	aircraft (except regularly scheduled flights) may not be used in any manner for brown bear <i>registration permit</i> hunts
Lake Louise MA (13A)**	1971 Repealed 1979	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for hunting and transportation of game (except designated roads)
Alaska Peninsula MA (9)**	1973 Repealed 1986	closed to use of any motorized vehicle for big game hunting (except boats and aircraft)
Lime Village MA (19A)	1985 Repealed 1986	closed to use of aircraft during moose season (except at airports)
West Chugach MA (14)**	1968 Repealed 1979	closed to motorized transport (except boats) for hunting (except established roads and public airports) from 8/1-11/30

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\*\*although designated as "management areas" when they were established, if created now, these areas would be "controlled use areas."