

Game board reclassifies Glennallen area as rural for subsistence hunts

The board of game has reclassified the Glennallen/Tazlina area as rural and made provision for residents to participate in local subsistence hunts this year. The Board of Game was petitioned by the Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and Ahtna Inc. to reclassify the area as rural.

The Department of Fish and Game, Division of Boards contacted board members and forwarded copies of the petition to them. The division then polled the board on the proposed reclassification. All four members who could be reached recommended reclassifying Glennallen/Tazlina as rural.

Accordingly, emergency amendments have been prepared which will allow Alaska residents who live in the

affected area to participate in the following subsistence hunts:

- GMU 11 caribou (the Men-tasta hunt);
- GMU 13 and 14B caribou (the Nelchina hunt);
- and the moose hunt in a portion of GMU 13.

Adjustments to the level of subsistence harvest in these hunts will be made by the department in the next few days under the authority delegated by the board.

This fall, the Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game will review the rural/nonrural determinations made during the emergency Game Board meeting last spring, and make determinations about all other areas of the state.