

White Mountain bans booze

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Nome — The tiny village of White Mountain has voted to permit the importation and sale of alcohol, reversing a 20-month ban on alcohol in the community about 50 miles east of Nome.

White Mountain officials said the vote was 38-23. State troopers quickly released a statement warning that the repeal of the import ban will not be effective until Dec. 1.

Meanwhile, the village of Selawik, southeast of Kotzebue, recently reinstituted its ban on liquor importation and sales after three months of allowing alcohol into the community.

Selawik's ban first was adopted early in 1982, and was repealed Aug. 1 this year. Troopers reported an increase in arrests and disturbances during the period and the ban went back into effect Nov. 1.