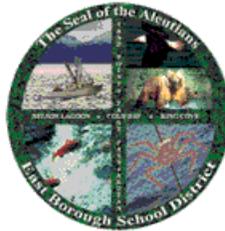
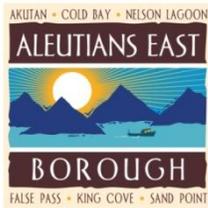


Special Edition

In the Loop



Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

Comment Period for Management Options of Unimak Island Caribou Herd Ends Jan. 31, 2011

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is requesting public comment on possible management options for the declining Unimak Island caribou herd, and now is your chance to express your opinion. The environmental assessment proposes stopping the decline and possible loss of the caribou herd in order to provide for continued subsistence hunting opportunities. From 2002 to 2009, the Unimak Island caribou herd plummeted from 1,261 to the present low of 400. Predation is believed to be the major cause of this dramatic population drop. The 45-day comment period opened December 17, 2010 and will close on Jan. 31, 2011.

The proposed action and alternatives proposed in the EA are:

- **A**: a No Action alternative without predator control;
- **B**: the ADF&G's proposed action to use helicopters to selectively shoot wolves from the air that are preying on caribou calves;
- **C**: an adaptation of the ADF&G's proposed action to use fixed-wing aircraft with marksman or ground-based teams dropped off by helicopter to selectively shoot wolves preying on caribou calves;
- **D**: an alternative to use ground-based teams to shoot wolves in the area of the calving grounds, supported by reconnaissance airplanes.

All predator control alternatives include moving bulls from the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd to Unimak Island to increase pregnancy rates among cows in the Unimak Island caribou herd. All four alternatives include ongoing monitoring and research activities in support of adaptive management.

For more information, visit the link below:

[Unimak Island Caribou Herd Environmental Assessment Newsletter](#)

[Press Release: USF&WS Seeks Comments on Unimak Island Caribou Herd EA](#)

Comments can be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by using any of the following methods:

Email: fw7_izembek_planning@fws.gov

Fax: 1-800-507-8557

U.S. Mail: GAP Solutions, Inc
Unimak Caribou Herd Environmental Assessment
P.O. Box 2026
Pocatello, ID 83206-2026

**TIRED OF HIGH HEATING BILLS?
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REBATE PROGRAM?**

**LEARN HOW TO DO, OR DIRECT, YOUR OWN
ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS!**

**ATTEND THESE 8 INFORMATIVE WORKSHOPS
FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

**MUST Register
Class size is limited**

**Continuing Education
Credits Available!**

Thursday, January 20

8:00am: Building Science Basics
10:00am: Airtightness
1:00pm: Ice Dams
3:00pm: Lighting & Appliances

Friday, January 21

8:00am: Heating & Hot Water
10:00am: Doors & Windows
1:00pm: Insulation
3:00pm: Ventilation



Classes Held in King Cove

907-258-2247

www.achpalaska.com



Brought to you by:
Alaska Craftsman Home Program
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation



Got News?

If you have news you'd like to share, please email ltanis@aeboro.org or call AEB Communications Manager Laura Tanis at (907) 274-7579.



Thank you for reading In the Loop. If you would like to subscribe or unsubscribe, please send an email to ltanis@aeboro.org.

