

September 13, 2016

To: Haines Borough Assembly Members and Mayor

Re: Ordinance 16-08-441 and Resolution 16-06-681

I would like to make a few suggestions for that would improve Ordinance 16-08-441:

- Make the map cycle every 5 years. The 3-year cycle is an arbitrary number that allows too frequent reconsideration of the heli-ski map. Land management decisions are often revisited every 10 or 20 years.
- Start the map cycle next year. I understand that ADF&G will have the winter goat habitat modeling map available next year. It would be a benefit for the advisory map committee and assembly to have that information when considering map changes.
- If the ordinance maintains the option for a map committee to be formed this year, I suggest the following language be added to 5.18.080(I). (suggested addition in **bold**)

1. Amendments to the Haines Borough Approved Commercial Ski Tour Areas map shall only be considered on a **five** year cycle beginning in 2016 **unless there is new wildlife information available from ADF&G or BLM.**

- Reinstate the preliminary review by the assembly of any map change proposals. This process allows the public to become informed of possible heli-map changes and encourages public participation in the process. This kind of transparency is not available if the heli-ski map change proposals are initially handled by the manager.
- Clarify that how the manager solicits applications for applicants for the two public seats on the advisory map committee. Require publication for no less than seven days so only one notice is required to be published in the local newspaper. Suggested change:

4. ...**The manager shall solicit applications by publishing notice for no less than 7 days in a local newspaper.**

I do not support passage of Resolution 16-06-681 because I feel the new map amendment process should begin in 2017.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these suggested changes.

Sincerely, Carolyn Weishahn