§ 37.32 Special areas.

(a) Caribou calving and post-calving special areas. The Regional Director shall designate within the coastal plain specific caribou calving and post-calving special areas which shall be closed to all exploratory activities for such periods between May 10 and July 15 of each year as those areas are determined by the Regional Director to be used for caribou calving and post-calving or both so as to ensure that exploratory activities do not significantly adversely affect calving and post-calving caribou. No exploratory activities shall be conducted in such designated areas during such periods.

(b) Muskoxen calving special areas. Whenever he deems it necessary or appropriate to ensure that exploratory activities do not significantly adversely affect calving muskoxen, the Regional Director shall designate within the following areas specific areas which shall be closed to all exploratory activities for such periods between April 15 and June 5 of each year as those areas are determined by the Regional Director to be used for muskoxen calving. No exploratory activities shall be conducted in such designated areas during such periods.

(1) One generally encompassing the Tamayariak uplands bordered on the east by the Tamayariak River, on the northwest by the Canning River, on the east by a north-south line intersecting the benchmark “Can”, and on the south by an east-west line also intersecting the benchmark “Can”.

(2) One generally encompassing the Carter Creek uplands, bordered on the east by the Sadlerochit River, on the north by the mainland coastline, on the west by Carter Creek, and on the south by an east-west line approximately six miles inland from the coastline.

(3) One generally encompassing the Niguanak hills, bordered on the east by the Angun River, on the north by the mainland coastline, on the west by a line parallel to and two miles west of the Niguanak River, crossing portions of the Okerokovic River, and extending south to the southern boundary of the coastal plain, and on the south by the southern boundary of the coastal plain.

(c) Brown bear and polar bear denning special areas. Whenever he deems it necessary or appropriate to ensure that exploratory activities do not significantly adversely affect denning bears, the Regional Director shall designate...
within the coastal plain brown bear
and polar bear denning sites within 1/4
mile of which all exploratory activities
shall be prohibited for such periods be-
tween October 1 of one year and April
30 of the following year as are pre-
scribed by the Regional Director.

(d) Snow goose staging special areas.
Whenever he deems it necessary or ap-
propriate to ensure that exploratory
activities do not significantly ad-
versely affect staging snow geese, the
Regional Director shall designate with-
in the general area bordered on the
east by the Aichilik River, on the
north by the mainland coastline, on
the west by the Hulahula River, and on
the south by the southern boundary of
the coastal plain, specific snow goose
staging special areas which shall be
closed to all exploratory activities dur-
ing such periods between August 20 and
September 10 of each year as those
areas are determined by the Regional
Director to be used for snow goose
staging. No exploratory activities shall
be conducted in such designated areas
during such periods.

(e) In addition, the Regional Director
may designate specific areas within the
coastal plain that are important for
other wildlife or that encompass lands
the surface estate in which is owned by
holders of approved native allotments
or the Kaktovik Inupiat Corporation as
special areas in which exploratory ac-
tivities may be prohibited, conditioned
or otherwise restricted in such manner
and for such period as prescribed by the
Regional Director to avoid significant
adverse effects from exploratory activi-
ties.

(f) The Regional Director shall notify
the permittee of the locations of des-
nignated special areas and of the appli-
cable limitations on its exploratory ac-
tivities as far in advance of the effect-
ive dates of such limitations as is pos-
sible. The Regional Director may mod-
ify or remove such designations and
limitations whenever he determines
that they are no longer necessary to
protect the resources or values of such
special areas from significant adverse
effects.

(g) No exploratory activities shall be
conducted by any permittee at any
time within 1/4 mile of the source of the
Sadleochit Spring or within 1/4 mile on
either side of Sadleochit Spring Creek
for a distance of 5 miles downstream
from its source.

§ 37.33 Environmental briefing.
The permittee shall provide opportu-
nities for the Regional Director to con-
duct environmental and other per-
nent briefings for all of its personnel
involved in field operations prior to
commencement of field work and peri-
odically thereafter as the Regional Di-
rector may determine. The permittee
shall require the attendance of its per-
sonnel and arrange the time and place
for such briefings upon the request of
the Regional Director. In addition, the
permittee shall provide a copy of this
part to each employee involved with its
exploratory activities.

Subpart E—General Administration

§ 37.41 Responsibilities of the Regional
Director.
The Regional Director is authorized
to approve and disapprove exploration
plans; issue special use permits; inspect
and regulate exploratory activities; re-
quire compliance with the permittee’s
approved exploration plan, plan of op-
eration, this part, and other statutes
and regulations under which the refuge
is administered; and perform all other
duties assigned to the Regional Direc-
tor by this part. The Regional Director
may issue written or oral stipulations,
demands and orders to carry out his re-
sponsibilities, and amend and termi-
nate them as he deems appropriate.
Any oral stipulation, demand or order
shall be confirmed in writing within 3
working days from its issuance.

§ 37.42 Inspection and monitoring.
The Regional Director may designate
field representatives, hereinafter
known as Field Monitors, to monitor
the exploratory activities in the field.
A Field Monitor may exercise such au-
thority of the Regional Director as is
provided by delegation, except that a
Field Monitor may not revoke a per-
mittee’s special use permit, and pro-
vided that any order issued by a Field
Monitor which suspends all of a per-
mittee’s field activities shall, except in
emergencies, require the concurrence
of the Regional Director. The Regional