

# Proposal 86

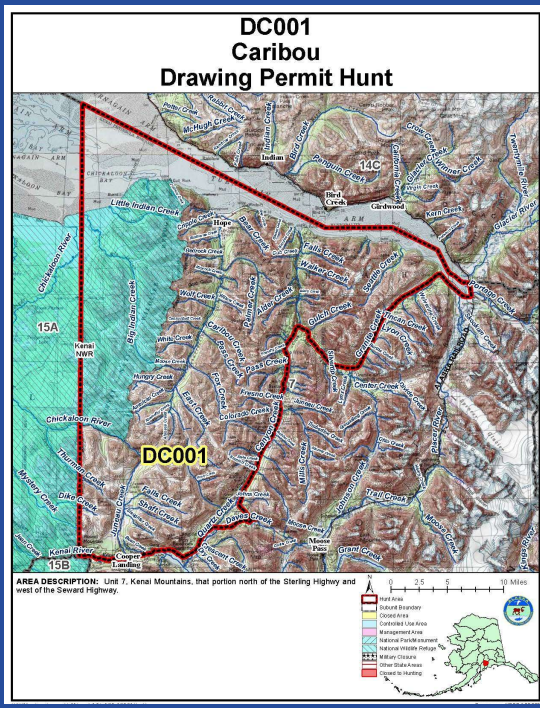
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## Effect of Proposal:

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 caribou hunt, DC001, to up to 10% of the available permits.

## Recommendation:

Neutral



## Background

- Kenai Mountain caribou herd was established from reintroductions in 1965
- Hunting began in 1972
- Nonresidents averaged 13% of permits RY15-24
- DC001 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10-Sept. 20, one bull
- Average annual harvest for RY15-24: 2 caribou (13% NR)

## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DC001 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 24       | 1           | 25    |
| 2016  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2017  | 23       | 2           | 25    |
| 2018  | 24       | 1           | 25    |
| 2019  | 20       | 5           | 25    |
| 2020  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2021  | 20       | 5           | 25    |
| 2022  | 24       | 1           | 25    |
| 2023  | 22       | 3           | 25    |
| 2024  | 15       | 0           | 15    |

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 13% of permits, and a high of 20%
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 10% of permits
- If fewer than 10 permits were issued for DC001 nonresidents could not receive a permit
- Guide not required, and no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24

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### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 caribou hunt, DC001, to up to 10% of the available permits.

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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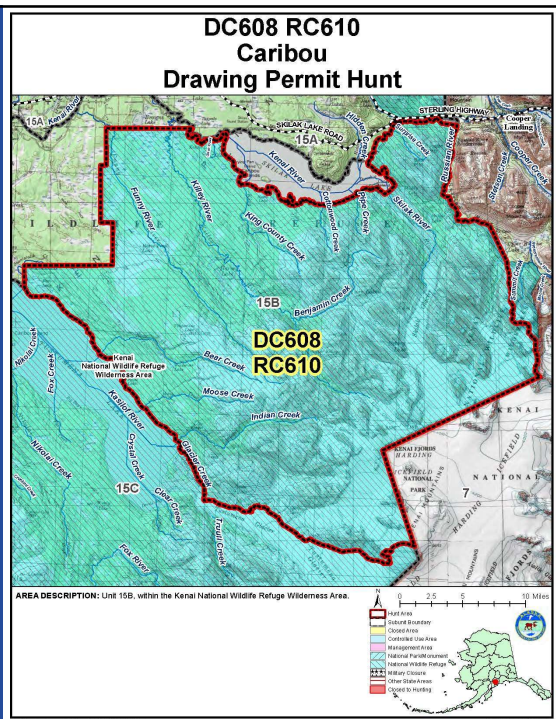
## Effect of Proposal:

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 caribou hunt, DC608, to up to 10% of the available permits.

## Recommendation:

Neutral

### DC608 RC610 Caribou Drawing Permit Hunt



## Background

- Killey River caribou herd was established from reintroductions in 1985 & 1986
- Hunting began in 1994
- Nonresidents averaged 13% of permits RY15-24
- DC608 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10-Sept. 20, one bull
- Average annual harvest for RY15-24: 20 caribou (18% NR)

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DC608 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 63       | 7           | 70    |
| 2016  | 41       | 9           | 50    |
| 2017  | 47       | 3           | 50    |
| 2018  | 43       | 7           | 50    |
| 2019  | 43       | 7           | 50    |
| 2020  | 48       | 2           | 50    |
| 2021  | 43       | 7           | 50    |
| 2022  | 33       | 17          | 50    |
| 2023  | 50       | 10          | 60    |
| 2024  | 58       | 2           | 60    |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 13% of permits, with a high of 34%
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 10% of permits
- If fewer than 10 permits were issued for DC608 nonresidents could not receive a permit
- Guide not required, and no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24

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### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 caribou hunt, DC608, to up to 10% of the available permits.

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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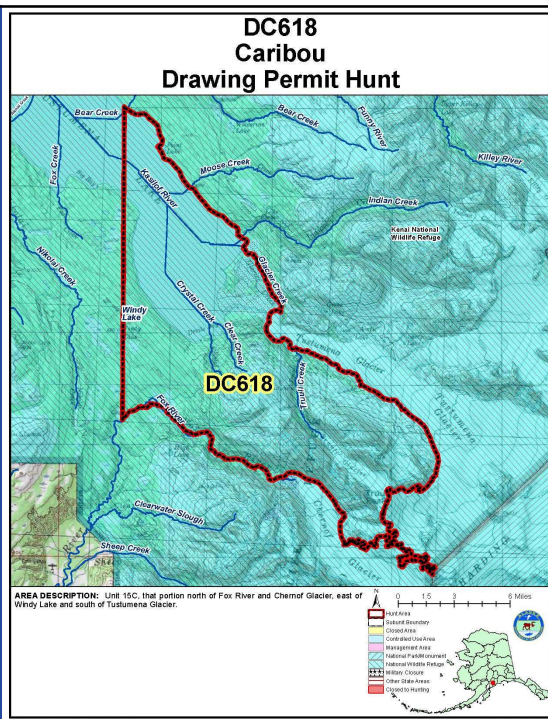
## Effect of Proposal:

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 caribou hunt, DC618, to up to 10% of the available permits.

## Recommendation:

Neutral

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## Background

- Fox River caribou herd was established from reintroductions in 1986
- Hunting began in 1995
- Nonresidents averaged 13% of permits RY15-24
- DC618 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10-Sept. 20, one bull
- Average annual harvest for RY15-24: 3 caribou (4% NR)

## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DC618 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2016  | 8        | 2           | 10    |
| 2017  | 8        | 2           | 10    |
| 2018  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2019  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2020  | 8        | 2           | 10    |
| 2021  | 8        | 2           | 10    |
| 2022  | 8        | 2           | 10    |
| 2023  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2024  | 10       | 0           | 10    |

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 13% of permits, and a high of 20%
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 10% of permits
- If fewer than 10 permits were issued for DC618 nonresidents could not receive a permit
- Guide not required, and no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24

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### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 caribou drawing hunt, DC618, to up to 10% of the available permits.

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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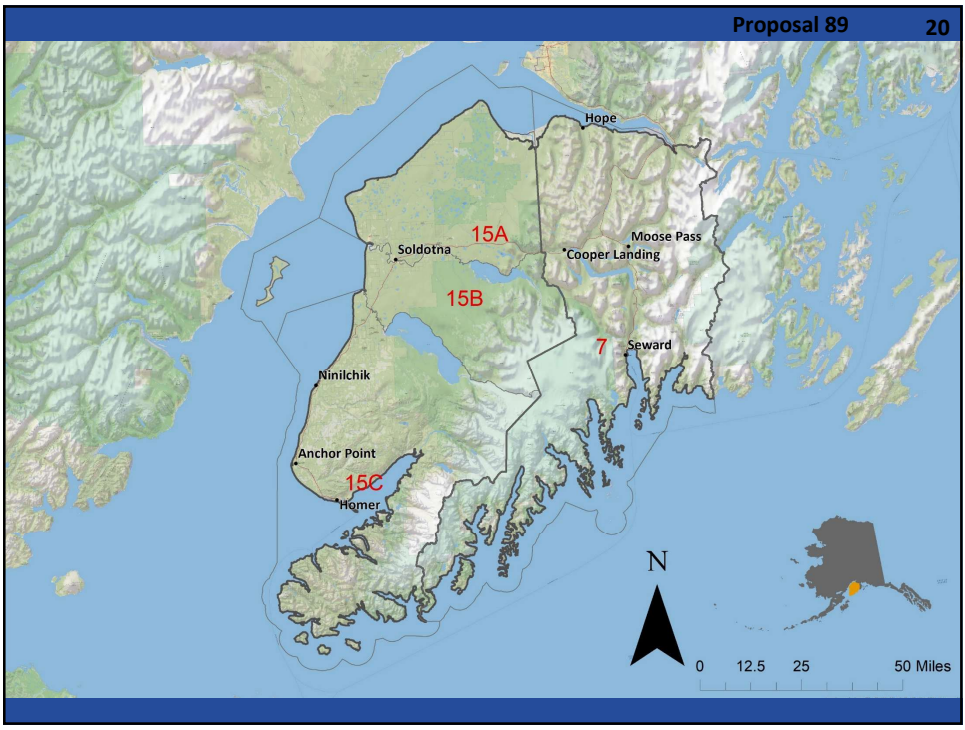
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**Effect of Proposal :**  
Open an early season, bow and arrow only,  
moose hunt in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
Support

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## Background

- Current Unit 7 Moose Seasons

### Harvest Ticket

Season: Sept. 1 – Sept. 25

Bag Limit: one bull- spike, 50", or 3 brow tines

### DM210

Season: Aug. 20 – Sept. 30

Bag Limit: one bull

### DM211

Season: Aug. 20 – Oct. 10

Bag Limit: one antlerless moose

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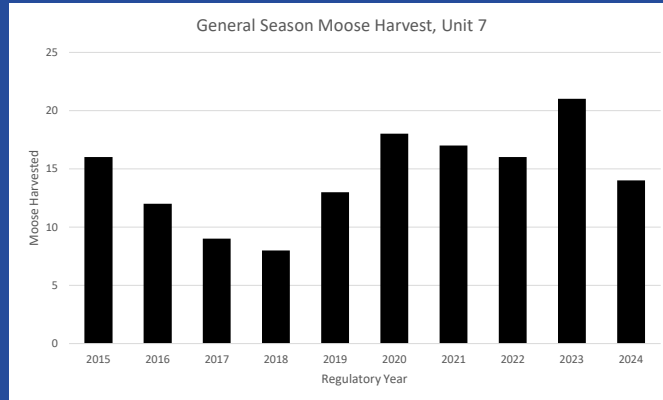
## Background

- Establish a bow and arrow only, general season harvest ticket hunt in Unit 7
  - Season Dates: Aug. 22- Aug. 29
  - Bag Limit: One bull moose with a spike on at least one side, or 50 inch antlers, or three brow tines on at least one side
- Unit 7 10-year average annual harvest of 15 moose
- No current population estimate or composition for moose in Unit 7

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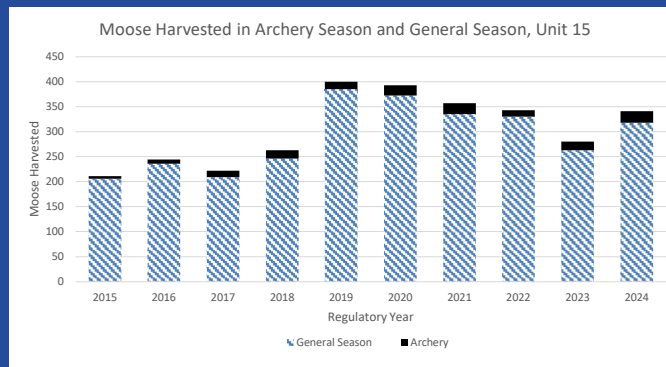
- Unit 7 10-year average annual general season harvest of 15 moose



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## Background

- Concurrent bow and arrow only seasons in neighboring Unit 15
- Unit 15 archery take accounts for <5% of annual moose harvest



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**Effect of Proposal :**  
Open an early season, bow and arrow only,  
moose hunt in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Support**

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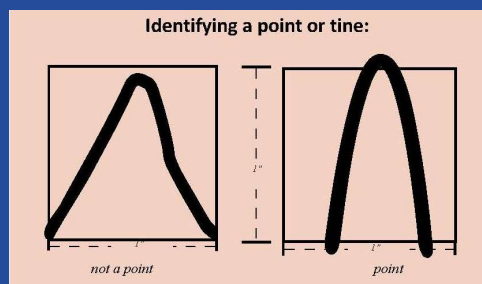
**Effect of Proposal :**  
Change the bag limit for general season moose  
hunts, in Units 7 & 15, to include 10 legal antler  
points on at least one side

**Recommendation :**  
**Oppose** due to increased regulatory complexity and  
concern for increased harvest

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## Background

- Definition of a Tine:  
 “A point or tine is an antler projection at least one inch long, and longer than it is wide, with the width measured one inch or more from the tip...”



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## Background

- Current regulations of spike, or 50 inches, or 3 brow tines → Selective Harvest Strategy
- Antler sealing required in Units 7 & 15 2011-2022
  - 18% of sublegal bulls had  $\geq 10$  points on at least one side
  - This proposal will add bulls currently not included in the spike, or 50, or 3 bag limit

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**Effect of Proposal :**  
Change the bag limit for general season moose hunts, in Units 7 & 15, to include 10 legal antler points on at least one side

**Recommendation :**  
**Oppose** due to increased regulatory complexity and concern for increased harvest

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**Effect of Proposal :**  
Shift general moose season in Units 7 & 15 to **Oct. 1 – Oct. 25**

**Recommendation :**  
**Opposed** due to biological concern of increased harvest

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## Background

- Current Moose Regulations
  - Unit 7 & 15 General Season:  
Sept. 1 – Sept. 25
  - Unit 15 Archery Season  
Aug. 22- Aug 29
  - Bag Limit: spike on at least one side, or 50 inches antler spread, or at least 3 brow tines on one side

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## Background

- Currently, the majority of season occurs prior the rut. Proposed season dates would increase overlap with the rut. Vulnerability of bulls to harvest would increase significantly
- The selective harvest strategy is important in maintaining a sustainable harvest opportunity. Season timing and length are also very important factors

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## Background

- Cows bred during their first estrous cycle have higher calf survival and overall fitness
- Removal of bulls during the middle of the rut delays breeding and calf parturition dates
- Only October season opportunity in the area, would likely generate high levels of interest

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### **Effect of Proposal :**

Shift general moose season in Units 7 & 15 to  
**Oct. 1 – Oct. 25**

### **Recommendation :**

**Opposed** due to biological concern of increased harvest

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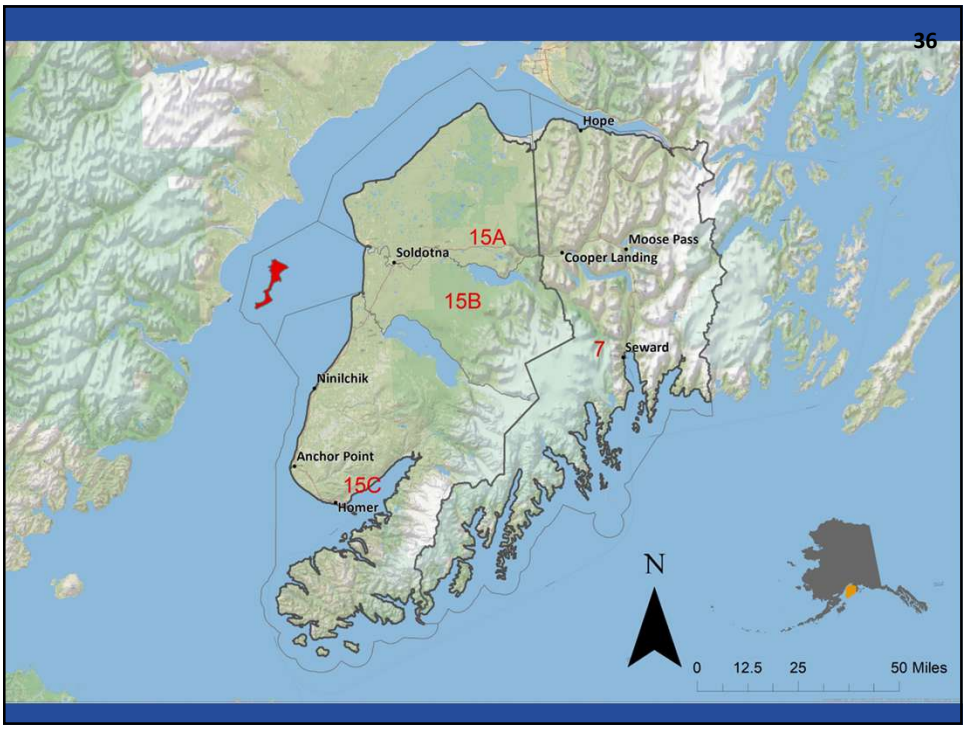
## Effect of Proposal :

Shift Kalgin Island, RM572, moose season dates from Aug. 20 – Sep. 20 to **Sep. 1 – Sep. 25**

## Recommendation :

Opposed

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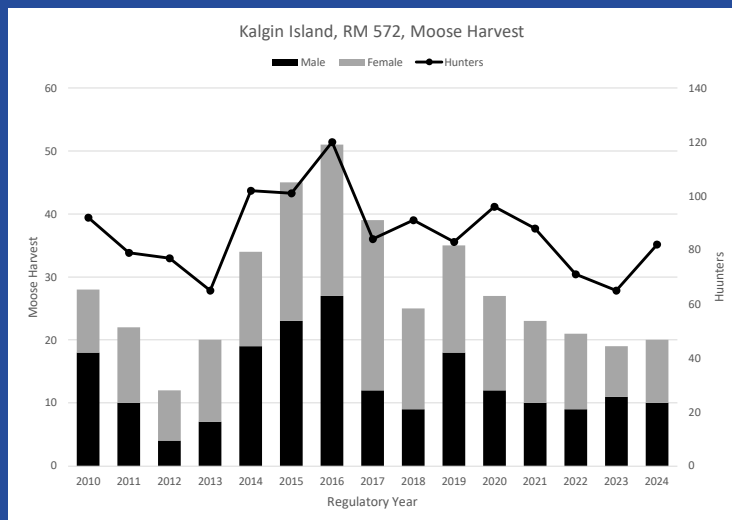
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## Background

- Current Regulations RM572
  - Season: Aug. 20 – Sep. 20
  - Bag Limit: One Moose
  - Proposed Change: **Sep. 1 – Sep. 25**
- Would shorten season by 7 days
- Population Objective: **20-40** Moose
  - 2024 Minimum Count: **103**
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15B (Kalgin Island) with an ANS of 2 moose

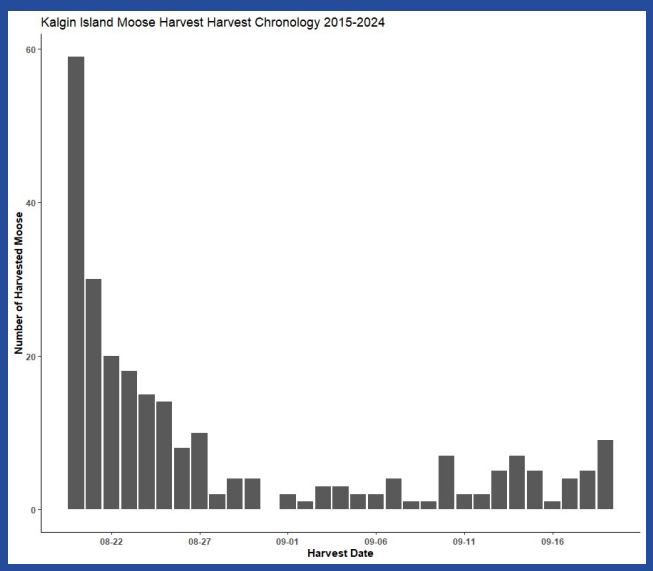
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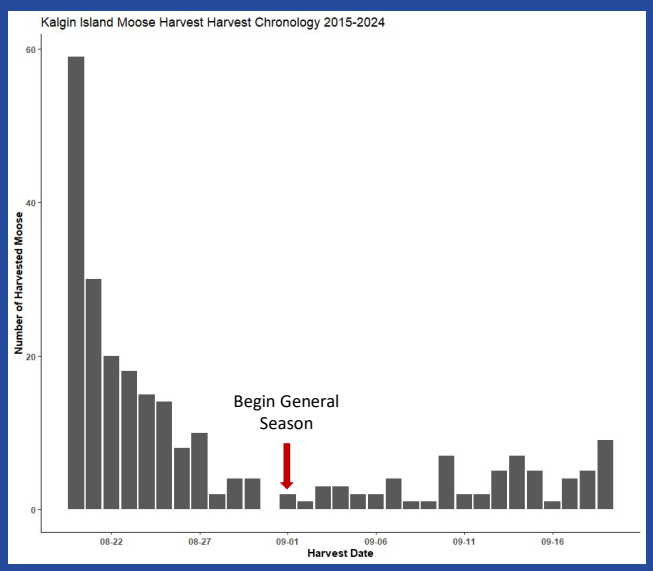
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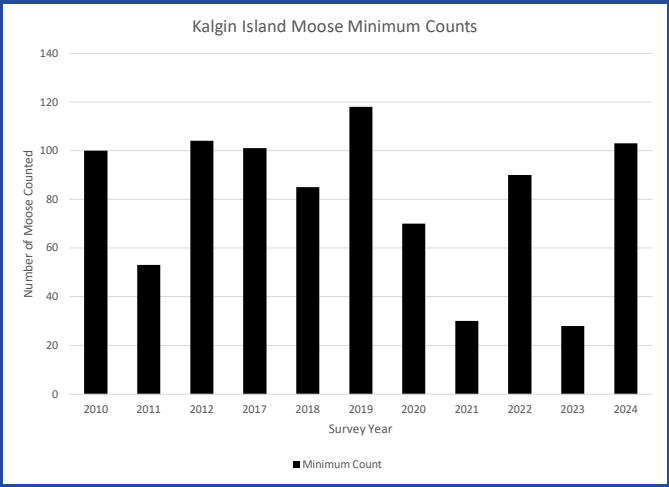
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## Effect of Proposal :

Shift Kalgin Island, RM572, moose season dates from Aug. 20 – Sep. 20 to **Sep. 1 – Sep. 25**

## Recommendation :

**Opposed**

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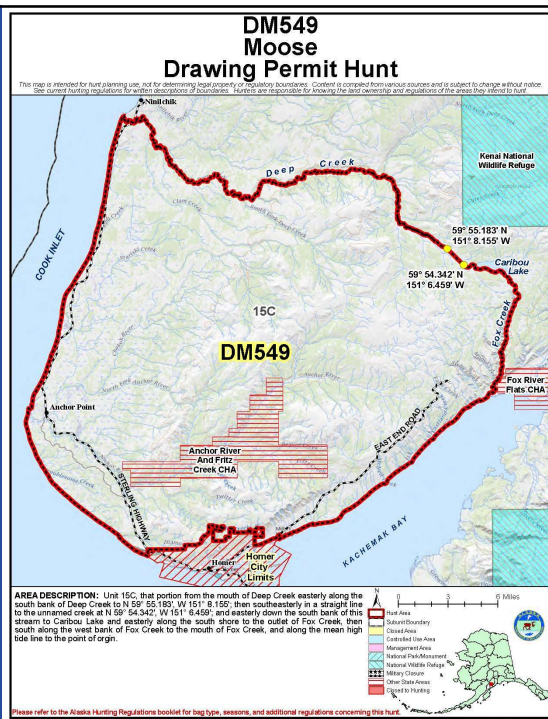
## Effect of Proposal:

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 moose hunt, DM549, to up to 10% of the available permits.

## Recommendation:

Neutral

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## Background

- Unit 15C is within IM harvest and population objectives
- Nonresidents averaged 1% of permits RY15-24
- DM549 Seasons and Bag Limit: Oct. 20 - Nov. 20, one antlerless moose without a calf
- Average annual harvest for RY15-24: 27 moose (<1% NR)
- Positive C&T of 5-6 animals south of Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DM549 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 50       | 0           | 50    |
| 2016  | 48       | 2           | 50    |
| 2017  | 50       | 0           | 50    |
| 2018  | 50       | 0           | 50    |
| 2019  | 49       | 1           | 50    |
| 2020  | 50       | 0           | 50    |
| 2021  | 51       | 0           | 51    |
| 2022  | 48       | 2           | 50    |
| 2023  | 49       | 1           | 50    |
| 2024  | 49       | 1           | 50    |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 1% of permits, and a high of 2%
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 10% of permits
- If fewer than 10 permits were issued for DM549 nonresidents could not receive a permit
- Guide not required, and no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24

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### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 moose hunt, DM549, to up to 10% of the available permits.

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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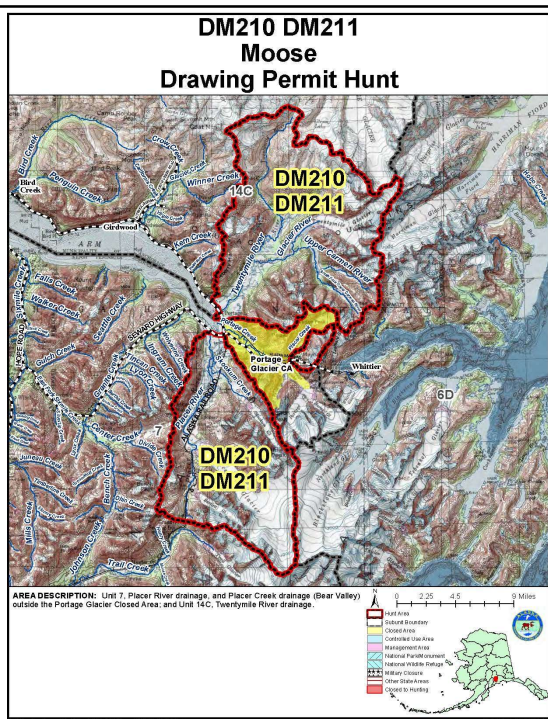
## Effect of Proposal:

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 moose hunt, DM210, to up to 10% of the available permits.

## Recommendation:

Neutral

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## Background

- Managed to reduce winterkill
- Nonresidents averaged 11% of permits RY15-24
- DM210 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 20 -Sept. 30, One bull
- Average annual harvest for RY15-24, 15 moose (14% NR)

## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DM210 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 29       | 1           | 30    |
| 2016  | 29       | 1           | 30    |
| 2017  | 28       | 2           | 30    |
| 2018  | 27       | 4           | 31    |
| 2019  | 26       | 4           | 30    |
| 2020  | 22       | 8           | 30    |
| 2021  | 27       | 3           | 30    |
| 2022  | 34       | 6           | 40    |
| 2023  | 36       | 4           | 40    |
| 2024  | 37       | 4           | 41    |

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 11% of permits, and a high of 27%
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 10% of permits
- If fewer than 10 permits were issued for DM210 nonresidents could not receive a permit
- Guide not required, and no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24

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### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 moose hunt, DM210, to up to 10% of the available permits.

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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## Effect of Proposal :

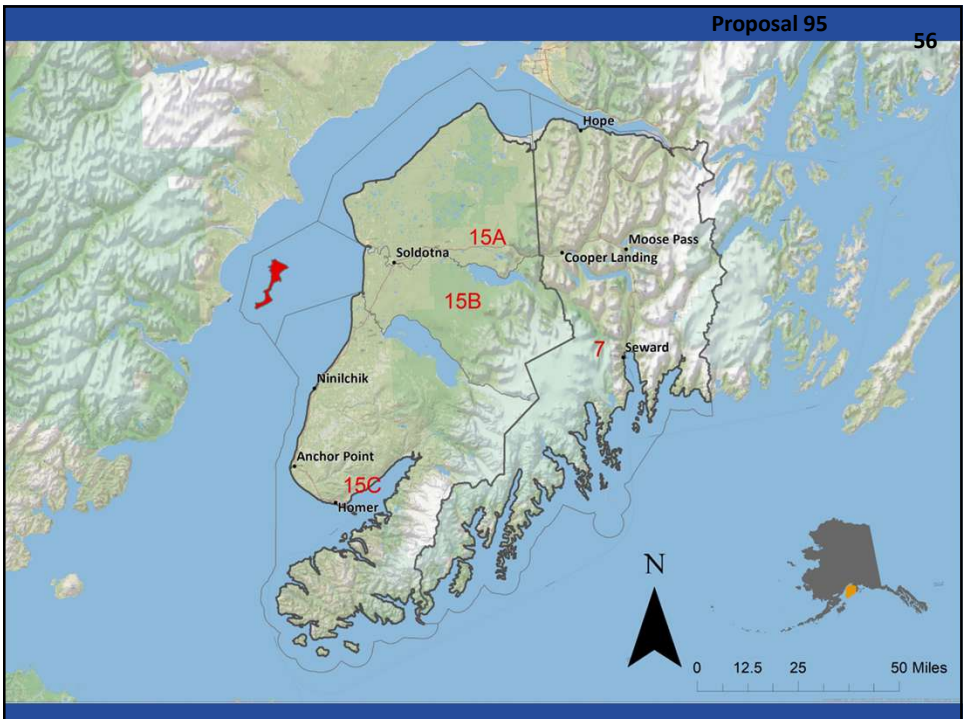
Reauthorize antlerless moose season, RM572, on Kalgin Island, Unit 15B

## Recommendation :

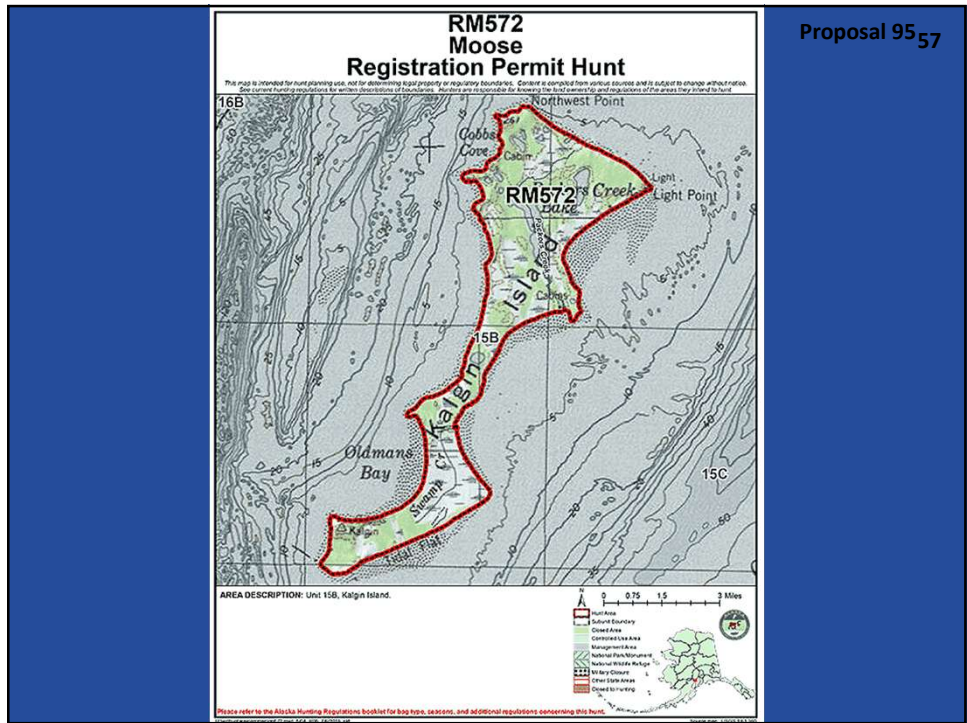
**Support** this proposal to maintain sustainable opportunity and harvest

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna- Support 12-0; Central Peninsula- Support 13-0; Homer- Support 14-0; Seldovia- Support 9-0

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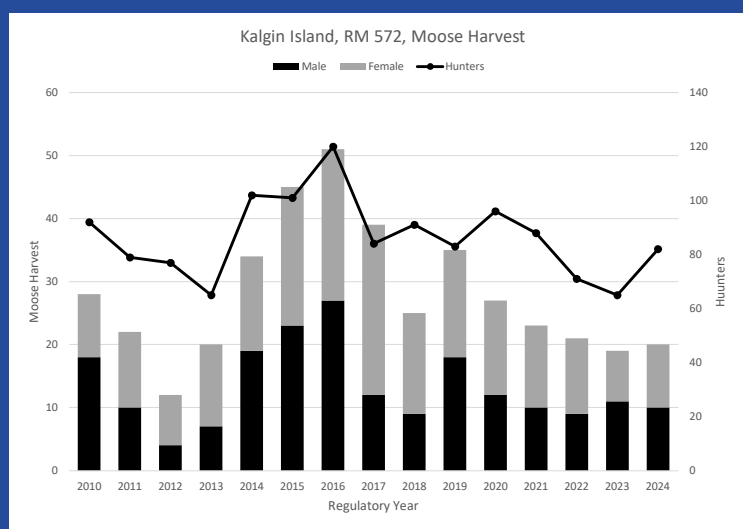
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## Background

- Current Regulations RM572
  - Season: Aug. 20 – Sep. 20
  - Bag Limit: one moose
- Harvest Statistics
  - 118 permits issued annually
  - Annual harvest of 28 Moose
- Population Objective: **20-40** Moose
  - 2024 Minimum Count: **103**
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15B (Kalgin Island) with an ANS of 2 moose

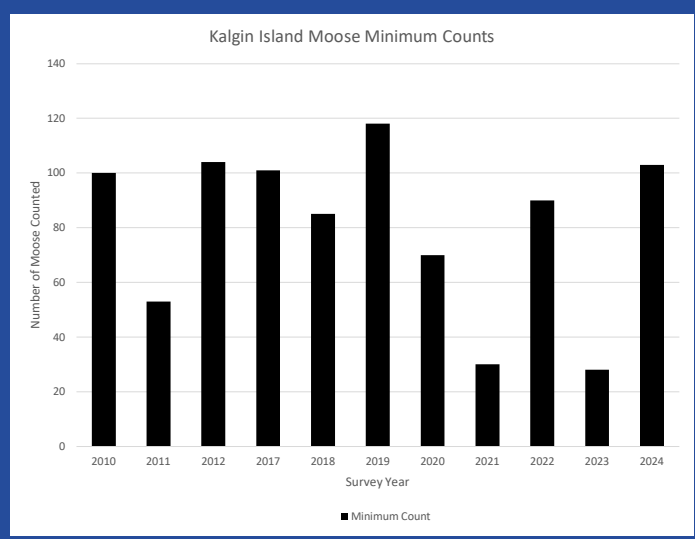
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Department proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Reauthorize antlerless moose season, RM572,  
on Kalgin Island, Unit 15B

**Recommendation :**  
**Support** this proposal to maintain sustainable  
opportunity and harvest

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna- Support 12-0; Central Peninsula- Support 13-0;  
Homer- Support 14-0; Seldovia- Support 9-0

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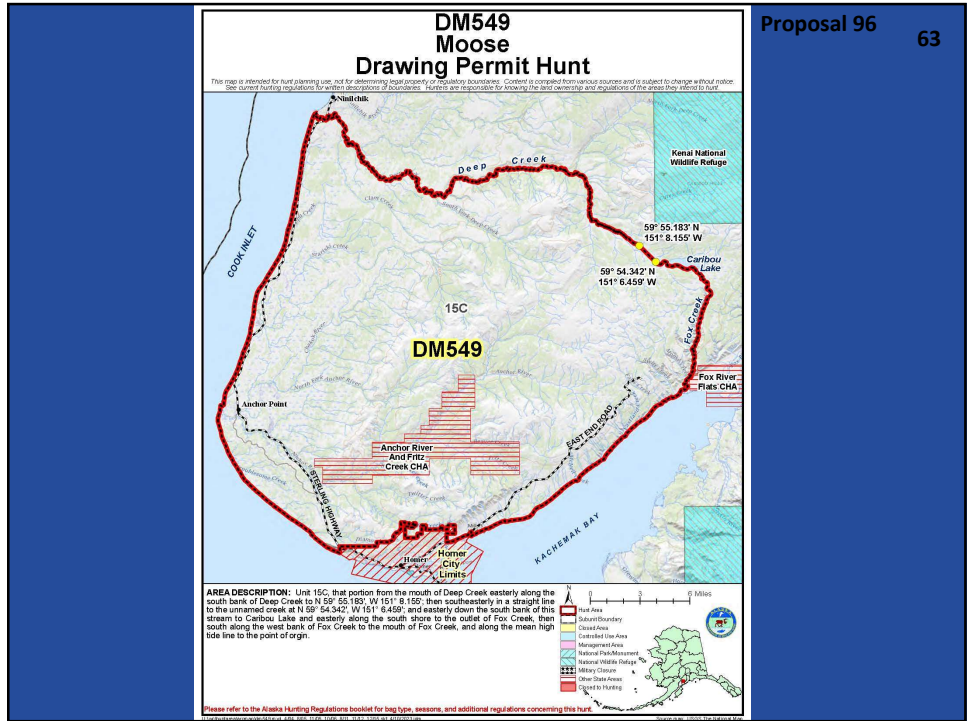
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**Effect of Proposal :**  
Reauthorize antlerless moose season, DM549,  
and the targeted hunt, AM550, in Subunit 15C

**Recommendation :**  
**Support** this proposal to provide limited antlerless  
moose harvest

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna- Support 12-0; Central Peninsula- Opposed 2-11;  
Homer- Support 12-1-1; Seldovia- Support 9-0

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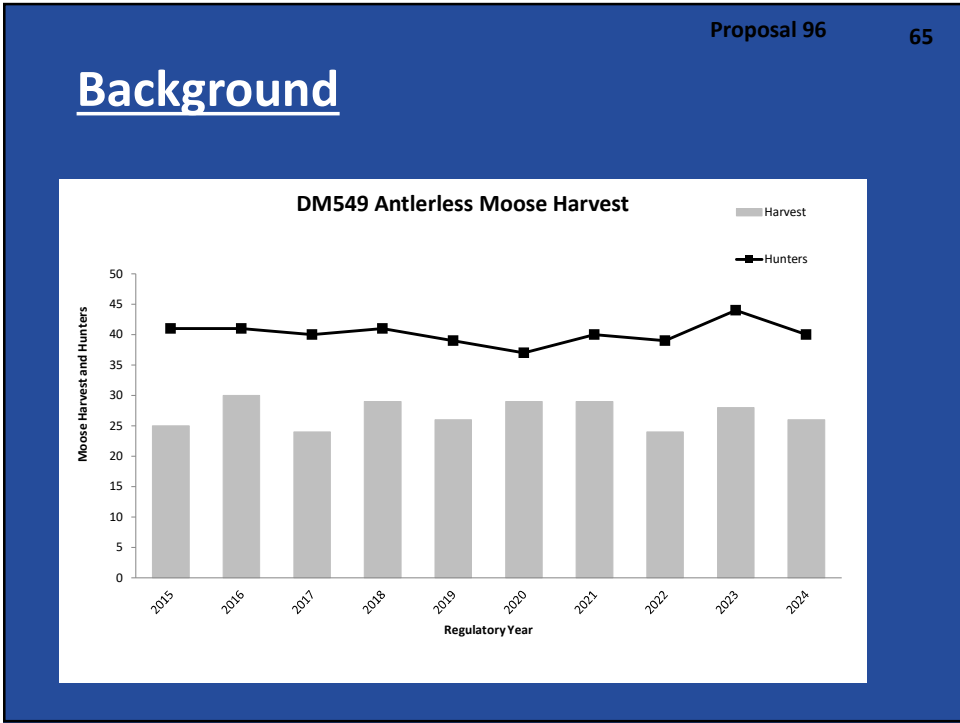
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## Background

- DM549 Regulations
  - Up to 100 permits
  - Season: Oct. 20 – Nov. 20
  - Bag Limit: one antlerless moose without a calf
- Harvest Statistics
  - 50-65 permits issued annually
  - Success Rate 62%
  - Annual harvest of 26 Moose
- 99% Resident Hunters

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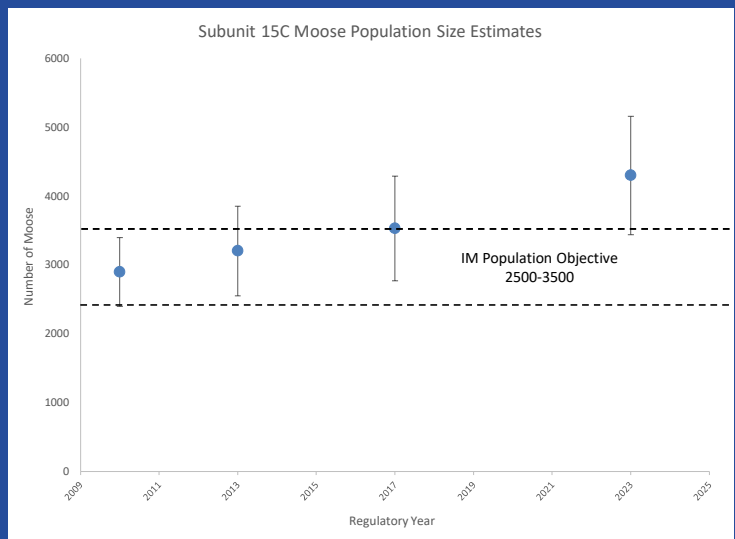


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- ## Background
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
    - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
    - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
  - Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose

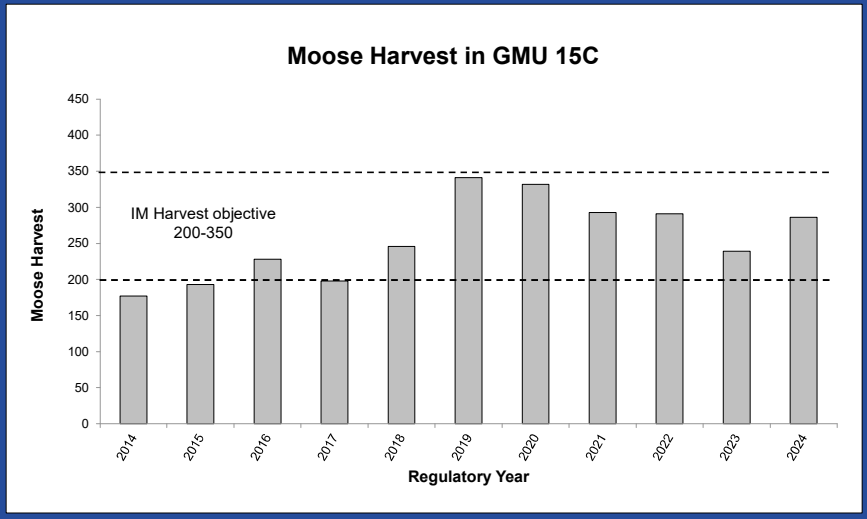
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## Background

- AM550
- Established to potentially provide opportunity simultaneously reducing moose vehicle collisions
- Average of 63 moose-vehicle collisions / year in Subunit 15C
- No permits have been issued to date

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## Proposal 96

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### **Effect of Proposal :**

Reauthorize antlerless moose season, DM549, and the targeted hunt, AM550, in Subunit 15C

### **Recommendation :**

**Support** this proposal to provide limited antlerless moose harvest

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna- Support 12-0; Central Peninsula- Opposed 2-11;  
Homer- Support 12-1-1; Seldovia- Support 9-0

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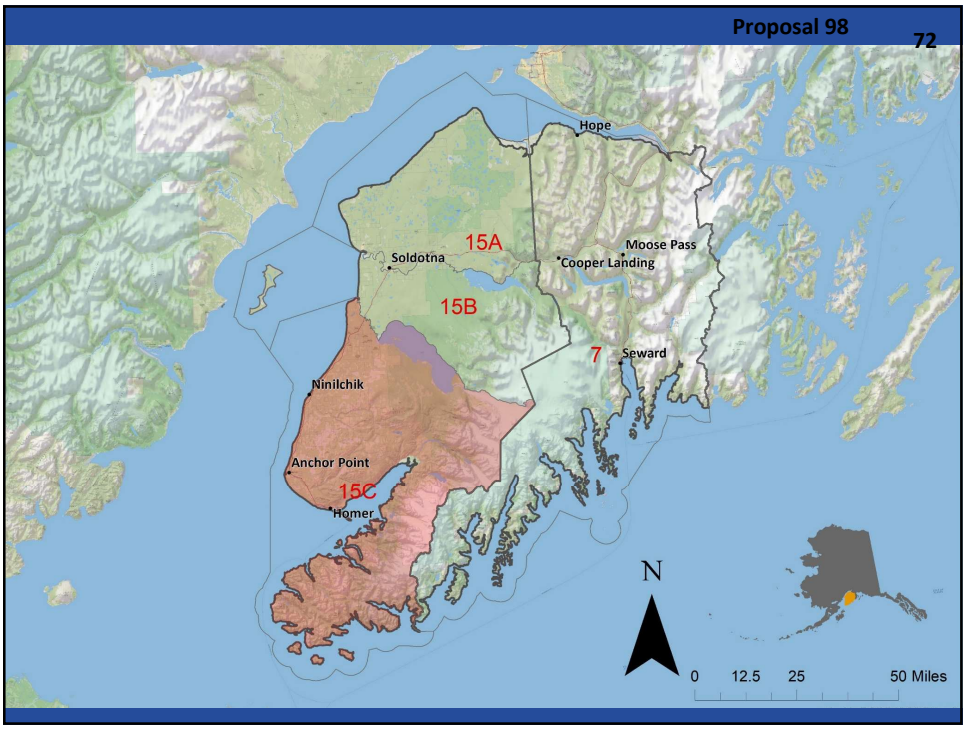
## Effect of Proposal :

Clarify the types of roads open to motorized vehicles within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay

## Recommendation :

Neutral on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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## Background

- Current Regulations for Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area

Subunit 15C is closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle (except an aircraft or a boat) for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of moose, **from Sep. 16–19, and Sep. 22–25**. However, **this does not apply to the use of motorized vehicle on a state or borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oilwell, Brody and Tustumena Lake roads, or driveways used for direct access to a primary residence or business**

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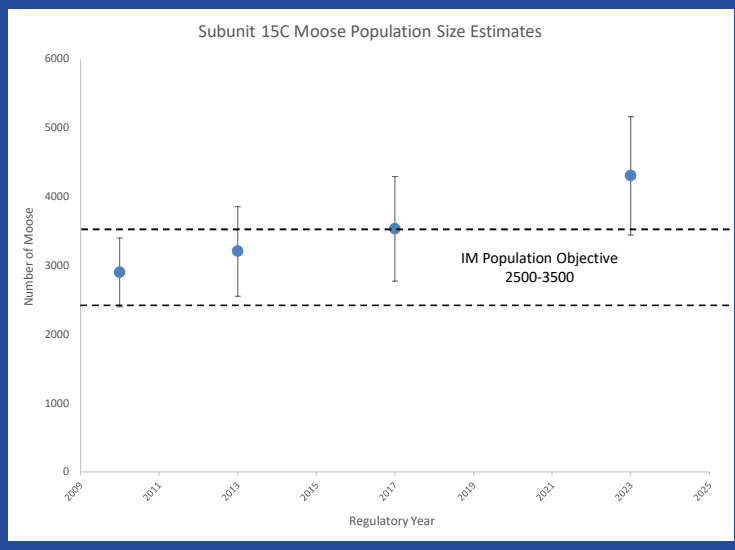
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
  - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
  - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose

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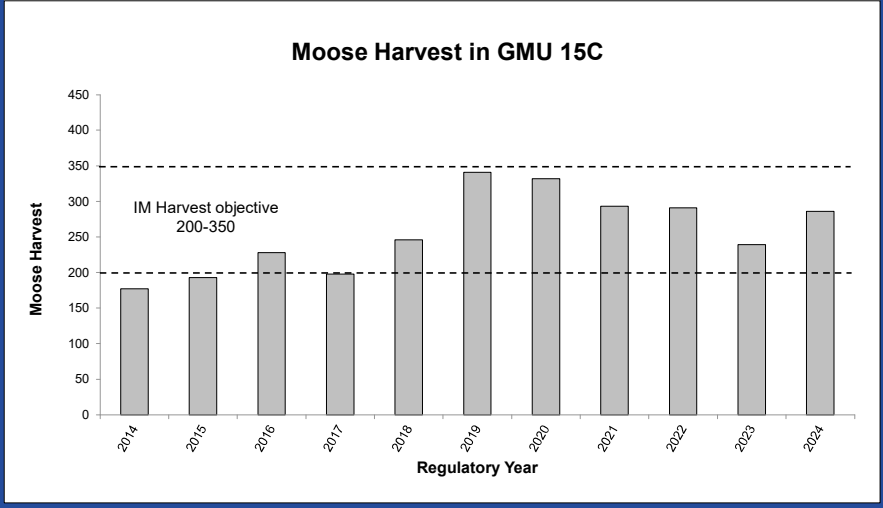
# Background

- 15C General Season Moose Regulations
  - Season Dates
    - Aug. 22 – Aug. 29, bow and arrow only
    - Sept. 1 – Sept. 25
  - Bag Limit: one bull with a spike on at least one side, or 50-inch antlers, or 3 brow tines on at least one side

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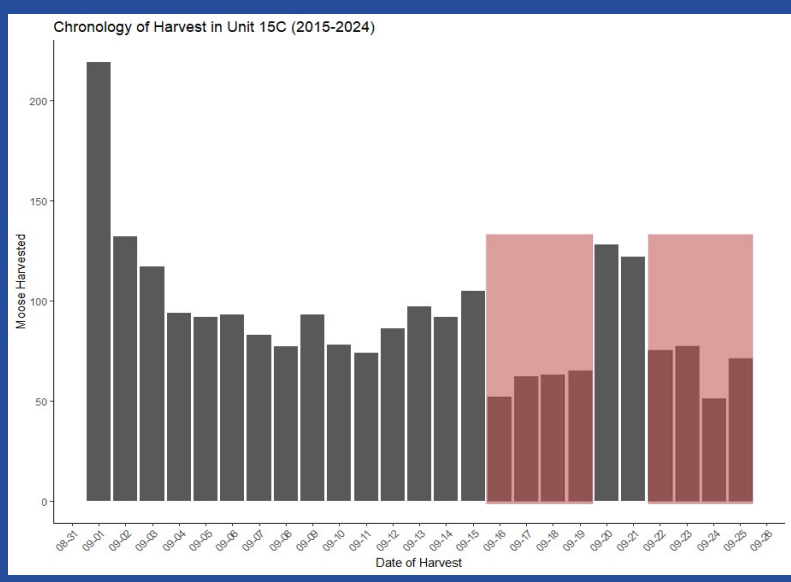


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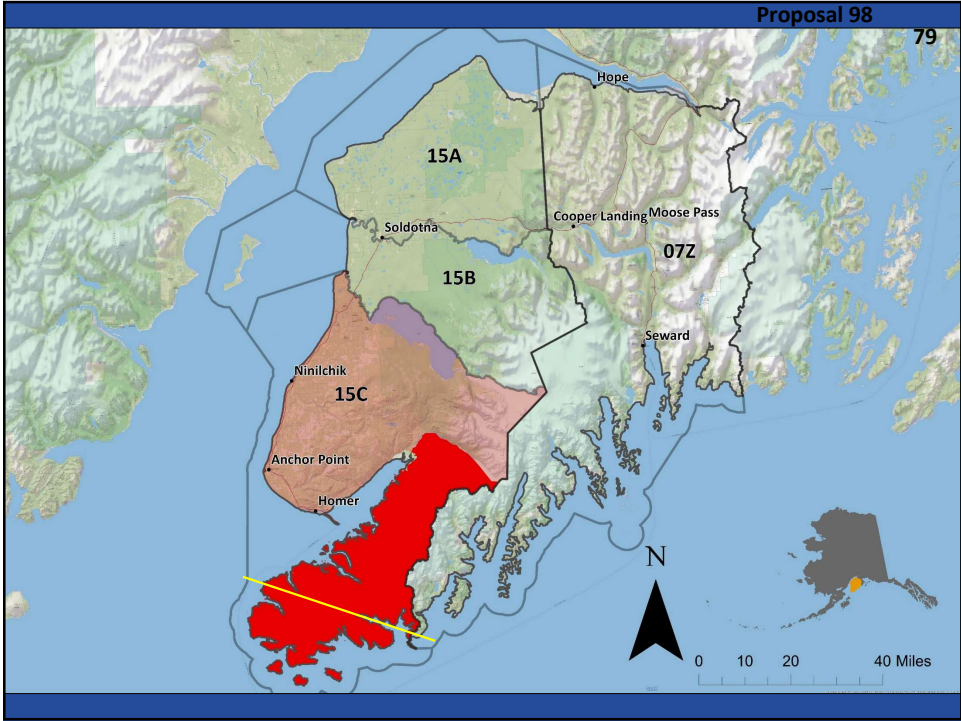


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### Background

- Removal south side of Kachemak Bay
  - Area contains towns of Seldovia, Port Graham, and Nanwalek
  - Few roads exist
  - Enforcement is limited
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose

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**Proposal 98**  
Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C during the moose season, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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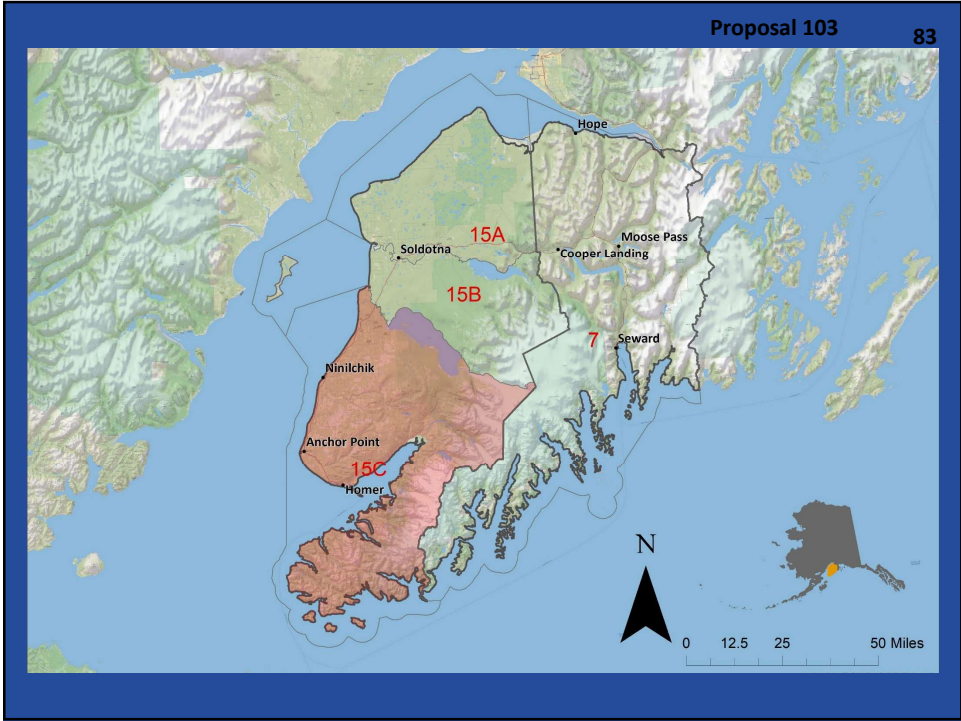
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Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Modify the restriction on motorized vehicles in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to weekends only, after the first week of the season

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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## Background

- Current Regulations for Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area
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## Background

- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
  - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
  - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose

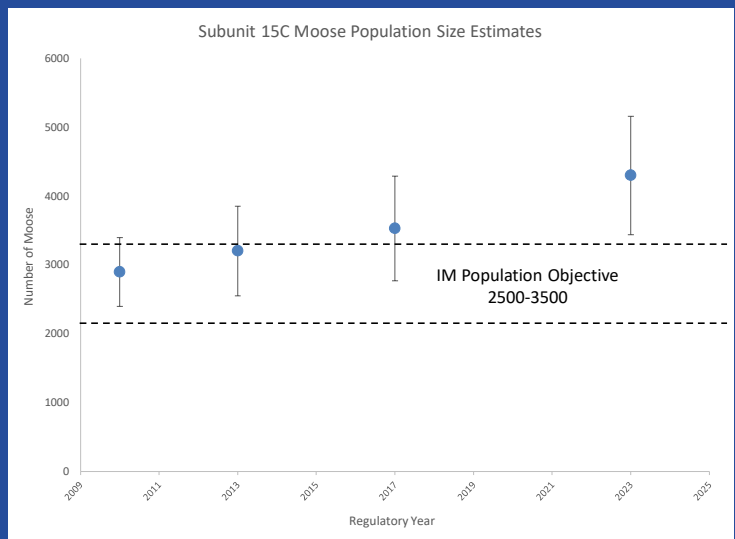
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## Background

- 15C General Season Moose Regulations
  - Season Dates
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    - Sept. 1 – Sept. 25
  - Bag Limit: One bull with a spike on at least one side, or 50-inch antlers, or 3 brow tines on at least one side

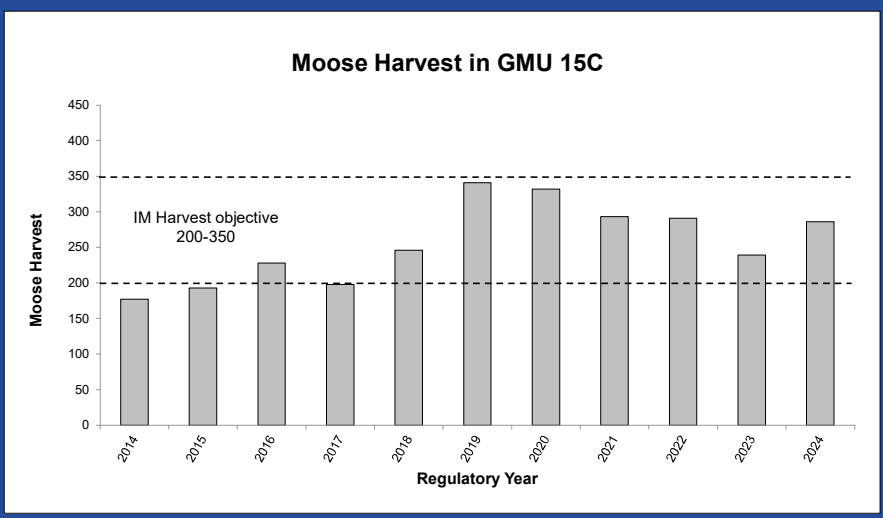
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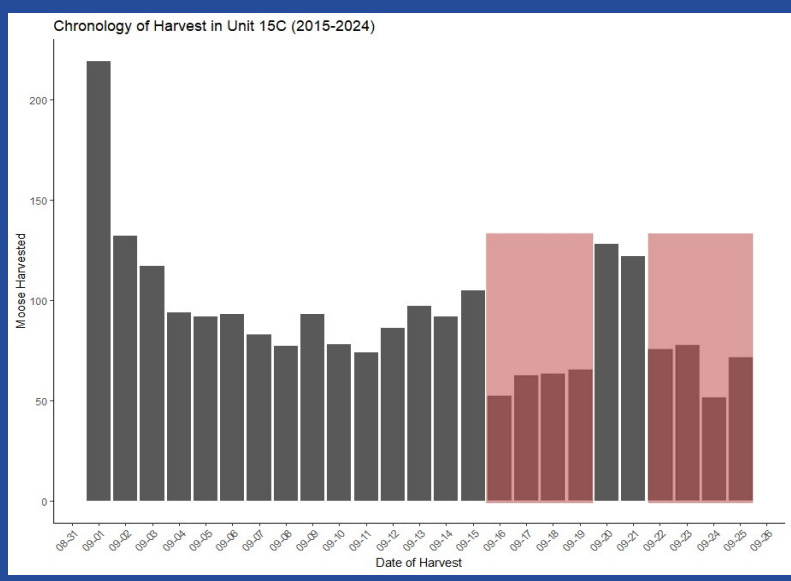
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## Proposal 103

Public proposal

### Effect of Proposal :

Modify the restriction on motorized vehicles in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C to weekends only, after the first week of the season

### Recommendation :

Neutral on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

# Proposal 104

Public proposal

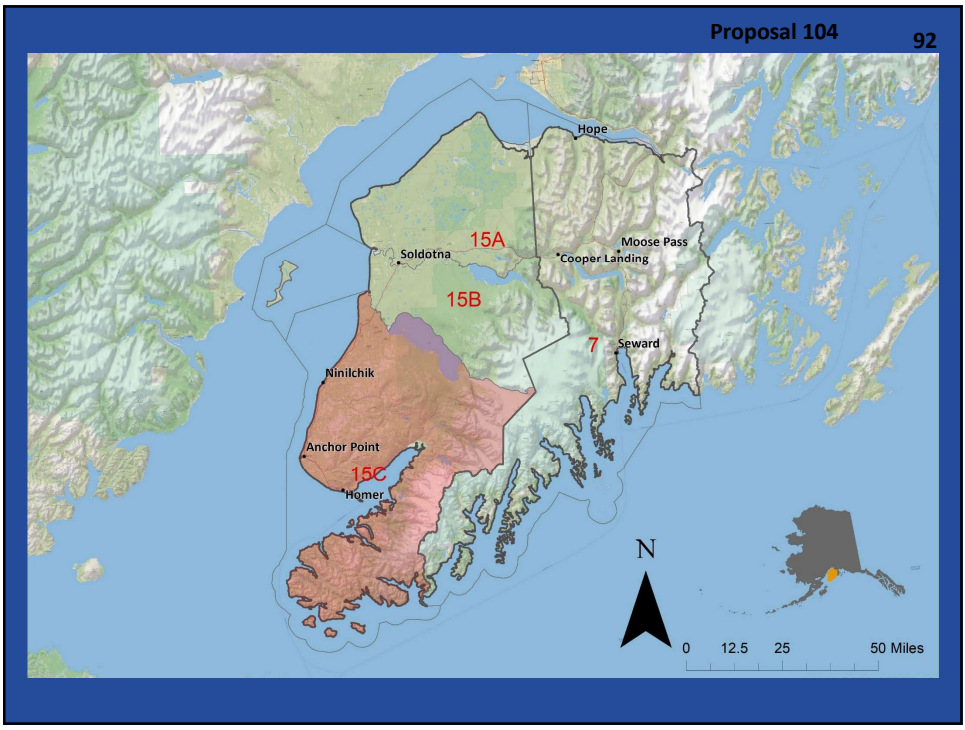
## Effect of Proposal :

Allow vehicle use from 10 PM to 5 AM during current vehicle closure periods in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

## Recommendation :

Neutral on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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## Background

- Current Regulations for Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area

Subunit 15C is closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle (except an aircraft or a boat) for moose hunting, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of moose, **from Sep. 16–19, and Sep. 22–25**. However, **this does not apply to the use of motorized vehicle on a state or borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oilwell, Brody and Tustumena Lake roads, or driveways used for direct access to a primary residence or business**

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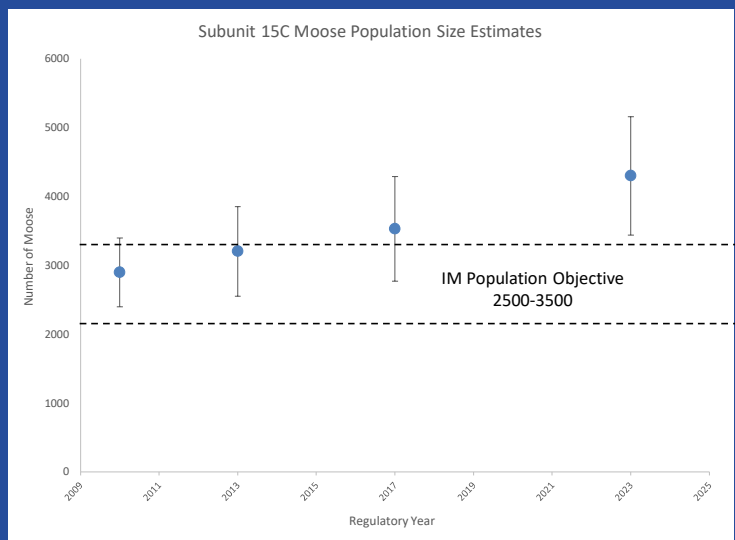
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  - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
  - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose

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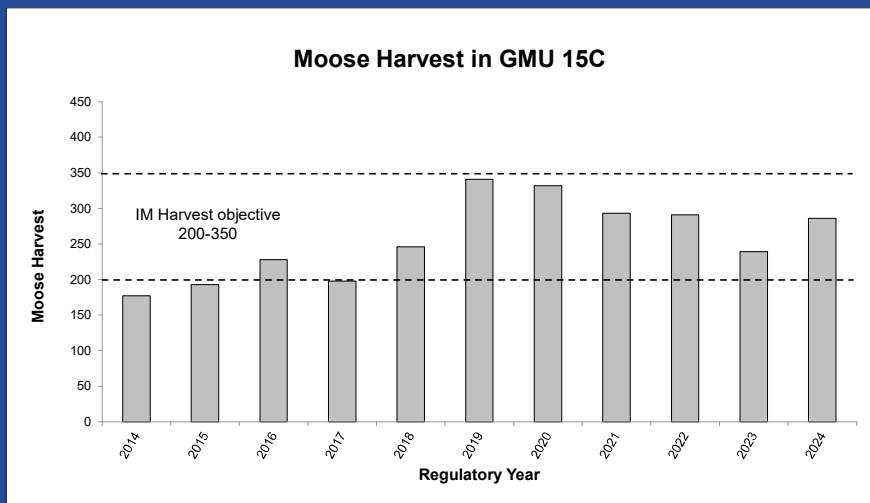
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  - Season Dates
    - Aug. 22 – Aug. 29, bow and arrow only
    - Sept. 1 – Sept. 25
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## Background

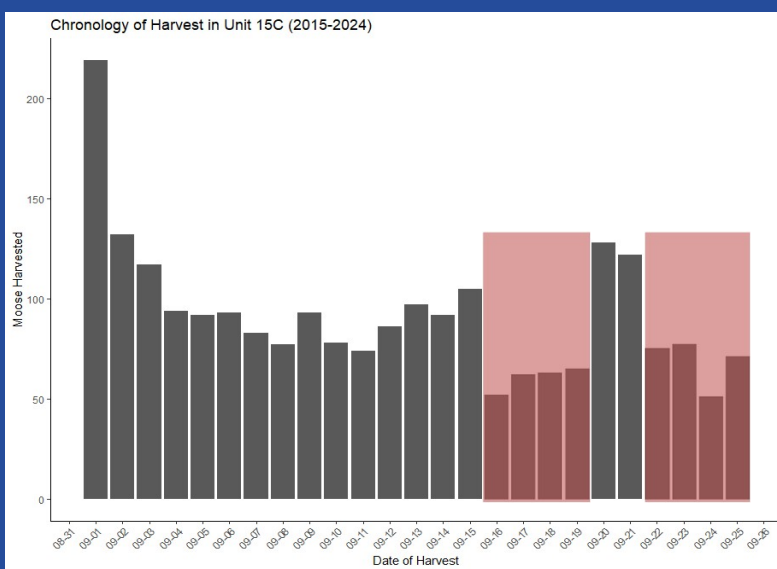


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**Proposal 104**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
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**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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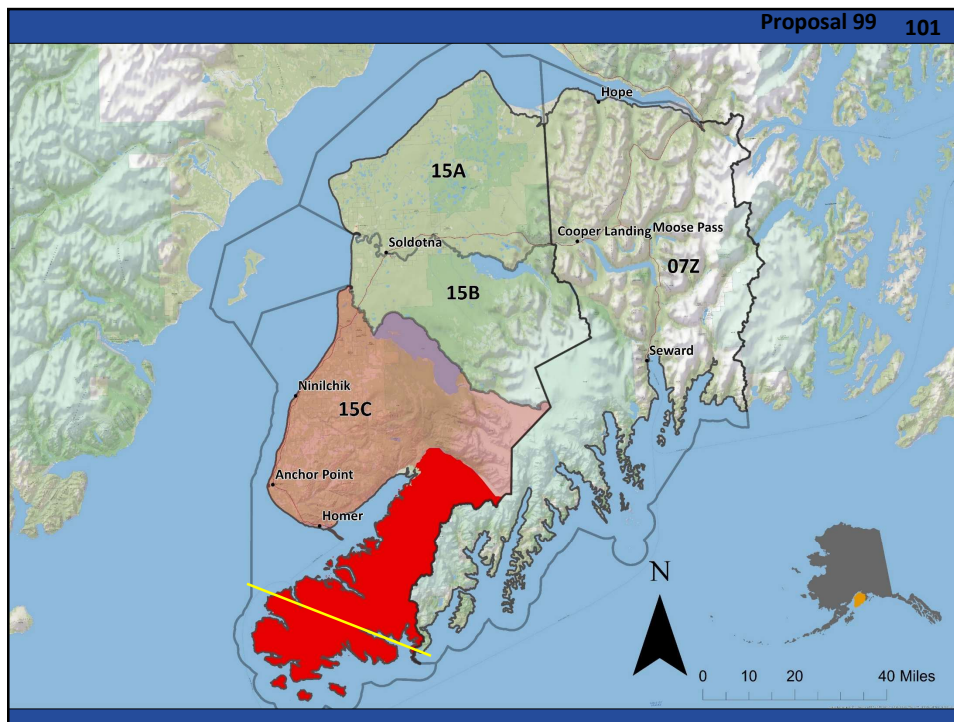
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**Proposal 99**  
Seldovia Advisory Committee

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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Proposal 99 102

## Background

- Current Regulations for the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area are as follows:
 

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## Background

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- Removal south side of Kachemak Bay
  - Area contains towns of Seldovia, Port Graham, and Nanwalek
  - Few roads exist
  - Enforcement is limited
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay, shown by the yellow line, with an ANS of 5–6 moose

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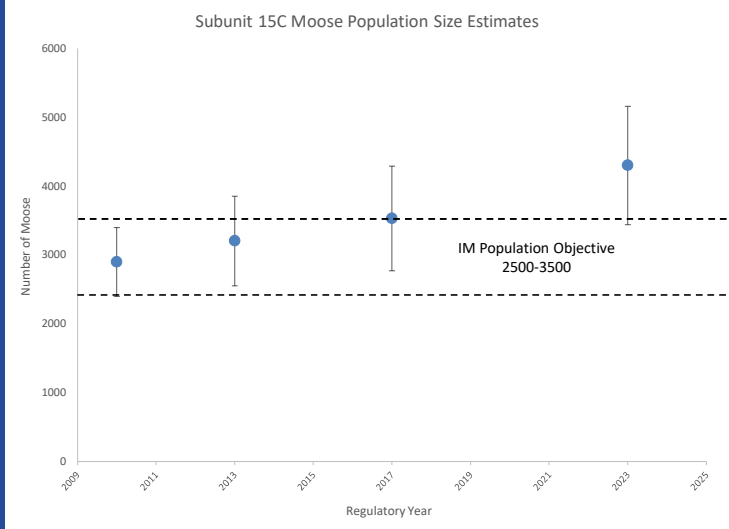
Proposal 99

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- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
  - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
  - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- 15C General Season Moose Regulations
  - Season Dates
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    - Sept. 1 – Sept. 25
  - Bag Limit: one bull with a spike on at least one side, or 50-inch antlers, or 3 brow tines on at least one side

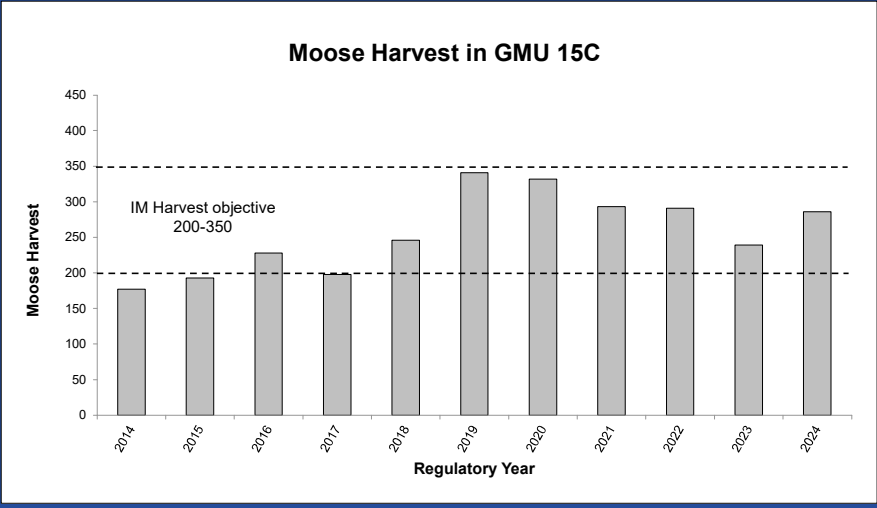
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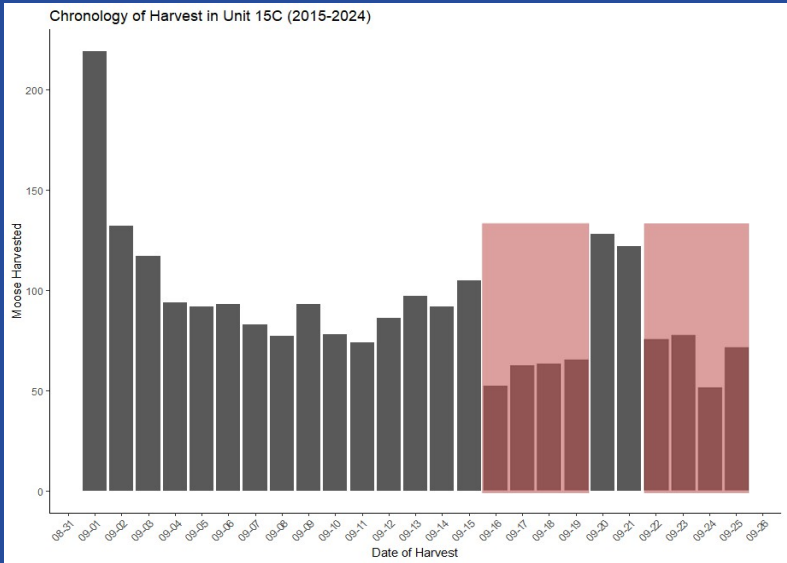
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## Proposal 99

Seldovia Advisory Committee

### Effect of Proposal :

Allow motorized vehicles to hunt moose in the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of Fox River withing the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

### Recommendation :

Neutral on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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## Proposal 100

### Public Proposal

#### **Effect of Proposal :**

Clarify the types of roads motorized vehicles are allowed to drive within the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area of Unit 15C, apply restrictions to all big game hunters, restrict aircraft use, and exclude the south side of Kachemak Bay

#### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

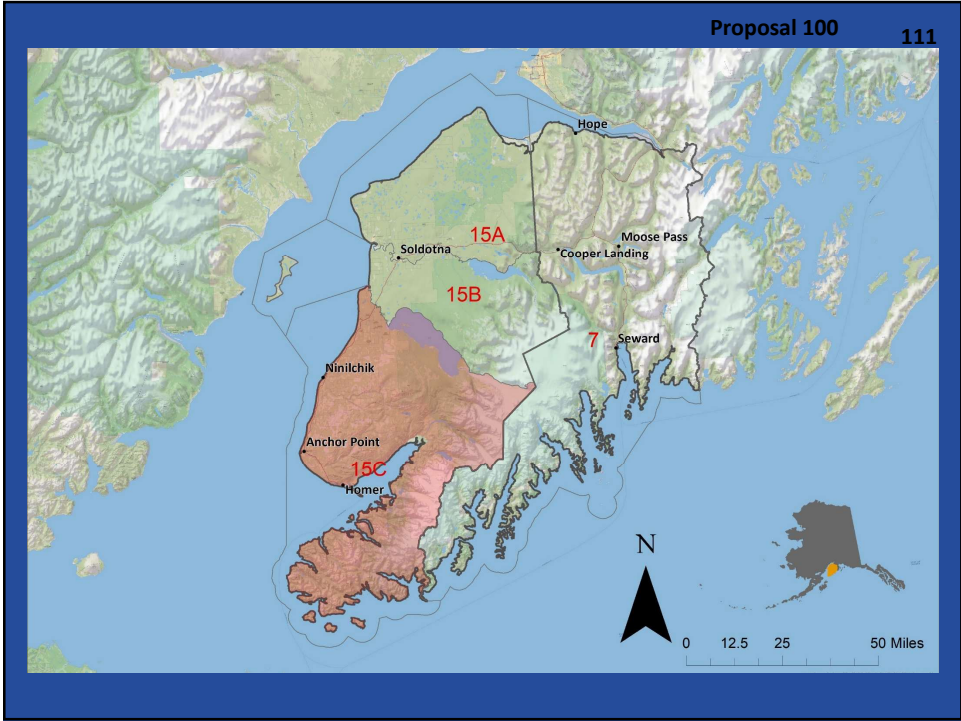
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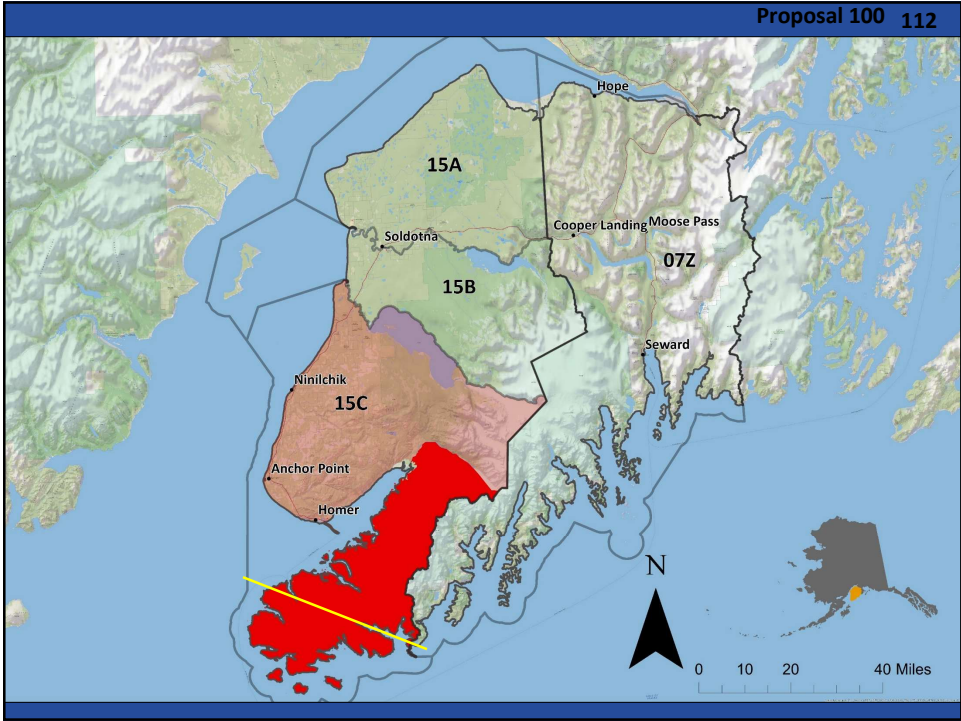
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## Background

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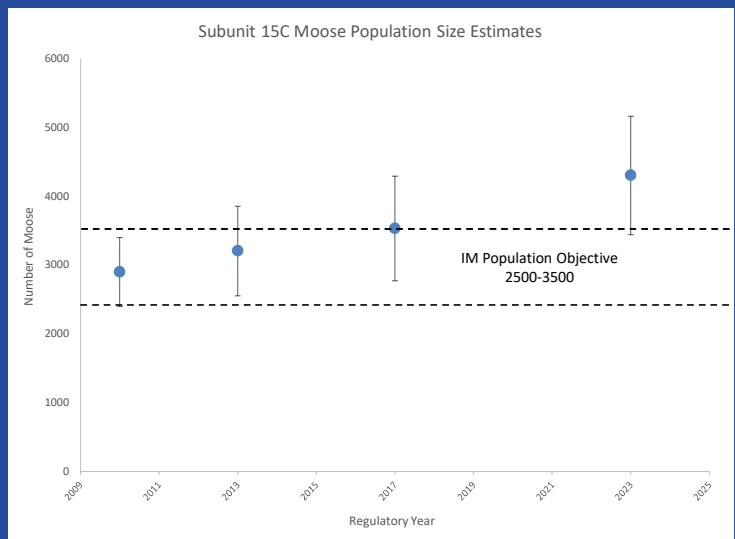
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## Background

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  - Season Dates
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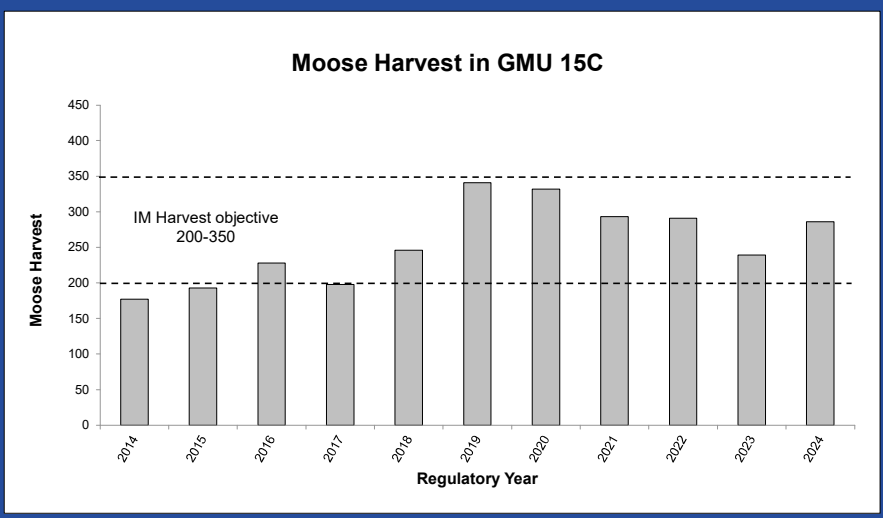
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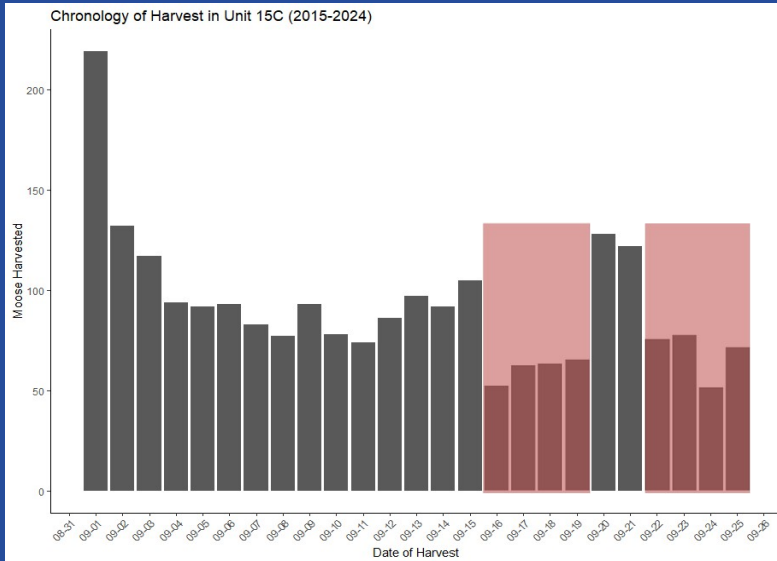
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#### Recommendation :

Neutral on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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# Proposal 97

Public proposal

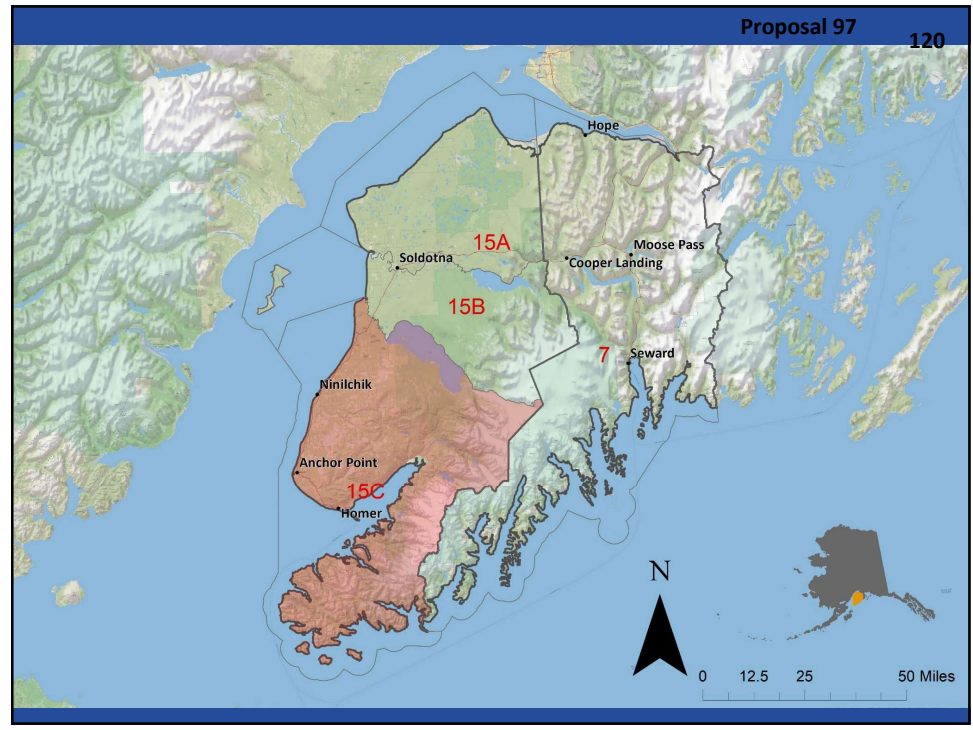
## Effect of Proposal :

Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicle restrictions for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

## Recommendation :

**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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## Background

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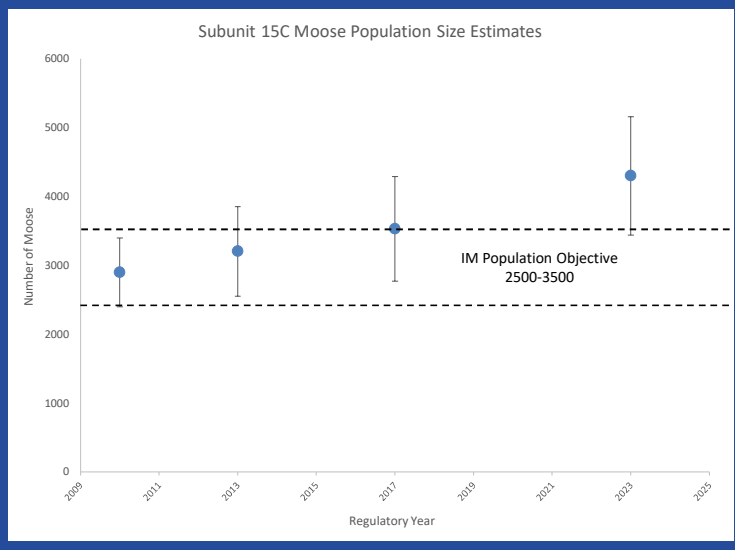
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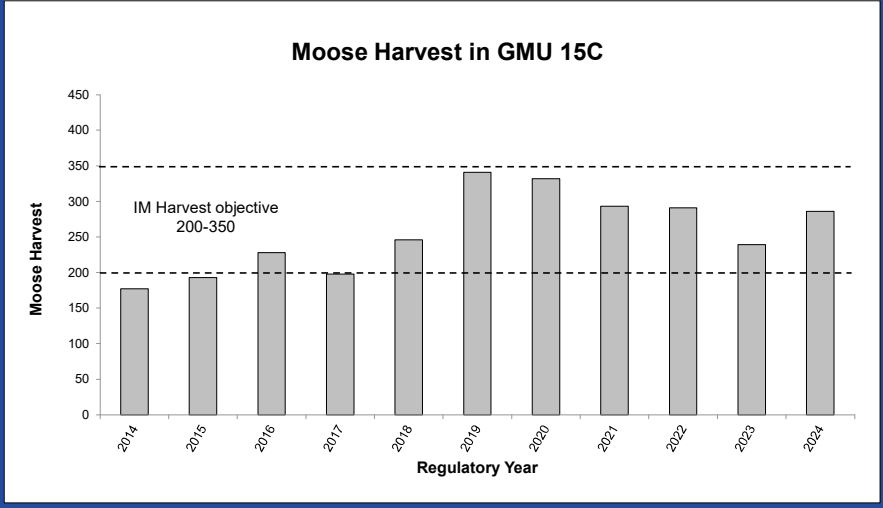
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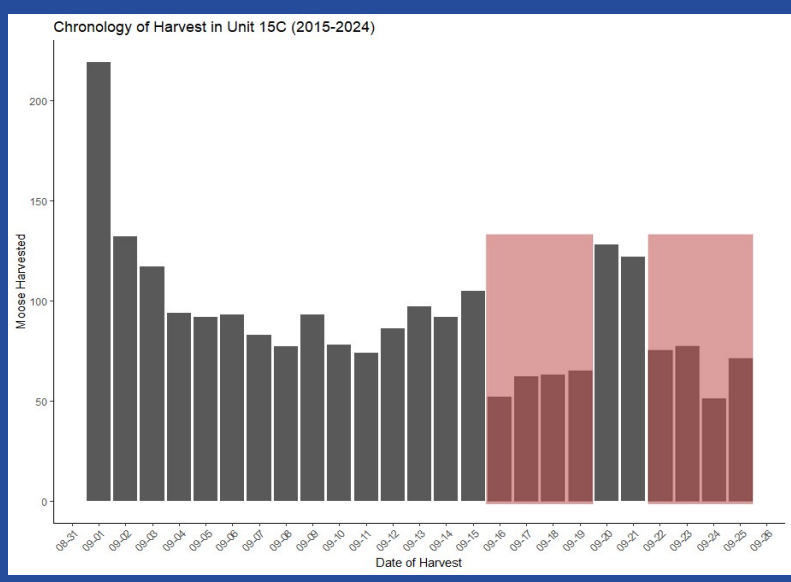
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**Proposal 97**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicle restrictions for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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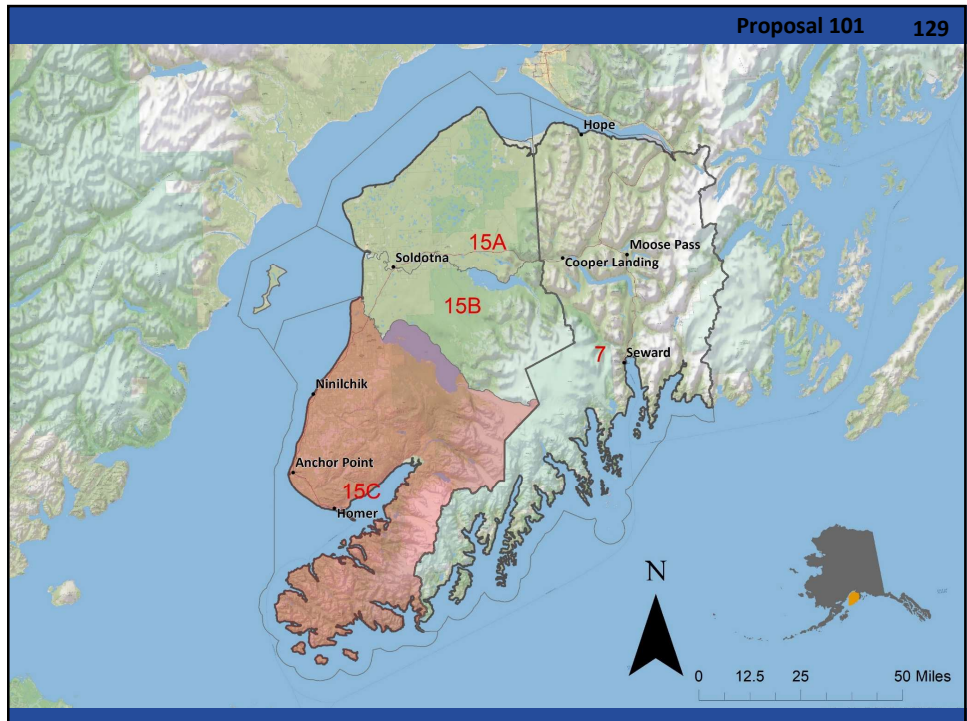
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**Proposal 101**  
Public proposal

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**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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Proposal 101 130

## Background

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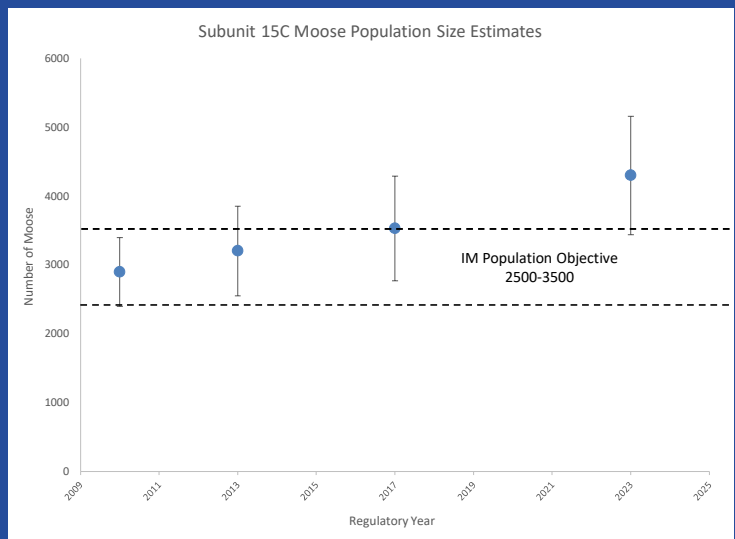
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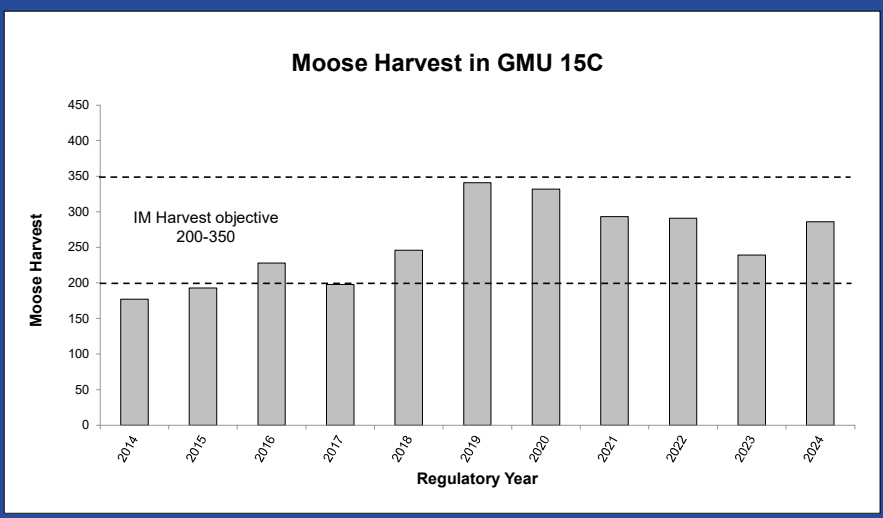
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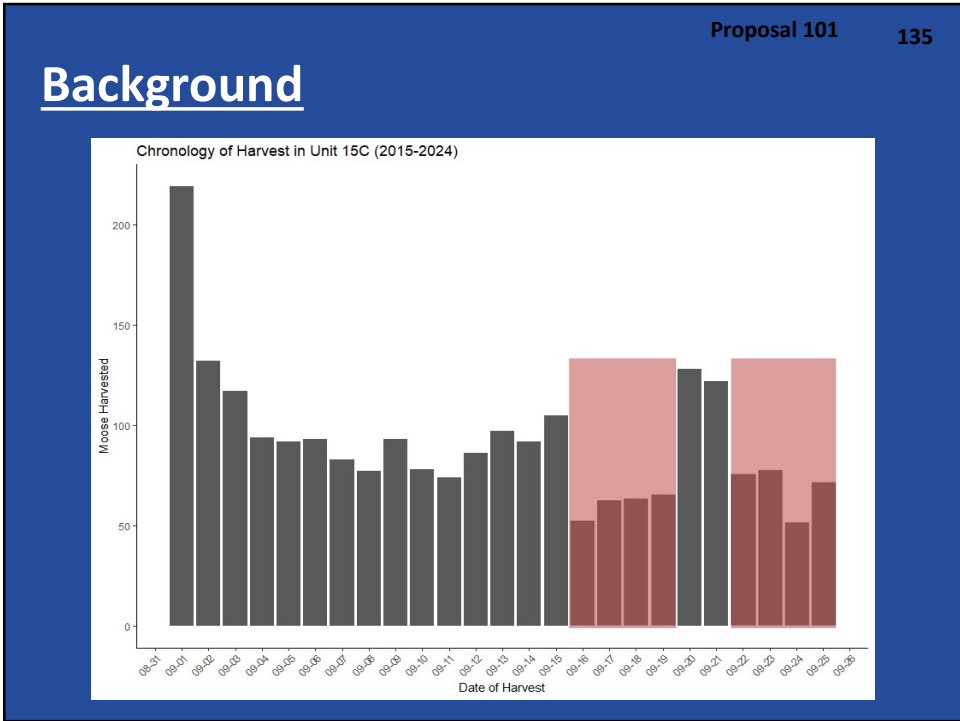


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## Proposal 101

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
 Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicles for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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## Proposal 102

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicle restrictions for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

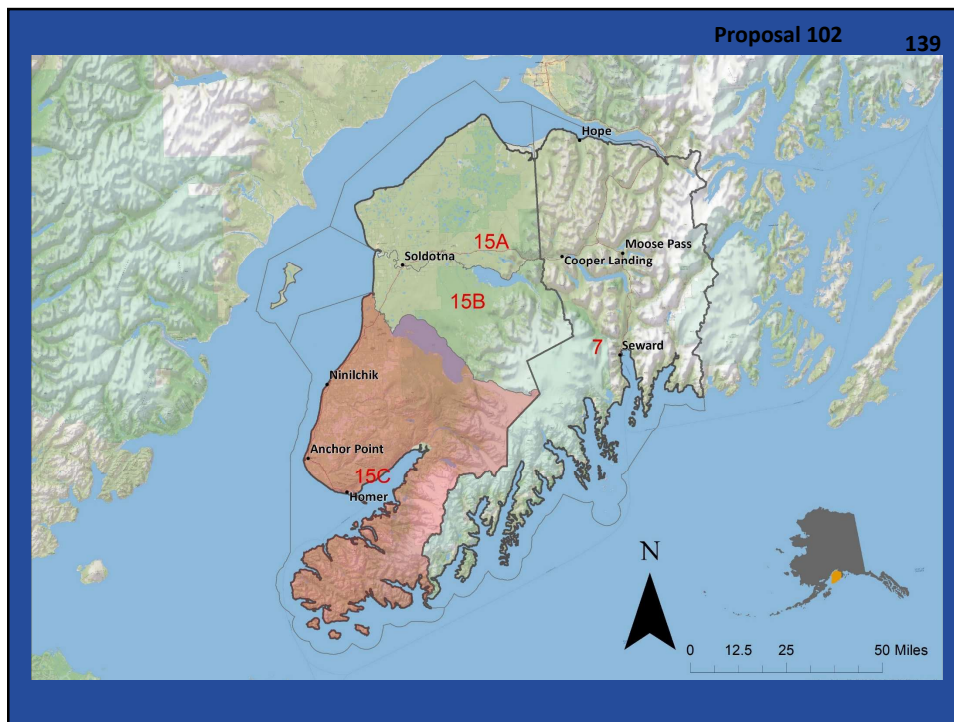
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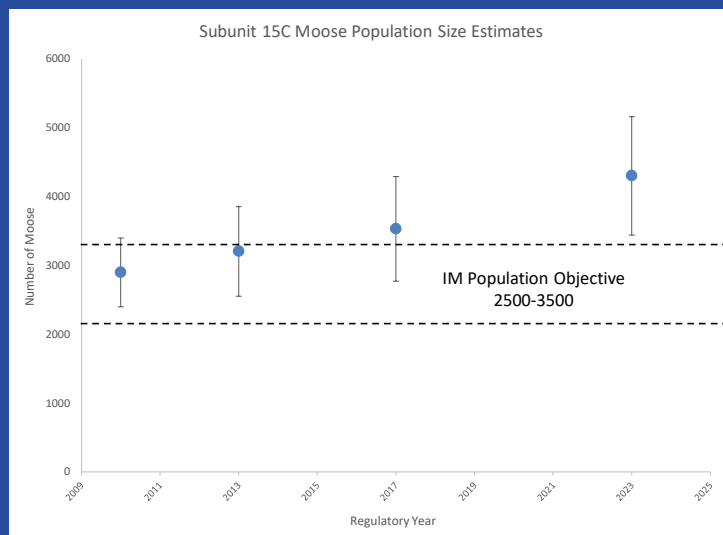
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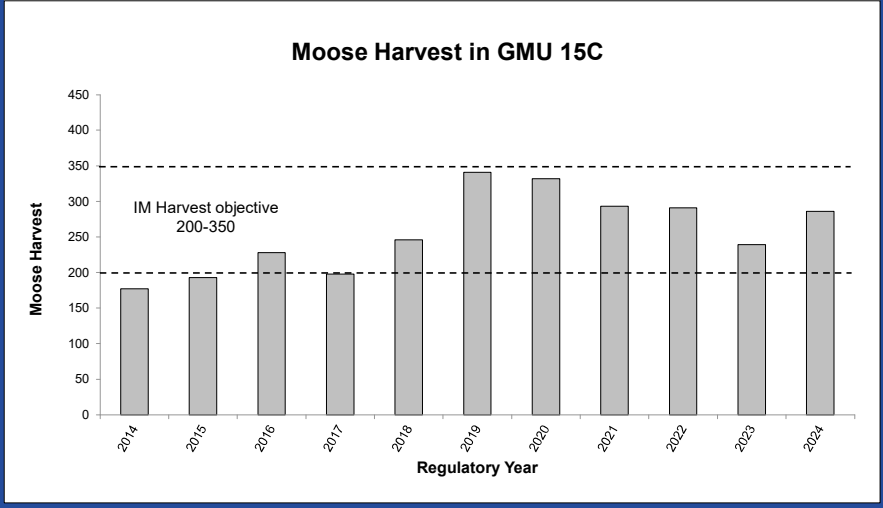
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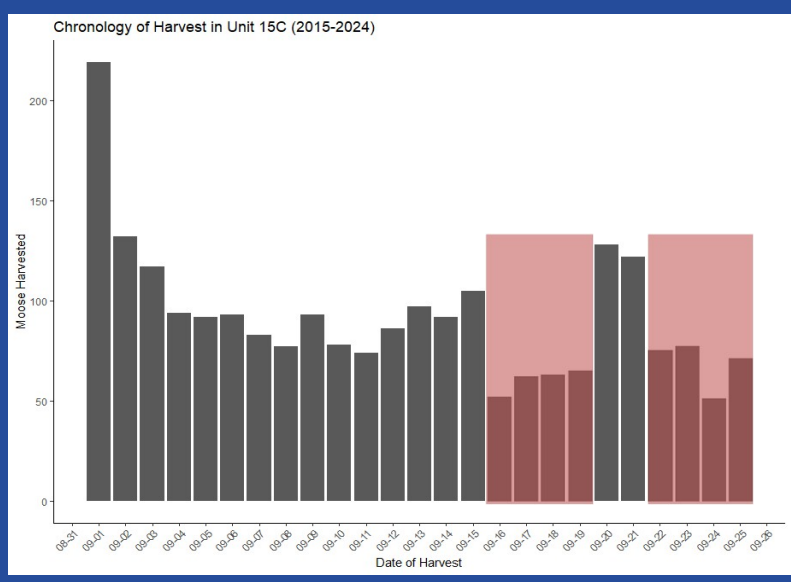
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**Proposal 102**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Eliminate the restriction on motorized vehicle restrictions for hunting moose in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** on the proposal as it is allocative with no biological concern

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**Proposal 106**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Change general season sheep hunts in Units 7&15 to registration hunts and bag limits to one full curl ram per lifetime for youth hunters

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral**

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## Background

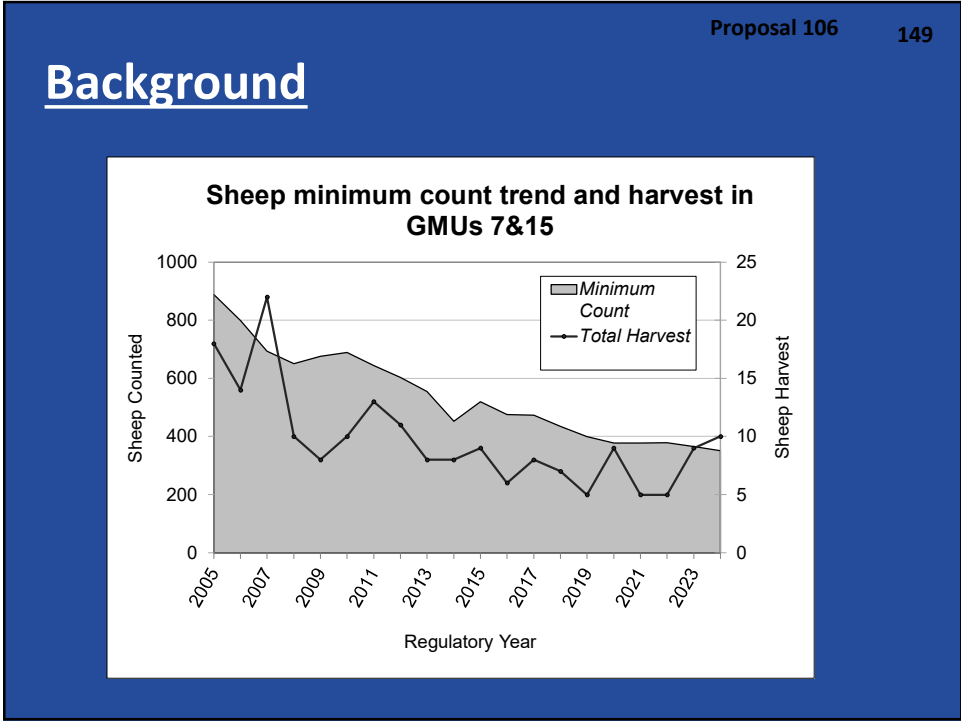
- Current Hunt Structure:
  - Harvest Ticket- Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
  - Youth Hunt- Aug 1-5
  - 2 Draw Hunts: Cooper Mtn and Crescent Lake
  - Bag Limit: One full curl ram
- Annual harvest of 7 rams (RY 2015-2025)
- 1 Federal subsistence harvest recorded

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## Background

- Proposal seeks to limit youth hunters to one full curl ram per lifetime
- 4 sheep taken during youth season from 2015-2024
- 0 youth have harvested > 1 sheep in Units 7 & 15
- Limited information regarding sheep movements
- The Department would need to set permit numbers and hunt areas
- Potential decrease in opportunity

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## Proposal 106

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
 Change general season sheep hunts in Units 7&15 to registration hunts and bag limits to one full curl ram per lifetime for youth hunters

**Recommendation :**  
 Neutral

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## Proposal 107

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Change general season, harvest ticket sheep hunt in Units 7&15 to draw hunts

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral** as current hunt structure is adequate for managing Kenai sheep regulated by full curl management

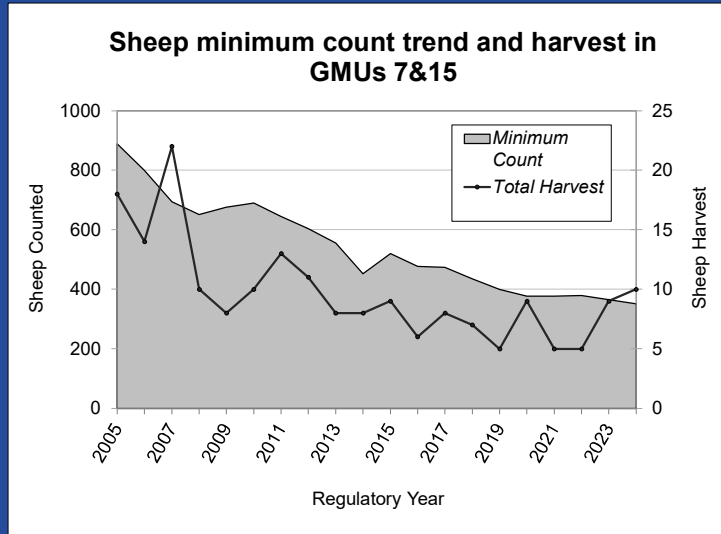
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## Background

- Current Hunt Structure:
  - Harvest Ticket- Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
  - Youth Hunt- Aug 1-5
  - 2 Draw Hunts: Cooper Mtn and Crescent Lake
  - Bag Limit: One full curl ram
- Annual harvest of 7 rams (RY 2015-2025)

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## Background



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## Background

- Limited information regarding sheep movements
- The Department would need to set permit numbers and hunt areas
- Potential decrease in opportunity

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## **Proposal 107**

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Change general season, harvest ticket sheep hunt in Units 7&15 to draw hunts

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral** as current hunt structure is adequate for managing Kenai sheep regulated by full curl management

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## **Proposal 108**

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Change some, or all, of the general season harvest ticket sheep hunt in Units 7&15 to archery only hunts

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral**

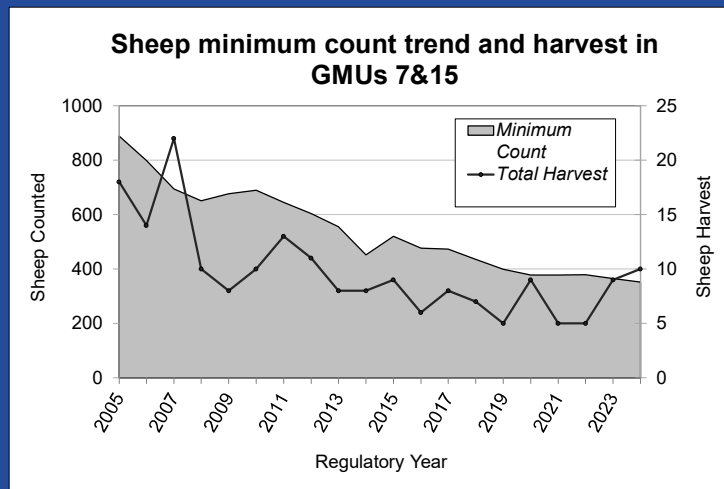
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## Background

- Current Hunt Structure:
  - Harvest Ticket- Aug. 10 - Sept. 20
  - Youth Hunt- Aug 1-5
  - 2 Draw Hunts: Cooper Mtn and Crescent Lake
  - Bag Limit: One full curl ram
- Annual average 66 hunters, harvest 7 rams (RY 2015-2024)
- 1 archery sheep harvest recorded on the Kenai (RY 2015-2024)

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## Background



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**Proposal 108**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Change some, or all, of the general season harvest ticket sheep hunt in Units 7&15 to archery only hunts

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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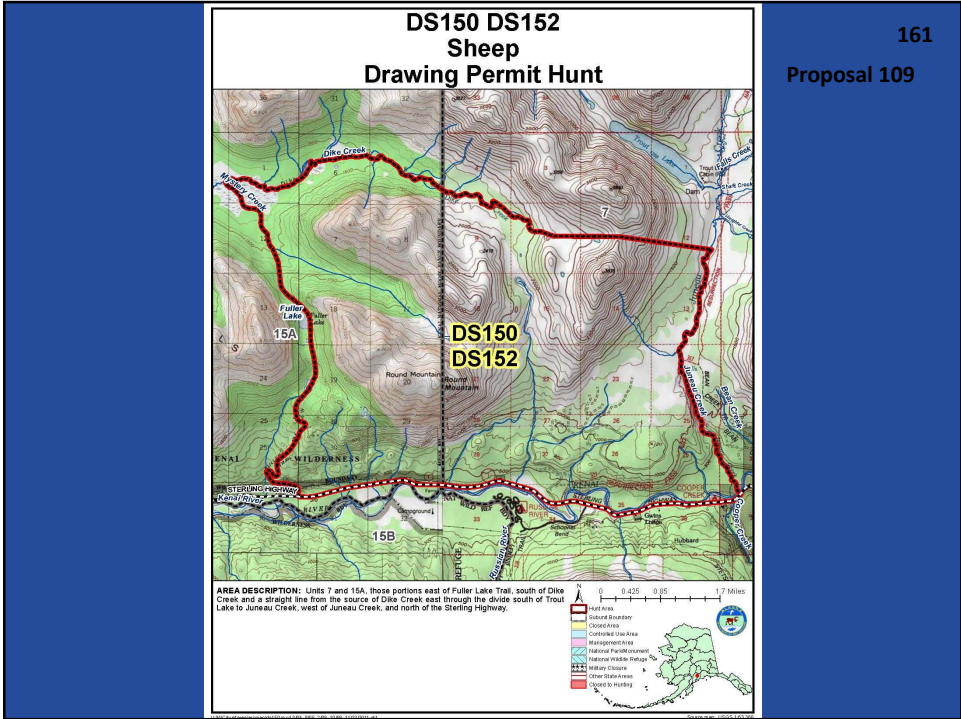
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**Proposal 109**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 & 15 sheep hunt, DS150, to up to 20% of the available permits.

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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## Background

- Hunt closed since 2021 due to lack of legal rams surveyed
- Nonresidents averaged 15% of permits RY15-24
- DS150 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
    Aug. 10 -Sept. 20, One full curl ram
- Average annual harvest for RY15-24, 1 sheep when open

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# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DS150 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 3        | 0           | 3     |
| 2016  | 3        | 0           | 3     |
| 2017  | 2        | 1           | 3     |
| 2018  | 3        | 0           | 3     |
| 2019  | 1        | 2           | 3     |
| 2020  | 2        | 0           | 2     |
| 2021  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2022  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2023  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2024  | -        | -           | -     |

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# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 15% of permits, and a high of 66%
- If adopted, nonresidents would not receive a permit
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK and 33% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24

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**Proposal 109**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 & 15 sheep hunt, DS150, to up to 20% of the available permits.

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**Proposal 105**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Close Dall sheep hunting in Units 7 & 15

**Recommendation :**  
Opposed

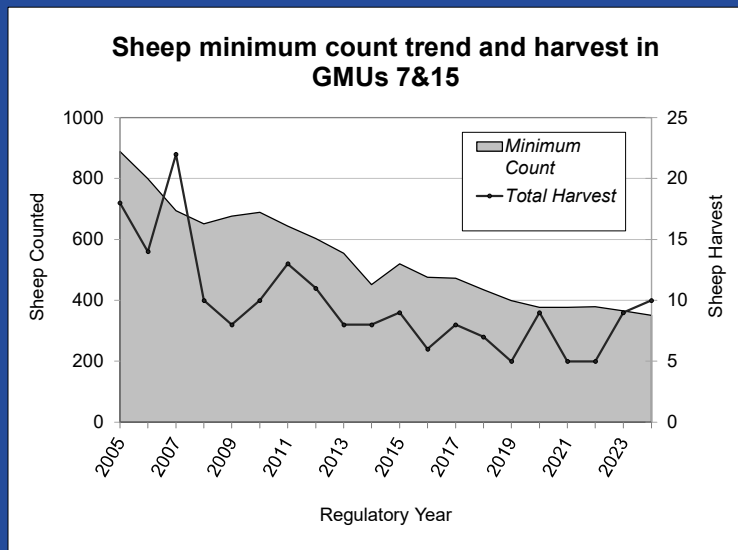
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## Background

- Current Hunt Structure:
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  - Youth Hunt- Aug 1-5
  - 2 Draw Hunts: Cooper Mtn and Crescent Lake
  - Bag Limit: One full curl ram
- Annual average harvest of 7 rams (RY 2015-2024)

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## Background



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**Proposal 105**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Close Dall sheep hunting in Units 7 & 15

**Recommendation :**  
**Opposed**

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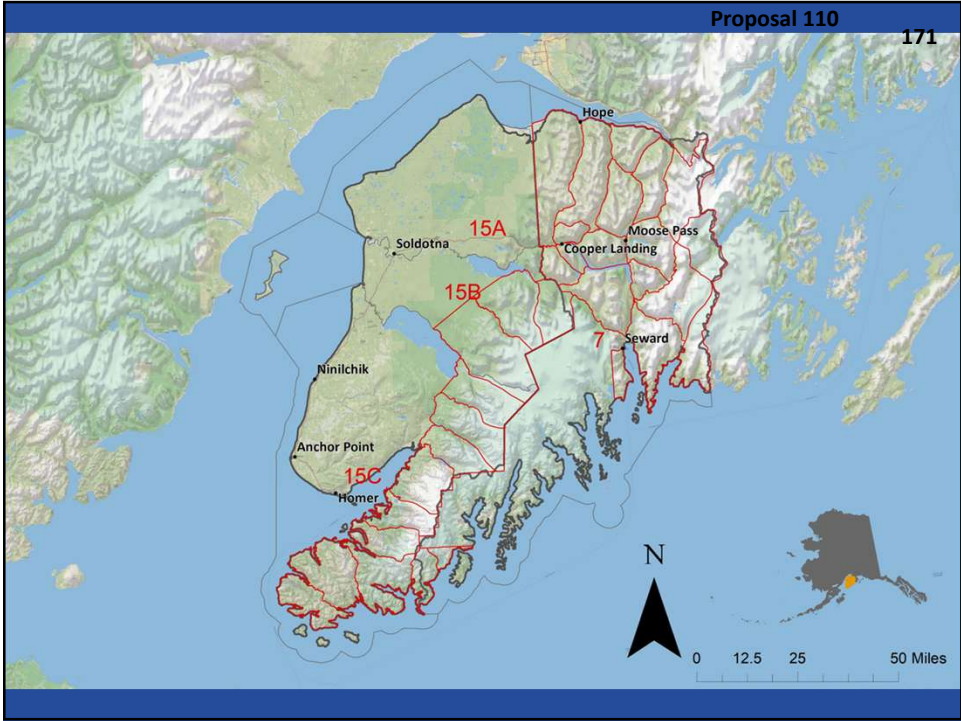
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**Proposal 110**  
Public proposal

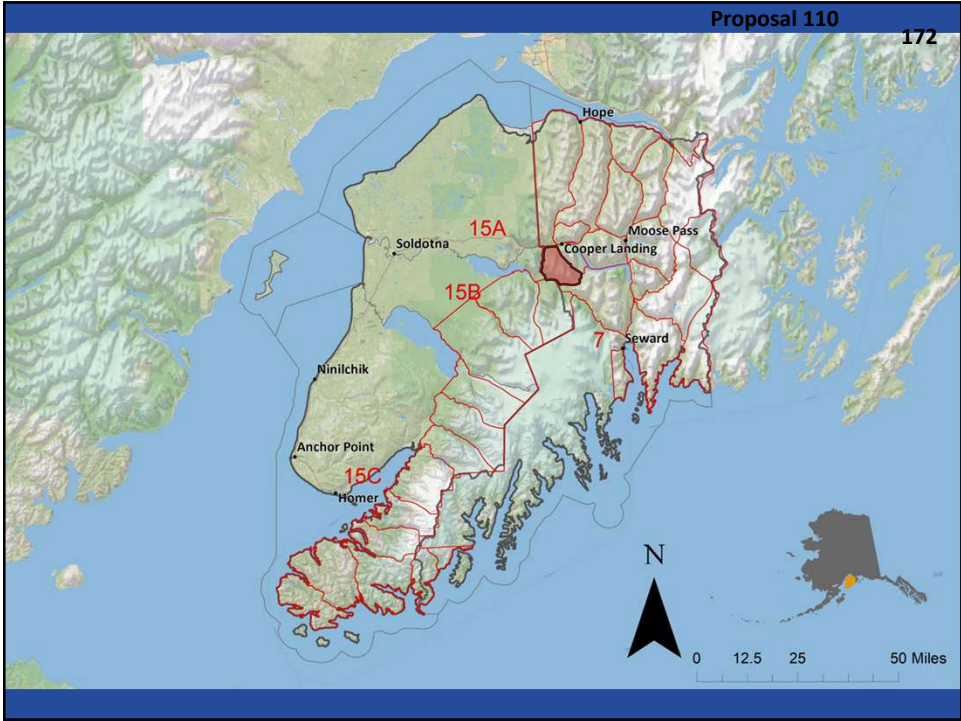
**Effect of Proposal :**  
Open a drawing permit hunt for goats east of the Russian River, south of the Kenai River, west of Cooper Creek

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** to drawing permits instead of registration permits  
**Opposed** to harvest opportunity

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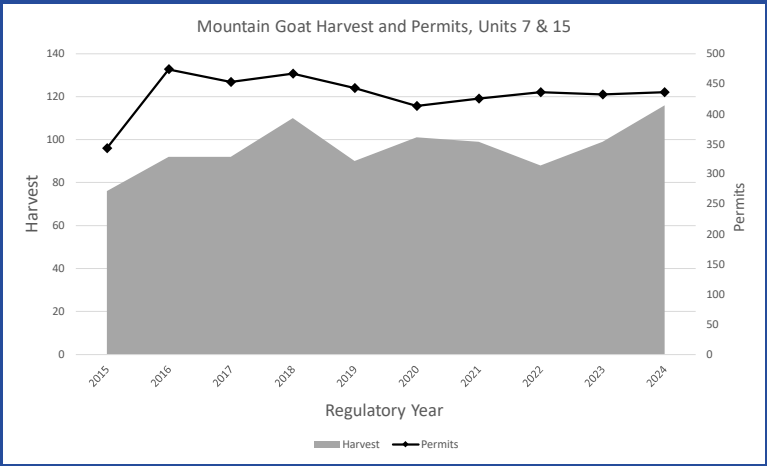
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# Background

- Mountain Goat Hunt Structure Units 7&15:
  - 32 draw hunt areas- Aug. 10 – Oct. 15
  - Registration hunts- Nov. 1– Nov. 14 if opportunity is available
- Proposed area is within goat hunt area 337
- Provide harvest opportunity only for populations  $\geq 50$  animals

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# Background



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## Background

- DG337 has never opened under current management strategy

| Survey Year | Adults | Kids | Total Goats |
|-------------|--------|------|-------------|
| 2014        | 23     | 6    | 29          |
| 2015        | 34     | 9    | 43          |
| 2016        | 16     | 2    | 18          |
| 2019        | 23     | 7    | 30          |
| 2022        | 18     | 4    | 22          |
| 2024        | 16     | 5    | 21          |

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## Proposal 110

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Open a drawing permit hunt for goats in east of the Russian River, south of the Kenai River, west of Cooper Creek

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral** to drawing permits instead of registration permits

**Opposed** to harvest opportunity

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## **Proposal 111**

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Open early registration goat hunt, open for bow and arrow only, in Unit 7, with season dates of Aug. 16 – Aug. 31

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral**

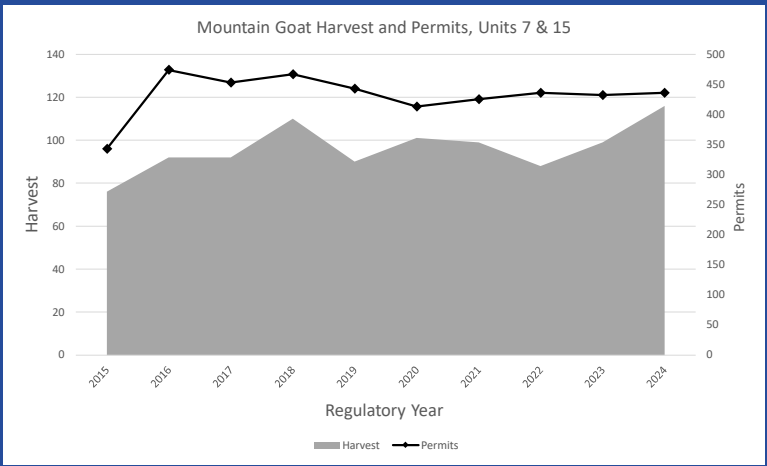
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## **Background**

- Mountain Goat Hunt Structure- Units 7&15:
  - 32 draw hunt areas- Aug. 10 – Oct. 15
  - Registration hunts- Nov. 1 – Nov. 14 if opportunity is available
  - Managed on goat points- billy=1, nanny=2
- Proposed season dates overlap with draw hunts
- Provide harvest opportunity only for populations  $\geq 50$  animals

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# Background



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# Background

- From 2015-2024 archery take accounted for <2% of harvested goats in Unit 7
- Goat points would need to be allocated to the archery season, and permit numbers set
- If carried, consider adopting similar season structure to Unit 15

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Proposal 111 181

**Proposal 111**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Open early registration goat hunt, open for bow and arrow only, in Unit 7, with season dates of Aug. 16 – Aug. 31

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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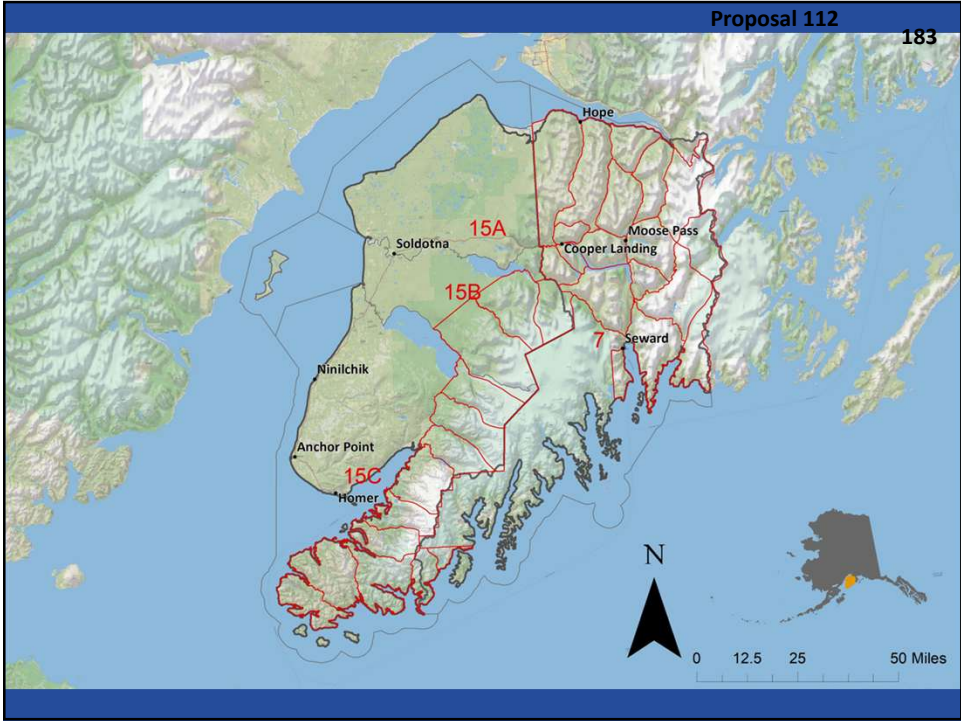
Proposal 112 182

**Proposal 112**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Create archery only goat registration hunts after current draw hunts and prior to current registration hunts in Units 7 and 15

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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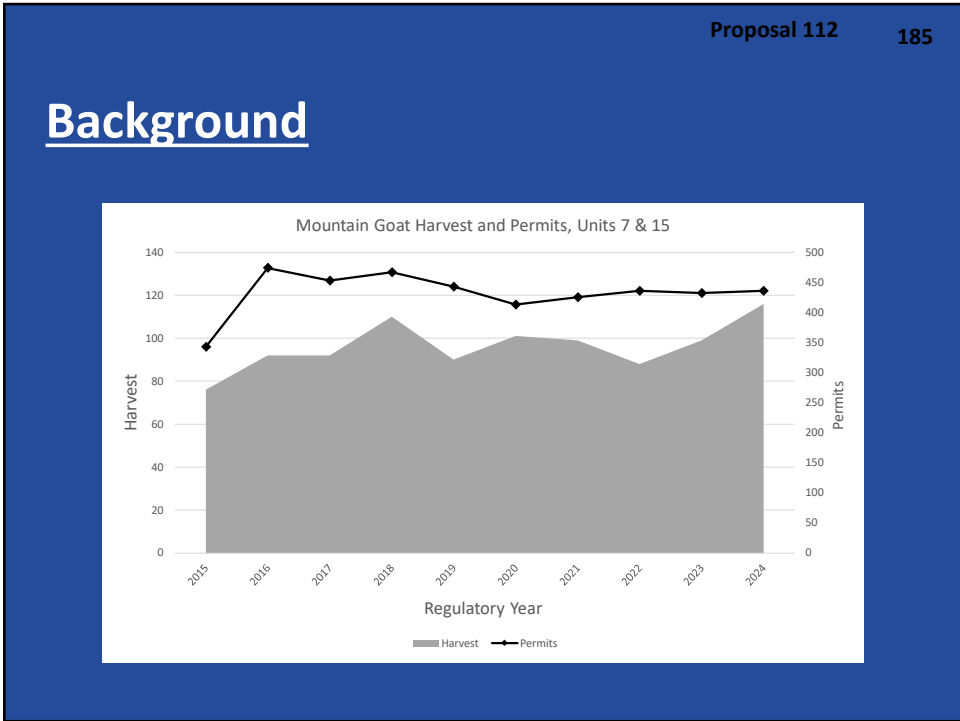
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Proposal 112 184

## Background

- Mountain Goat Hunt Structure- Units 7&15:
  - 32 draw hunt areas- Aug. 10 – Oct. 15
  - Registration hunts- Nov. 1– Nov. 14 if opportunity is available
- From 2015-2024 archery take accounts for <1% of harvested goats in Units 7 & 15

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- Proposal 112 186
- ## Background
- The proposal offers dates of
    - Oct. 25 – Nov. 1, or
    - Nov. 1– Nov. 7, and to shift current registration hunts from Nov. 1 – Nov. 14 to Nov. 8 – Nov. 15
  - Adequate time is needed to gather harvest reports for draw hunts to set registration permit numbers
  - Pushing registration hunts later in the year would increase overlap with the rut period
  - This proposal changes allocation, maximum harvest opportunity is already achieved through current draw and registration permits

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Proposal 112 187

**Proposal 112**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Create archery only goat registration hunts, after current draw hunts and prior to current registration hunts

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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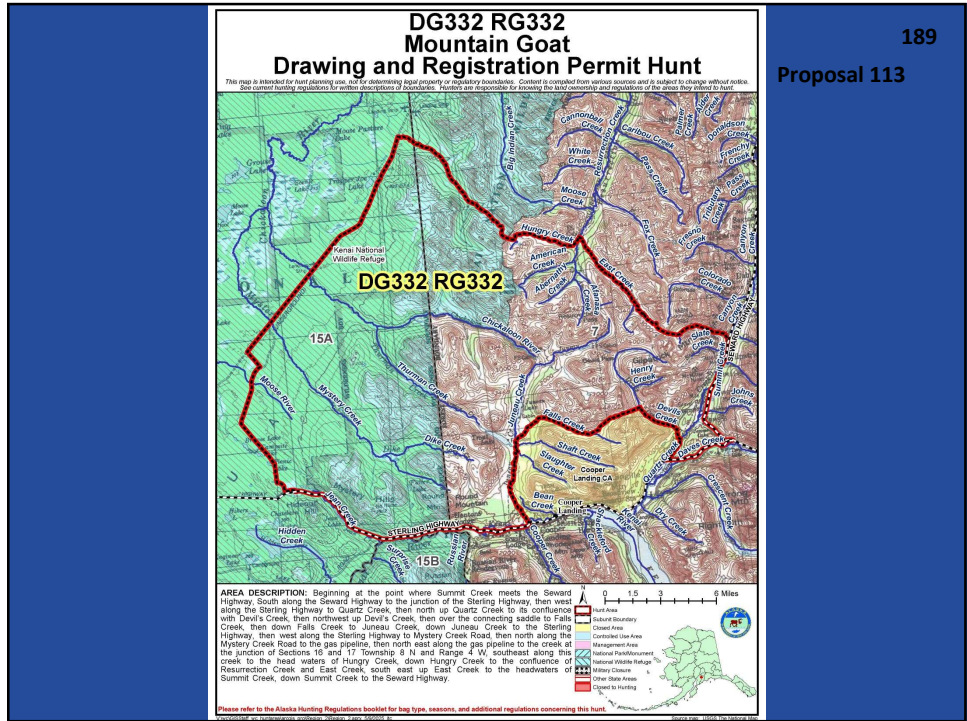
Proposal 113 188

**Proposal 113**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG332, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 113

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Proposal 113 190

## Background

- DG332 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 3 goats when open (10% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG332 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2016  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2017  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2018  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2019  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2020  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2021  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2022  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2023  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2024  | -        | -           | -     |

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# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded one tag
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK, no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG332 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 113 193

**Proposal 113**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG332, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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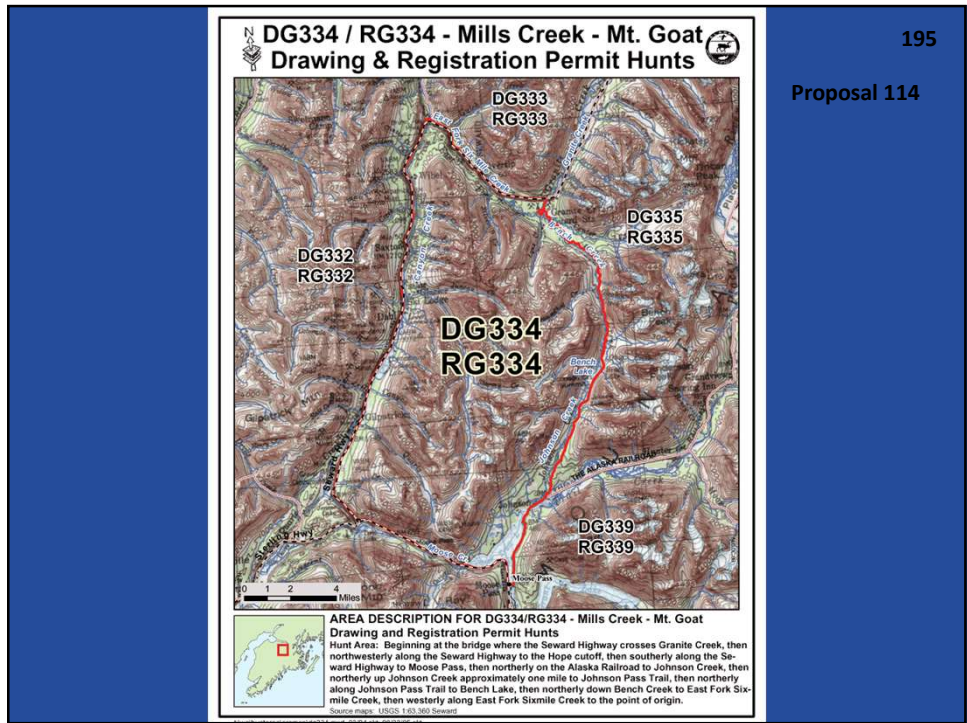
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**Proposal 114**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG334, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**Proposal 114** **196**

## Background

- DG334 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats (when open)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG334 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 4        | 0           | 4     |
| 2016  | 4        | 0           | 4     |
| 2017  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2018  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2019  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2020  | 7        | 1           | 8     |
| 2021  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2022  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2023  | 7        | 0           | 7     |
| 2024  | 7        | 0           | 7     |

# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 2% of permits
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK, no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG334 nonresidents could not receive a permit

Proposal 114 199

**Proposal 114**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG334, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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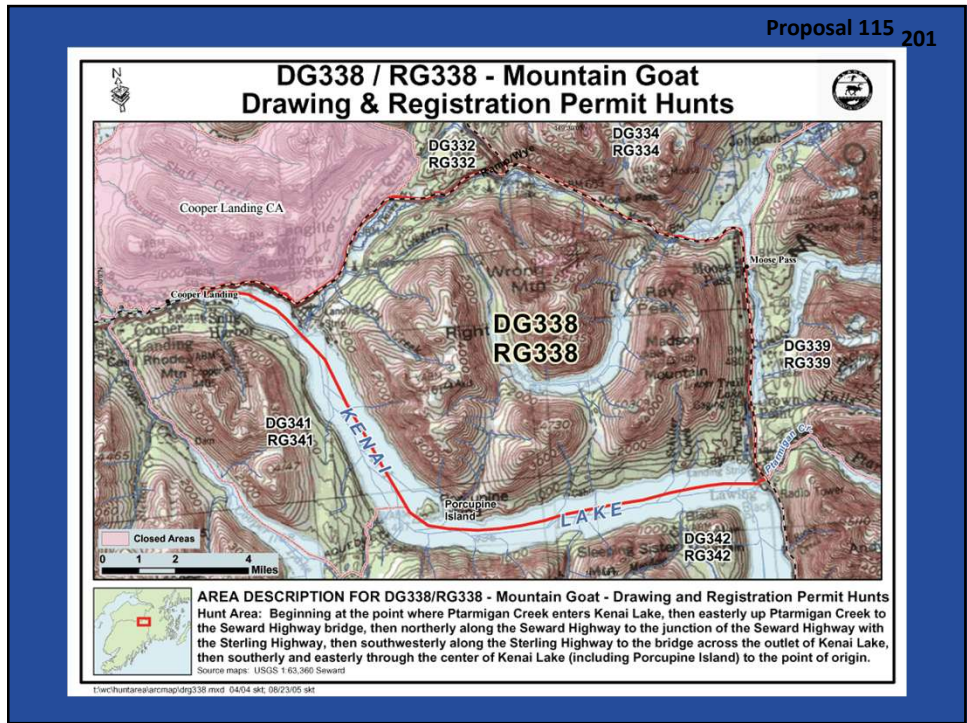
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**Proposal 115**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG338, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 115 202

## Background

- DG338 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
 Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG338 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2016  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2017  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2018  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2019  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2020  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2021  | 6        | 1           | 7     |
| 2022  | 7        | 0           | 7     |
| 2023  | 7        | 0           | 7     |
| 2024  | 9        | 0           | 9     |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 1 tag
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK, no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG338 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 115 205

**Proposal 115**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG338, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 116 206

**Proposal 116**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG339, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 116

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Proposal 116 208

## Background

- DG339 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats when open
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG339 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 4        | 0           | 4     |
| 2016  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2017  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2018  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2019  | 7        | 1           | 8     |
| 2020  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2021  | 7        | 0           | 7     |
| 2022  | 7        | 0           | 7     |
| 2023  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2024  | 7        | 0           | 7     |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents averaged 2% of permits
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK, no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG339 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 116 211

**Proposal 116**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG339, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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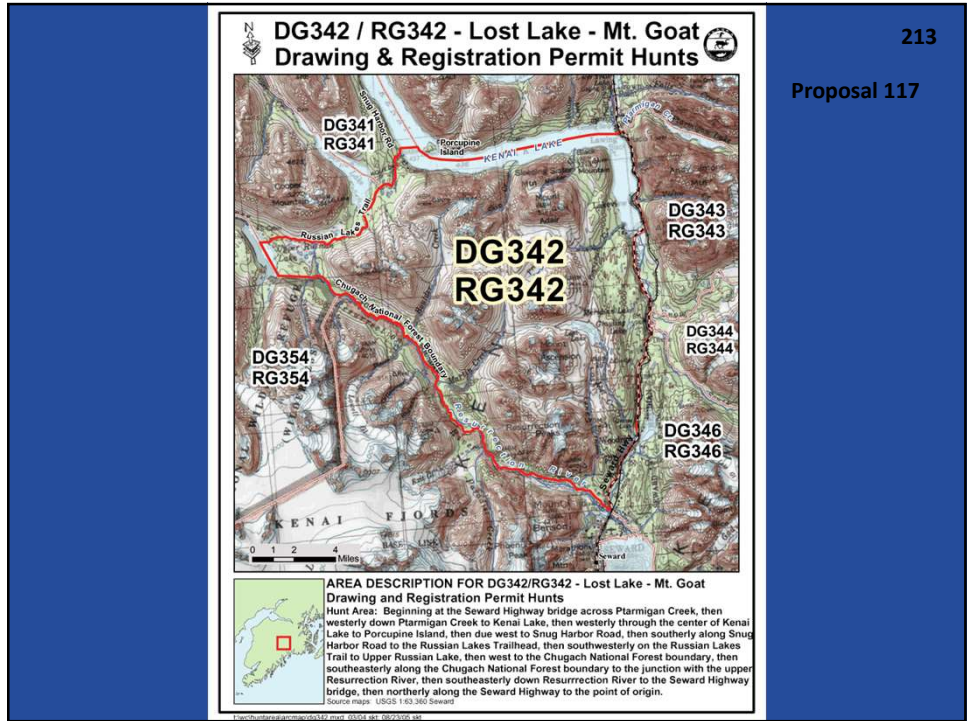
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**Proposal 117**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG342, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 117

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Proposal 117    214

## Background

- DG342 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
     Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 3 goats (0% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG342 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 14       | 1           | 15    |
| 2016  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2017  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2018  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2019  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2020  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2021  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2022  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2023  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2024  | 6        | 2           | 8     |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were 4% of permits
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK, no nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG342 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 117 217

**Proposal 117**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG342, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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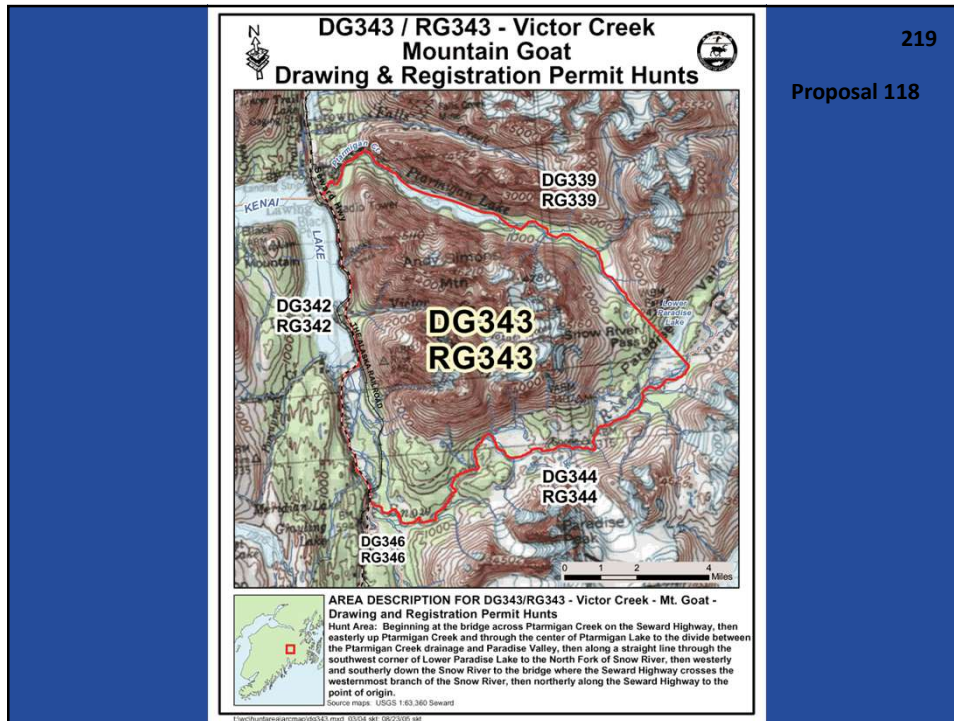
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**Proposal 118**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG343, to up to 20% of the available permit

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**Background**

- DG343 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 1 goat (0% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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**Proposal 118**

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG343 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2016  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2017  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2018  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2019  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2020  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2021  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2022  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2023  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2024  | 2        | 1           | 3     |

221

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded one tag
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK, 100% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG343 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 118    223

**Proposal 118**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG343, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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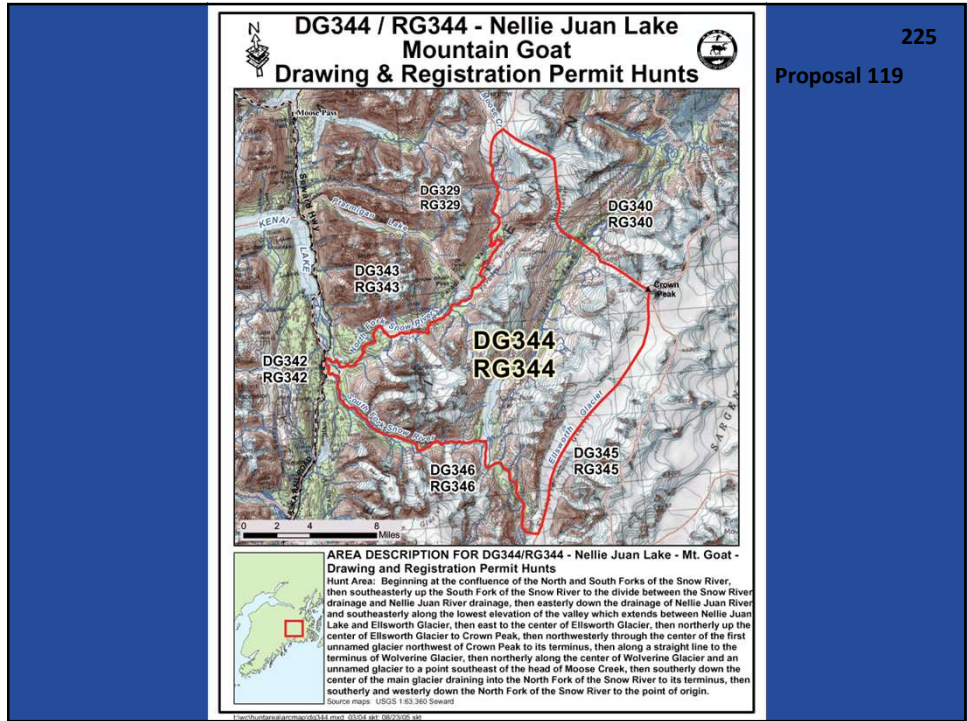
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**Proposal 119**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG344, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**Proposal 119 226**

## Background

- DG344 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats (31% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG344 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2016  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2017  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2018  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2019  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2020  | 7        | 1           | 8     |
| 2021  | 7        | 1           | 8     |
| 2022  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2023  | 7        | 1           | 8     |
| 2024  | 7        | 1           | 8     |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 7% of permits, with a high of 13%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 67% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG344 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 119 229

**Proposal 119**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG344, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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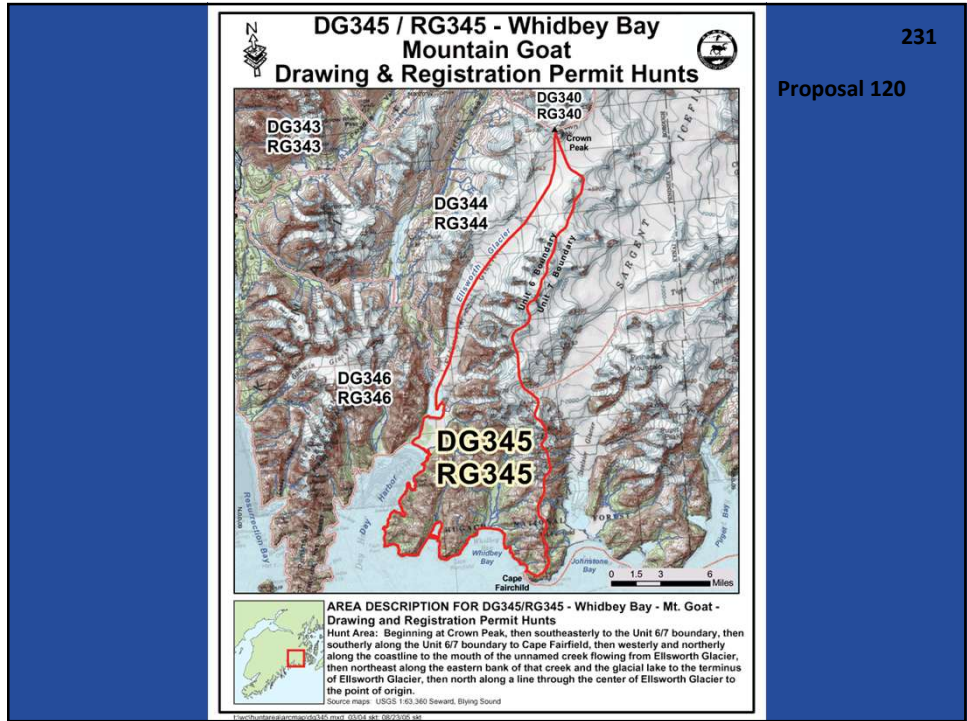
Proposal 120 230

**Proposal 120**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG345, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**Proposal 120** **232**

## Background

- DG345 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 7 goats (42% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG345 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 34       | 1           | 35    |
| 2016  | 33       | 2           | 35    |
| 2017  | 22       | 8           | 30    |
| 2018  | 20       | 10          | 30    |
| 2019  | 23       | 7           | 30    |
| 2020  | 17       | 3           | 20    |
| 2021  | 17       | 3           | 20    |
| 2022  | 27       | 3           | 30    |
| 2023  | 28       | 2           | 30    |
| 2024  | 35       | 5           | 40    |

233

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 15% of permits, with a high of 30%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 73% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG345 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 120 235

**Proposal 120**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG345, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 121 236

**Proposal 121**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG346, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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### DG346 / RG346 - Resurrection Peninsula Mountain Goat Drawing & Registration Permit Hunts

**AREA DESCRIPTION FOR DG346/RG346 - Resurrection Peninsula  
Mt. Goat - Drawing and Registration Permit Hunts**  
**Hunt Area:** Beginning at the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Snow River, then due west to the Seward Highway, then southerly along the Seward Highway to the Resurrection River bridge, then southerly down the easternmost branch of the Resurrection River to Resurrection Bay, then southerly along the coastline to Cape Resurrection, then around Resurrection Peninsula and north along the coastline to the mouth of the unnamed creek flowing from Ellsworth Glacier, then northeast along the eastern bank of that creek and the glacial lake to the terminus of Ellsworth Glacier, then north along a line through the center of Ellsworth Glacier to the valley running northwesterly to Nellie Juan Lake, then northwesterly along the lowest elevation of that valley and westerly up the Nellie Juan River to the divide between that drainage and the South Fork of the Snow River, then across the divide and westerly down the south Fork of the Snow River to the point of origin.  
Source maps: USGS 1:50,000 Seward, Blying Sound

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Proposal 121

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## Background

- DG346 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
    Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 9 goats (6% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG346 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2016  | 35       | 0           | 35    |
| 2017  | 43       | 2           | 45    |
| 2018  | 43       | 2           | 45    |
| 2019  | 33       | 2           | 35    |
| 2020  | 32       | 3           | 35    |
| 2021  | 28       | 0           | 28    |
| 2022  | 40       | 0           | 40    |
| 2023  | 44       | 1           | 45    |
| 2024  | 42       | 3           | 45    |

239

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 4% of permits, with a high of 9%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 14% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG346 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 121 241

**Proposal 121**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG346, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 122 242

**Proposal 122**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG347, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**DG347 / RG347 - Seward - Mt. Goat  
Drawing & Registration Permit Hunts**

**DG347  
RG347**

**AREA DESCRIPTION FOR DG347/RG347 - Seward - Mt. Goat  
Drawing and Registration Permit Hunts**

**Hunt Area:** Beginning at the point where Lowell Creek flows through a man-made aqueduct into Resurrection Bay, then upstream along Lowell Creek to the glacier at its head, then westerly through the center of the glacier to the Kenai Fjords National Park boundary, then south along the Park boundary to Resurrection Bay, then easterly and northerly along the shoreline to the point of origin.

Source maps: USGS 1:83,360 Seward, Bliny Sound

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**Proposal 122**

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**Proposal 122**

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## Background

- DG347 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
    Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 4 goats (2% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

244

## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG347 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 19       | 1           | 20    |
| 2016  | 20       | 0           | 20    |
| 2017  | 20       | 0           | 20    |
| 2018  | 22       | 0           | 22    |
| 2019  | 20       | 0           | 20    |
| 2020  | 16       | 0           | 16    |
| 2021  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2022  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2023  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2024  | 14       | 0           | 14    |

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## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded one permit
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG347 nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 122 247

**Proposal 122**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG347, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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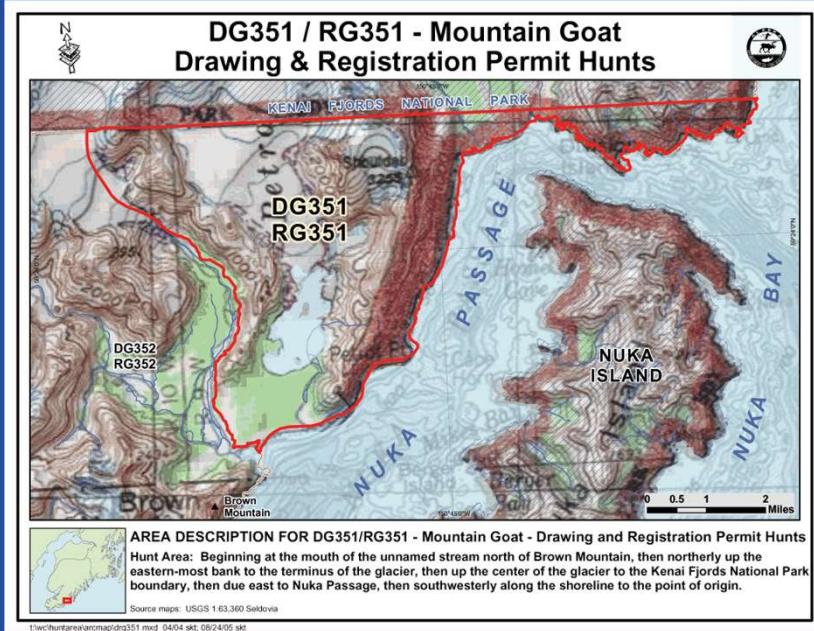
Proposal 123 248

**Proposal 123**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG351, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

248



249

## Background

- DG351 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats (0% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG351 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2016  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2017  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2018  | 9        | 1           | 10    |
| 2019  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2020  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2021  | 11       | 1           | 12    |
| 2022  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2023  | 13       | 1           | 14    |
| 2024  | 14       | 0           | 14    |

251

# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 2% of permits
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG351, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 123 253

**Proposal 123**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG351, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

253

Proposal 124 254

**Proposal 124**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG352, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**DG352 / RG352 - Brown Mountain  
Mountain Goat  
Drawing & Registration Permit Hunts**

**AREA DESCRIPTION FOR DG352/RG352 - Brown Mountain  
Mt. Goat - Drawing and Registration Permit Hunts**  
Hunt Area: Beginning at the mouth of the unnamed stream north of Brown Mountain, then northerly up the easternmost bank to the terminus of the glacier, then up the center of the glacier to the Kenai Fjords National Park boundary, then due west to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge boundary, then southwesterly along the icefield to the terminus of a small glacier north of Taylor Bay, then southerly to the main drainage of an unnamed creek that flows into Taylor Bay, then southerly down the unnamed creek to Taylor Bay, then along the shoreline to Gore Point then northerly along the coastline to the point of origin.  
Source maps: USGS 1:50,000 S60004

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**Proposal 124**

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## Background

- DG352 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 5 goats (35% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

Proposal 124

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG352 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 23       | 2           | 25    |
| 2016  | 24       | 1           | 25    |
| 2017  | 23       | 2           | 25    |
| 2018  | 26       | 4           | 30    |
| 2019  | 25       | 5           | 30    |
| 2020  | 27       | 8           | 35    |
| 2021  | 20       | 4           | 24    |
| 2022  | 8        | 8           | 16    |
| 2023  | 15       | 5           | 20    |
| 2024  | 19       | 1           | 20    |

257

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 20% of permits, with a high of 50%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 50% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG352, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 124 259

**Proposal 124**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG352, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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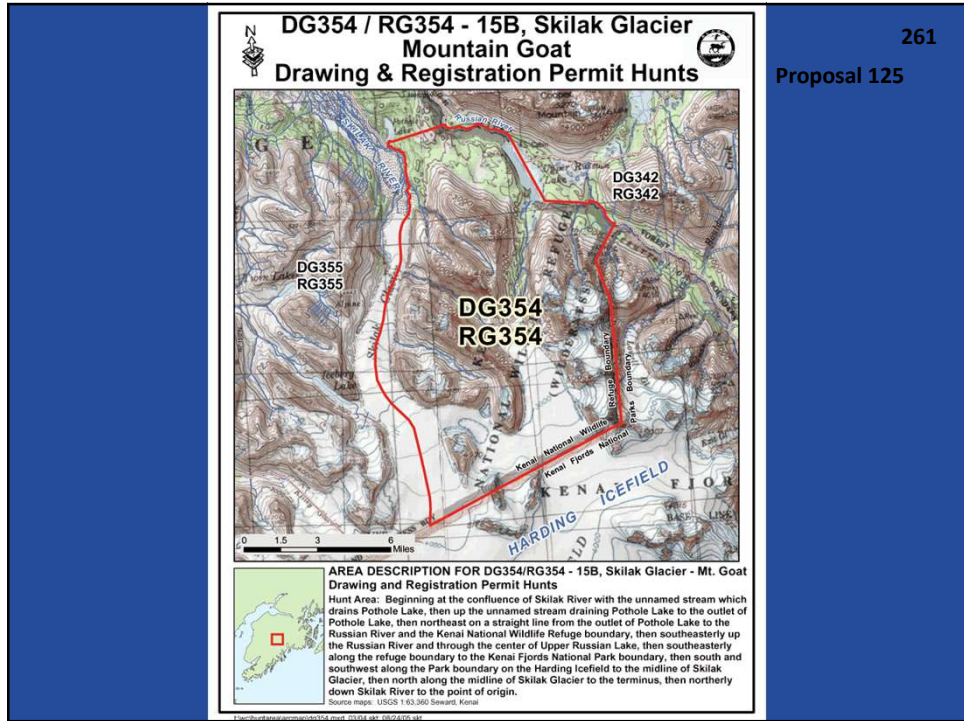
Proposal 125 260

**Proposal 125**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG354, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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261

**Proposal 125**    **262**

## Background

- DG354 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
    Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats (0% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG354 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2016  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2017  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2018  | 6        | 0           | 6     |
| 2019  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2020  | 6        | 0           | 6     |
| 2021  | 5        | 1           | 6     |
| 2022  | 6        | 0           | 6     |
| 2023  | 6        | 0           | 6     |
| 2024  | 6        | 0           | 6     |

263

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded one permit
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG354, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 125 265

**Proposal 125**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG354, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

265

Proposal 126 266

**Proposal 126**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG356, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG356 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 4        | 0           | 4     |
| 2016  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2017  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2018  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2019  | 13       | 2           | 15    |
| 2020  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2021  | 11       | 0           | 11    |
| 2022  | 8        | 1           | 9     |
| 2023  | 6        | 0           | 6     |
| 2024  | 10       | 1           | 11    |

269

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 3% of permits, with a high of 13%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG356, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 126    271

**Proposal 126**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG356, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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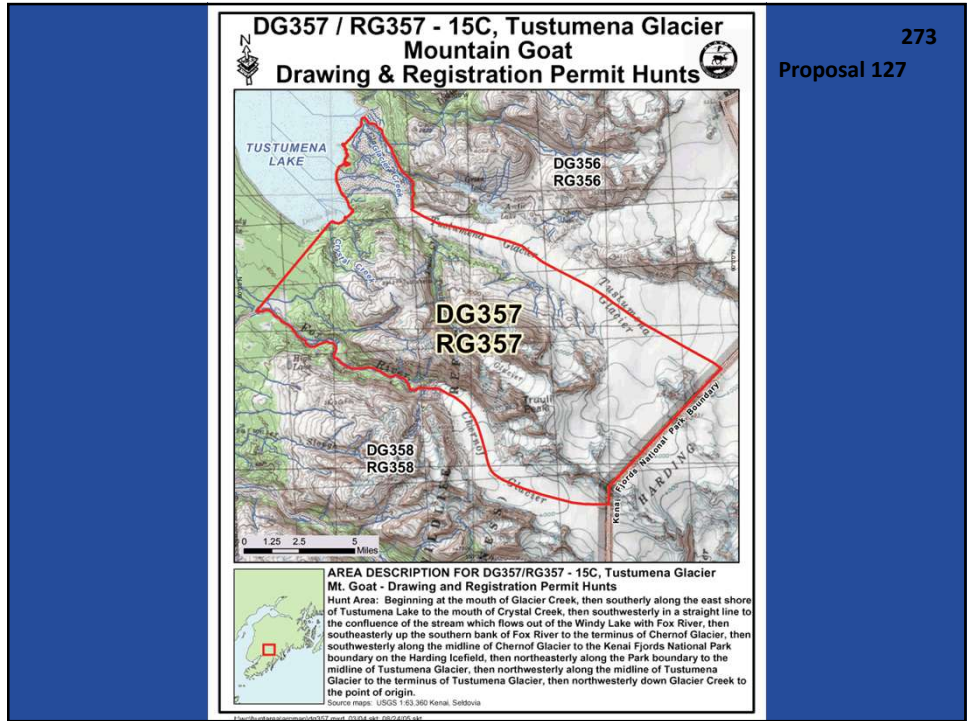
Proposal 127    272

**Proposal 127**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG357, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 127    **274**

## Background

- DG357 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 2 goats (0% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG357 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2016  | 9        | 0           | 9     |
| 2017  | 8        | 0           | 8     |
| 2018  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2019  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2020  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2021  | 7        | 0           | 7     |
| 2022  | 9        | 0           | 9     |
| 2023  | 15       | 1           | 16    |
| 2024  | 17       | 0           | 17    |

275

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded one permit
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG357, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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## **Proposal 127**

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG357, to up to 20% of the available permits

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

277

## **Proposal 128**

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG358, to up to 20% of the available permits

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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**DG358 / RG358 - 15C, Fox River  
Mountain Goat  
Drawing & Registration Permit Hunts**

**DG358  
RG358**

**DG359  
RG359**

**DG357  
RG357**

**AREA DESCRIPTION FOR DG358/RG358 - 15C, Fox River - Mt. Goat  
Drawing and Registration Permit Hunts**

**Hunt Area:** Beginning at the confluence of Clearwater Slough with Fox River, then southeasterly in a straight line to the main channel of Sheep Creek, then southeasterly up Sheep Creek through the center of Glacier Lake to the terminus of Dinglestad Glacier, then southeasterly along the midline of Dinglestad Glacier to the Kenai Fjords National Park boundary on the Harding Icefield, then east and northerly along the Park boundary to the midline of Chernof Glacier, then northwesterly down the midline of Chernof Glacier to its terminus, then northwesterly and southerly down the southern bank of Fox River to the point of origin.

Sources maps: USGS 1:63,360 Kenai, Sealsiva

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Proposal 128

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Proposal 128    280

## Background

- DG358 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
    Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 3 goats (4% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG358 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | -        | -           | -     |
| 2016  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2017  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2018  | 8        | 2           | 10    |
| 2019  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2020  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2021  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2022  | 10       | 0           | 10    |
| 2023  | 18       | 0           | 18    |
| 2024  | 17       | 1           | 18    |

281

# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 3% of permits, with a high of 20%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG358, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 128 283

**Proposal 128**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 7 goat hunt, DG358, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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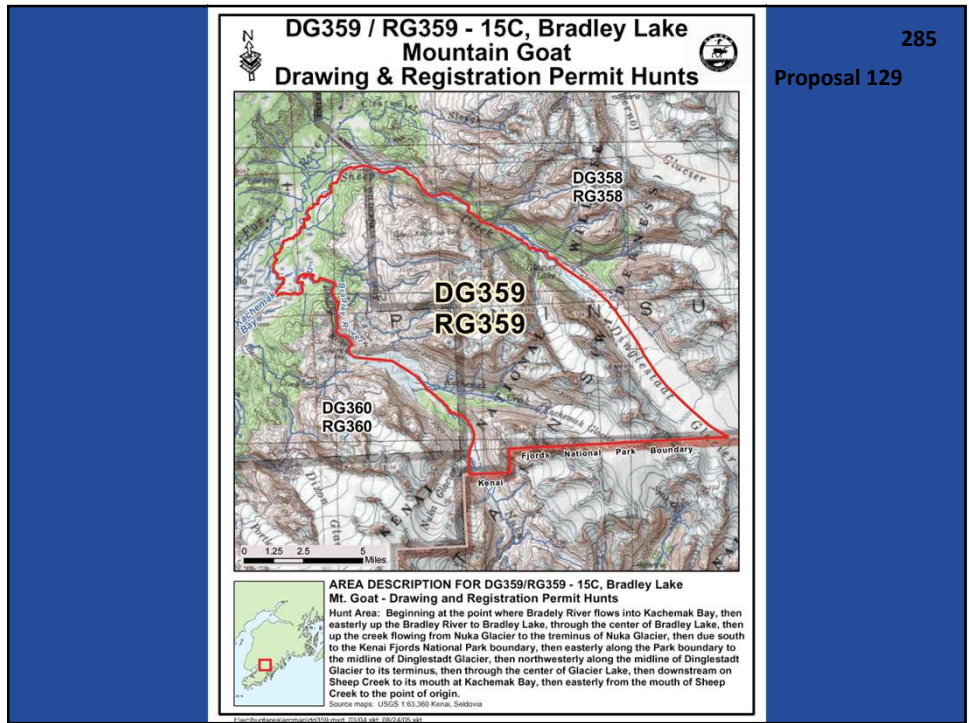
Proposal 129 284

**Proposal 129**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG359, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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**Proposal 129**

## Background

- DG359 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 4 goats (5% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG359 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 5        | 0           | 5     |
| 2016  | 7        | 1           | 8     |
| 2017  | 24       | 0           | 24    |
| 2018  | 24       | 0           | 24    |
| 2019  | 21       | 3           | 24    |
| 2020  | 19       | 1           | 20    |
| 2021  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2022  | 27       | 1           | 28    |
| 2023  | 28       | 2           | 30    |
| 2024  | 30       | 0           | 30    |

287

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 4% of permits, with a high of 13%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG359, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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## Proposal 129

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG359, to up to 20% of the available permits

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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## Proposal 130

Public proposal

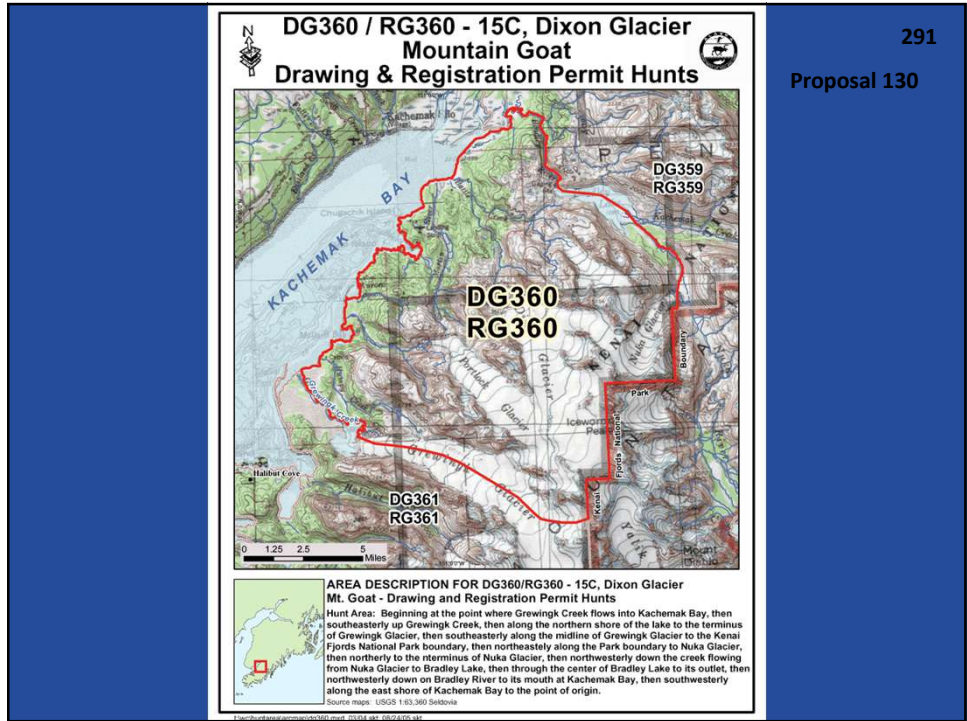
### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG360, to up to 20% of the available permits

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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Proposal 130

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Proposal 130 292

## Background

- DG360 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 9 goats (8% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

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Proposal 130 293

## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG360 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2016  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2017  | 35       | 1           | 36    |
| 2018  | 41       | 1           | 42    |
| 2019  | 39       | 1           | 40    |
| 2020  | 39       | 1           | 40    |
| 2021  | 35       | 1           | 36    |
| 2022  | 34       | 2           | 36    |
| 2023  | 41       | 0           | 41    |
| 2024  | 42       | 3           | 45    |

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- Proposal 130 294
- ## Background
- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 3% of permits, with a high of 7%
  - Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
    - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
  - If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
  - If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG360, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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## **Proposal 130**

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG360, to up to 20% of the available permits

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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## **Proposal 131**

Public proposal

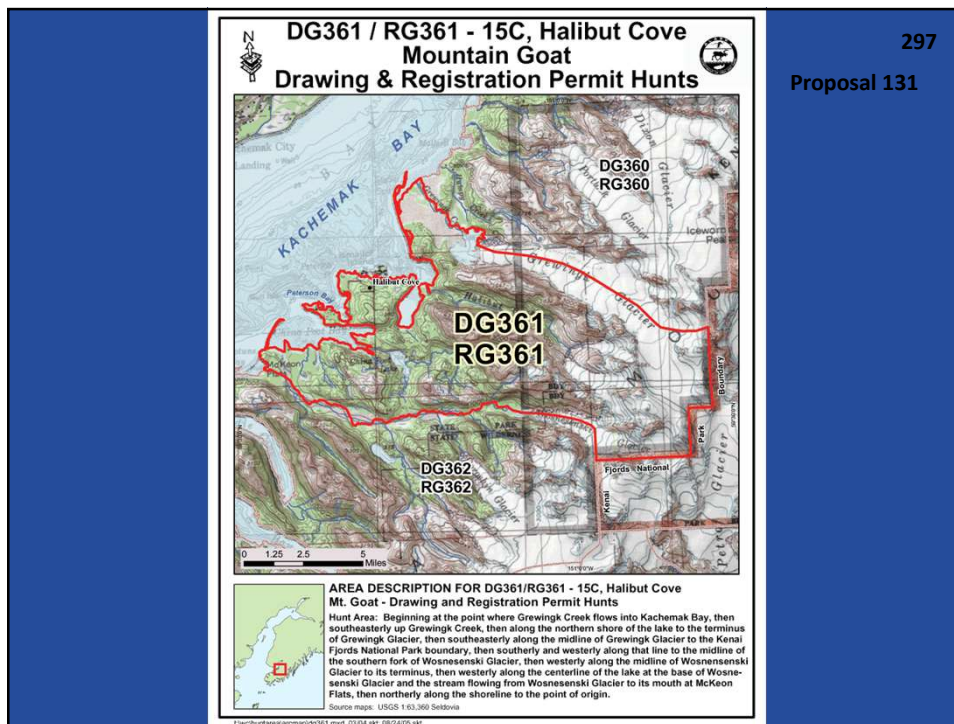
### **Effect of Proposal:**

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG361, to up to 20% of the available permits

### **Recommendation:**

Neutral

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Proposal 131

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## Background

- DG361 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 3 goats (0% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

298

## Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG361 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 16       | 4           | 20    |
| 2016  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2017  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2018  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2019  | 24       | 1           | 25    |
| 2020  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2021  | 25       | 0           | 25    |
| 2022  | 20       | 0           | 20    |
| 2023  | 22       | 0           | 22    |
| 2024  | 23       | 0           | 23    |

299

## Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 2% of permits, with a high of 25%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG361, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 131 301

**Proposal 131**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG361, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

301

Proposal 132 302

**Proposal 132**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG362, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

302

**DG362 / RG362 - 15C, Sadie Cove  
Mountain Goat  
Drawing & Registration Permit Hunts**

**DG362  
RG362**

**DG363  
RG363**

**DG361  
RG361**

**AREA DESCRIPTION FOR DG362/RG362 - 15C, Sadie Cove  
Mt. Goat - Drawing and Registration Permit Hunts**

Beginning at the point where Wosnesenski River meets Kachemak Bay in McKeon Flats, then easterly up the Wosnesenski River to the lake at the terminus of Wosnesenski Glacier, then through the centerline of the lake and Wosnesenski Glacier, then through the centerline of the southern fork of Wosnesenski Glacier to the Kenai Fjords National Park boundary, then southerly along the Park boundary to the southwest corner of the Park, then southwesterly across the icefield to Southern Glacier, then westerly through the centerline of Southern Glacier to its terminus, then westerly down the creek to its mouth in Tutka Bay, then northwesterly along the north shoreline of Tutka Bay and the eastern shore of Kachemak Bay to the point of origin.

Source maps: USGS 1:63,360 Seldovia  
1:62,500 Kenai Peninsula  
1:62,500 Kenai Peninsula

**303**

**Proposal 132**

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## Background

- DG362 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 4 goats (5% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

**Proposal 132**

**304**

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# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG362 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 17       | 1           | 18    |
| 2016  | 15       | 0           | 15    |
| 2017  | 17       | 0           | 17    |
| 2018  | 20       | 2           | 22    |
| 2019  | 21       | 1           | 22    |
| 2020  | 16       | 0           | 16    |
| 2021  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2022  | 12       | 0           | 12    |
| 2023  | 13       | 0           | 13    |
| 2024  | 14       | 0           | 14    |

305

# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 2% of permits, with a high of 9%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG362, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 132 307

**Proposal 132**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG362, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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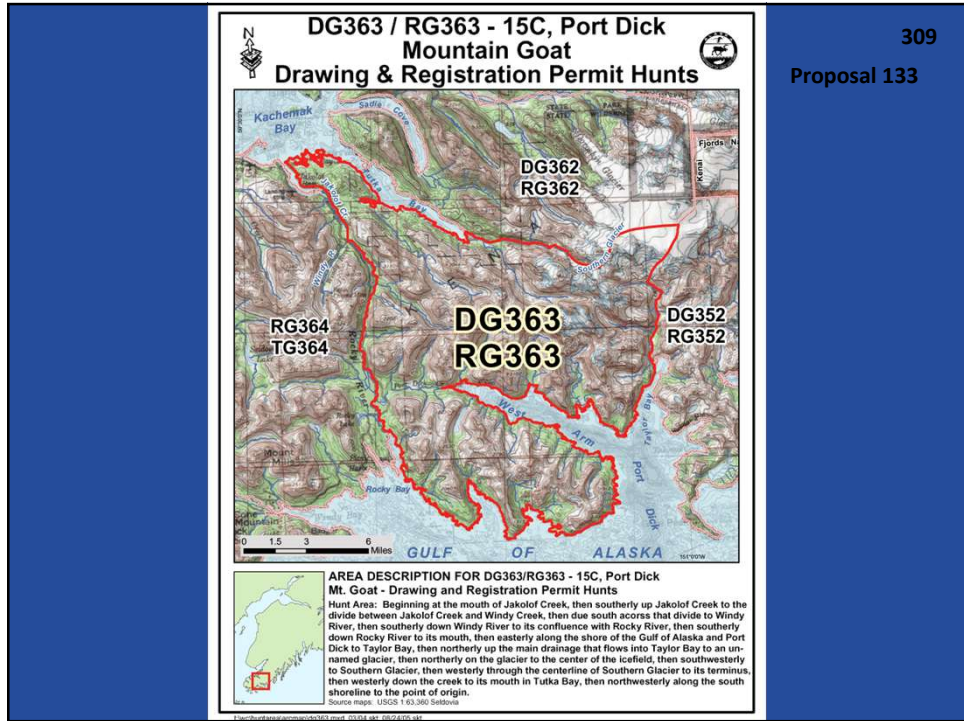
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**Proposal 133**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG363, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 133 310

## Background

- DG363 Seasons and Bag Limit:  
Aug. 10 – Oct. 15, One goat
- Average annual harvest RY15-24, 9 goats (52% NR)
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 7-10 goats

310

# Background

| Resident and nonresident draw permit results, DG363 RY15-24 |          |             |       |
|---|----------|-------------|-------|
| Regulatory Year   | Resident | Nonresident | Total |
| 2015  | 29       | 3           | 32    |
| 2016  | 23       | 9           | 32    |
| 2017  | 25       | 11          | 36    |
| 2018  | 34       | 6           | 40    |
| 2019  | 26       | 6           | 32    |
| 2020  | 25       | 7           | 32    |
| 2021  | 19       | 7           | 26    |
| 2022  | 19       | 7           | 26    |
| 2023  | 11       | 17          | 28    |
| 2024  | 18       | 10          | 28    |

311

# Background

- During RY15-24, nonresidents were awarded 2% of permits, with a high of 9%
- Guide is required for nonresident without 2DK
  - 0% of nonresidents used a guide during RY15-24
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with up to 20% of permits
- If fewer than 5 permits are issued for DG363, nonresidents could not receive a permit

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Proposal 133 313

**Proposal 133**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 15 goat hunt, DG363, to up to 20% of the available permits

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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Proposal 134 314

**Proposal 134**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season

**Recommendation :**  
Opposed due to reduction in opportunity

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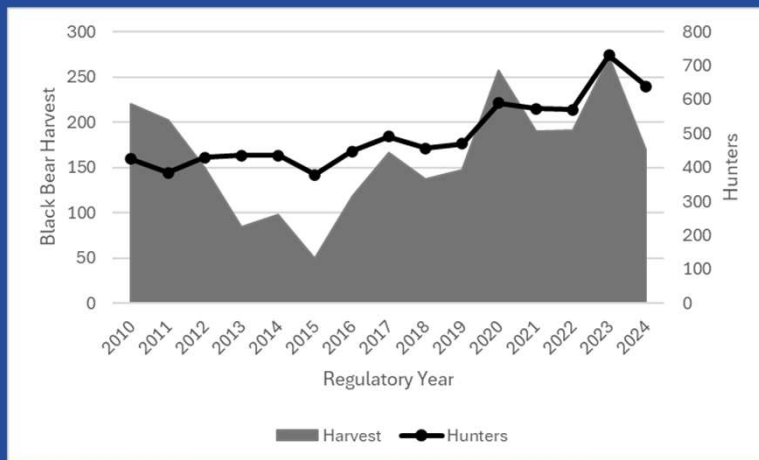
## Background

- 15C Black Bear Hunt Statistics
  - Average annual harvest of 160 bears
  - 83% resident, 17% nonresident
  - 2% of hunters harvest >1 black bear
  - Nonresidents have a higher success rate than residents, 58% vs. 27%
  - 500+ hunters annually
- Units 7 & 15 have a positive C&T finding for black bears outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area with an ANS of 20-60 bears

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## Background

15C Black Bear Harvest and Hunters



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Proposal 134 317

**Proposal 134**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Shorten the resident hunting season, reduce the bag limit from three to one, and require registration permits for hunting black bear in a portion of Units 7 and 15. Additionally, close the nonresident season

**Recommendation :**  
**Opposed** due to reduction in opportunity

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Proposal 136 318

**Proposal 136**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Change 2015 BOG findings to manage RB300 human-caused mortality caps in Units 7 & 15 from calendar year to regulatory year

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral**

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## Background

### 2015-211 Board of Game Findings for brown bears in Units 7 & 15

Establish a maximum human-caused mortality

- No more than 50-60 total bears
- No more than 8-12 of which are adult sows
  - 5 years or older
- Based on the 3-year running average,  
per calendar year

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## Background

- RB300 Season, Units 7 & 15
  - Season: Aug. 10 – Jun. 30
  - Baiting: Apr. 15 – Jun. 30
  - Bag Limit: one bear per regulatory year
- Brown bear is the only big game species in  
Units 7 & 15 currently managed by calendar year
- Brown bear bag limits are managed by regulatory  
year

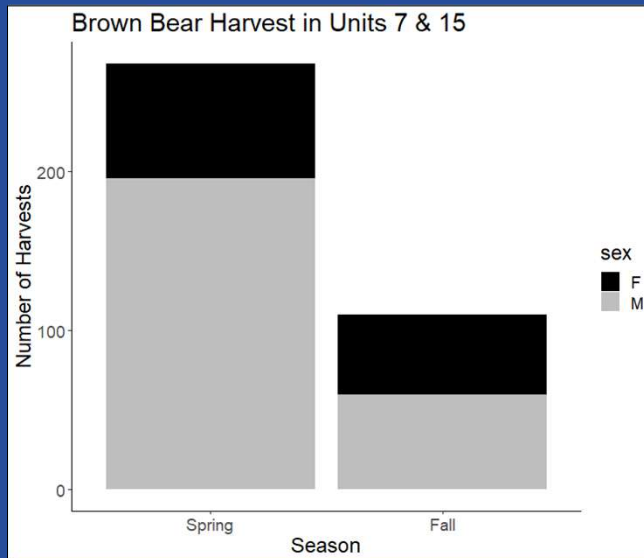
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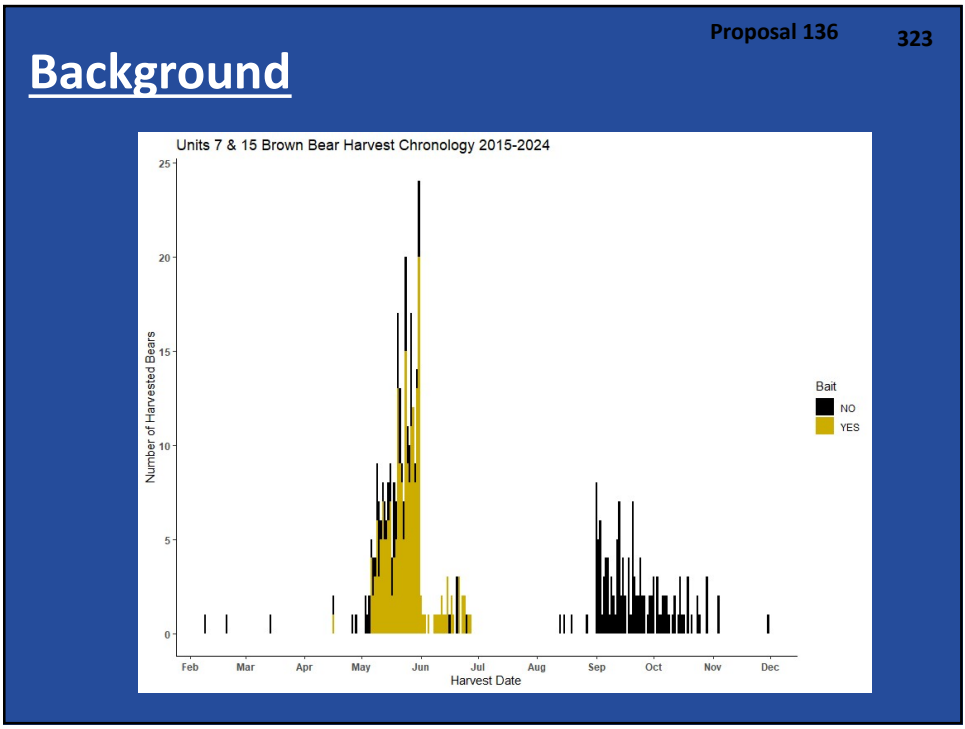
- Concentrated harvest in the spring season, reducing mortality cap available for the fall season
- 70% of brown bear harvest occurs during spring season
- 77% of spring harvest occurs over bait
- Emergency Orders limit subsequent hunting opportunity that calendar year (i.e. fall season)
- Reaching mortality caps early in the calendar year reduces cap availability for additional DLP's and other human caused mortalities

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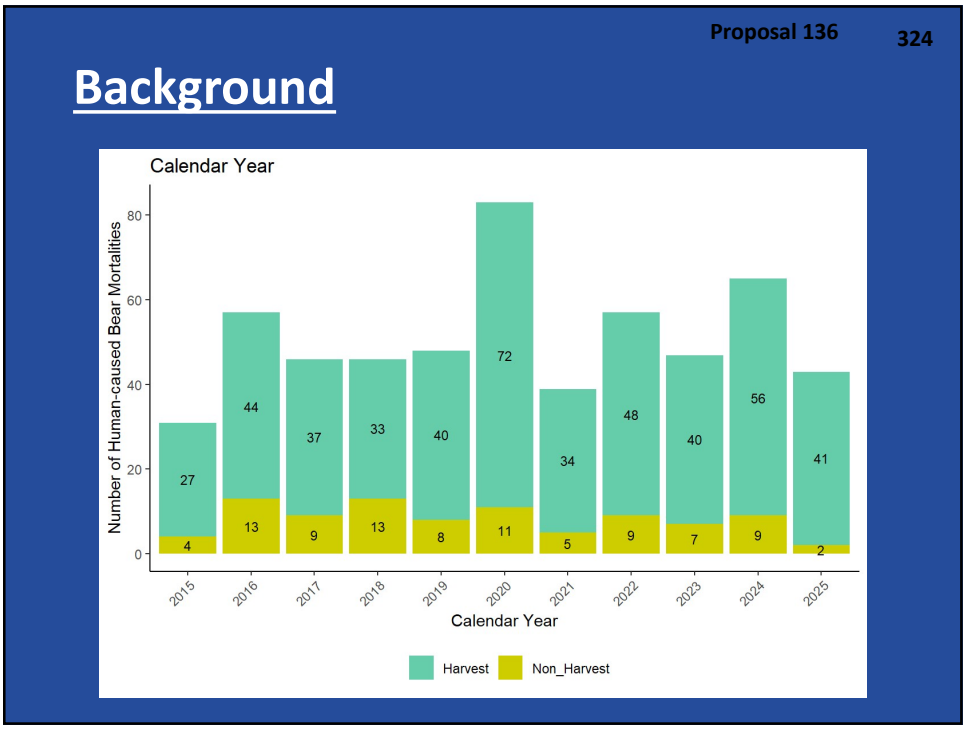
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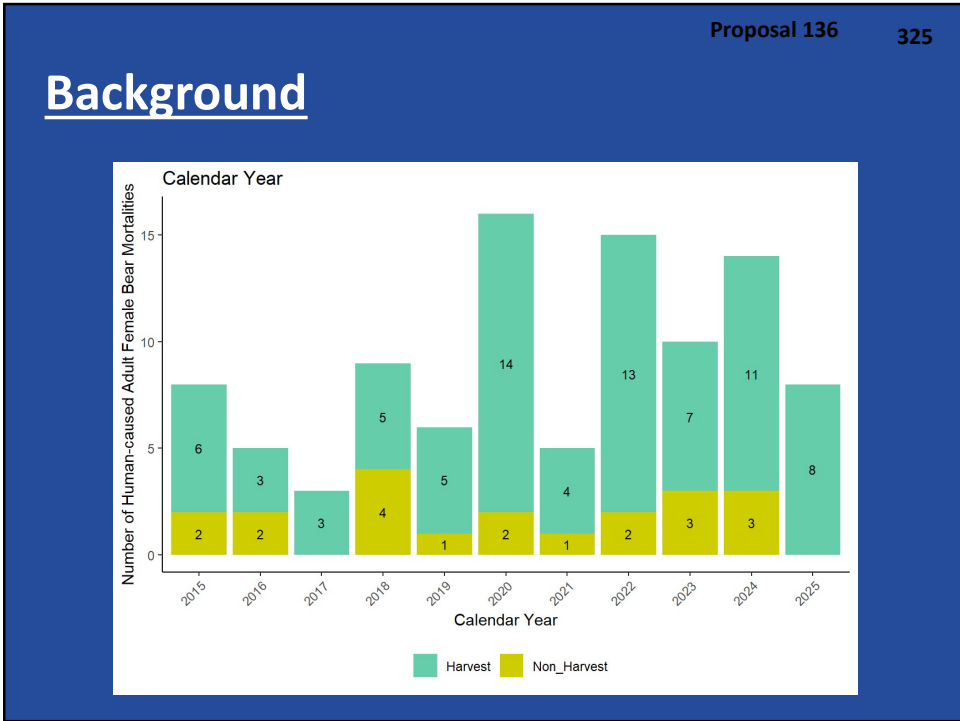
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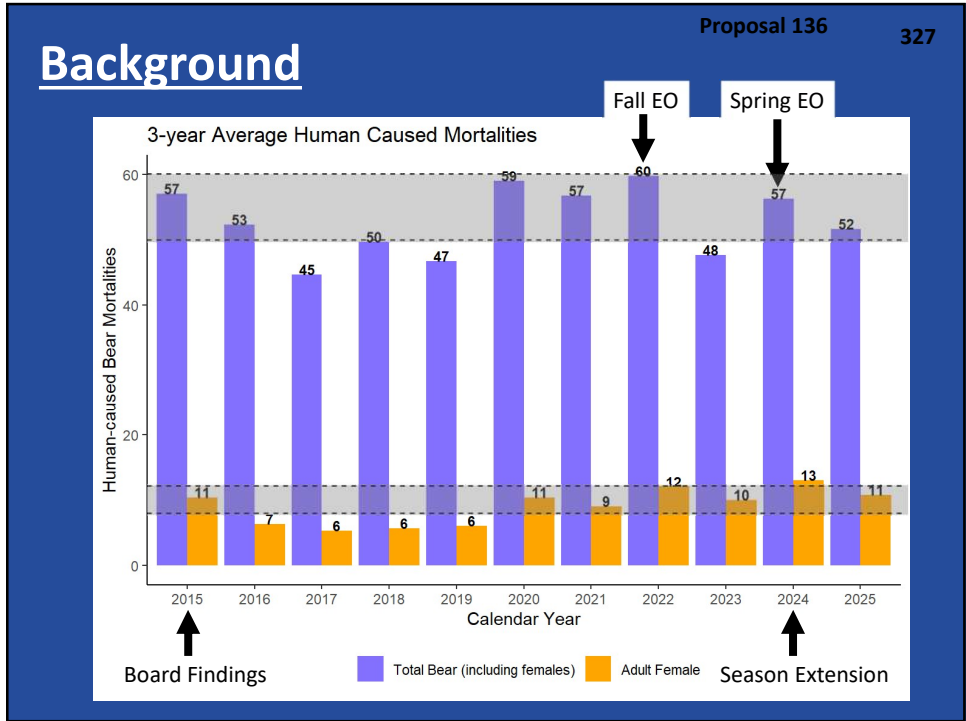
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- Proposal 136 326
- ## Background
- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2015-2025)
  - Annual average of 51 total human caused bear mortalities (2015-2025)
  - Annual average of 1.5 non harvest adult females and 7.0 non harvest total bear mortalities after current end of spring season, Jun. 30
  - Adult female mortality cap (12) reached in Sep. 2022 and Jun. 2024

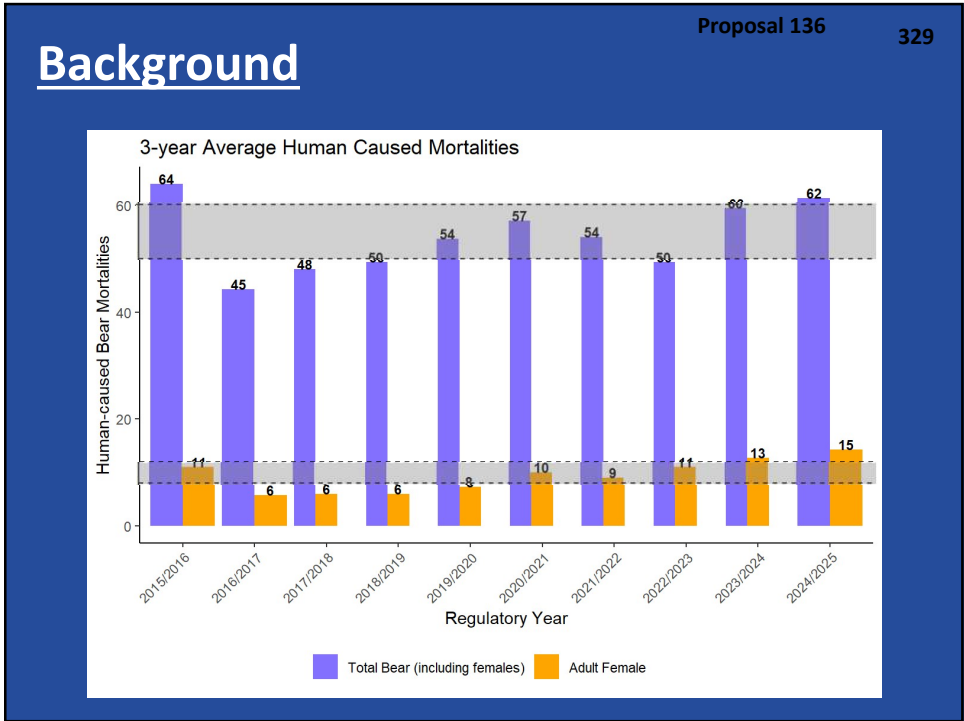
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Proposal 136 330

## Proposal 136

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
 Change 2015 BOG findings to manage RB300 mortality caps in Units 7 & 15 from calendar year to regulatory year

**Recommendation :**  
 Neutral

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## Proposal 135

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Reconsider 2015 BOG findings to manage RB300 brown bear mortality caps in Units 7 & 15 **from calendar year to regulatory year, or split mortality caps into spring and fall, or between Units 7 & 15**

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral**

331

## Background

### **2015-211 Board of Game Findings for brown bears in Units 7 & 15**

Establish a maximum human-caused mortality

- No more than 50-60 total bears
- No more than 8-12 of which are adult sows
  - 5 years or older
- Based on the 3-year running average, per calendar year

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## Background

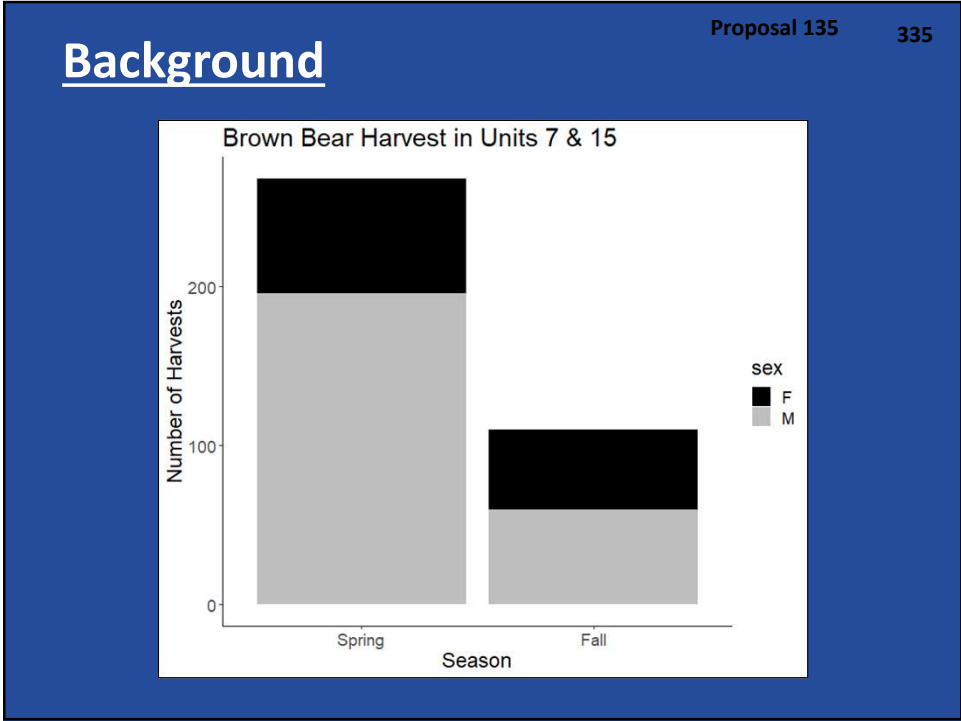
- RB300 Season, Units 7 & 15
  - Season: Aug. 10 – Jun. 30
  - Baiting: Apr. 15 – Jun. 30
  - Bag Limit: One bear per regulatory year
- Brown bear is the only big game species in Units 7 & 15 currently managed by calendar year
- Brown bear bag limits are managed by regulatory year

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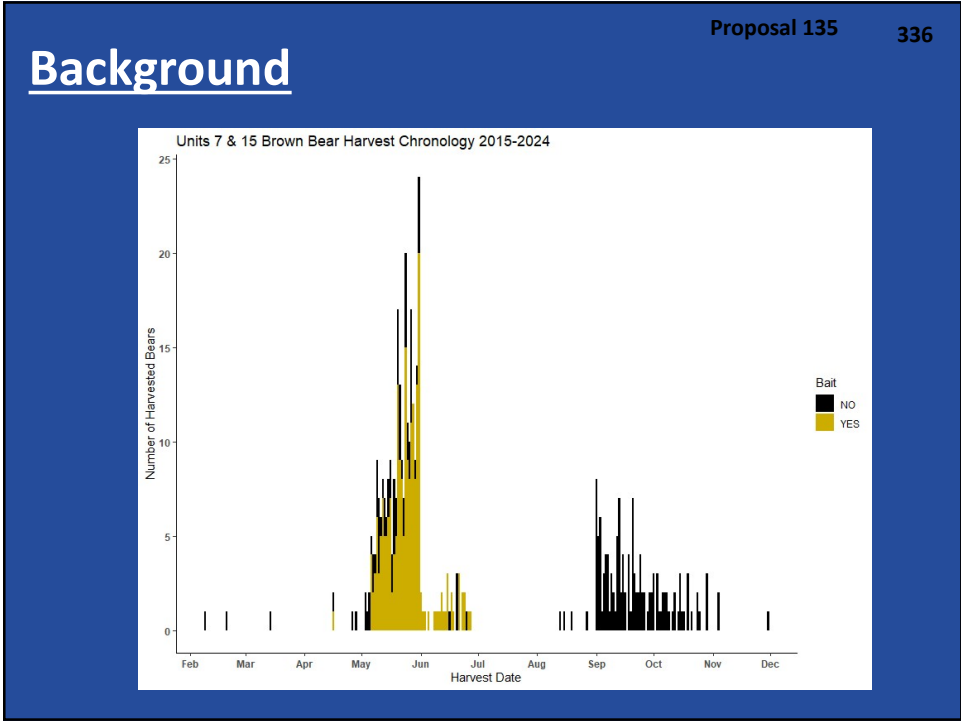
## Background

- Concentrated harvest in the spring season, reducing mortality cap available for the fall season
- 70% of brown bear harvest occurs during spring season
- 77% of spring harvest occurs over bait
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- Reaching mortality caps early in the calendar year reduces cap availability for additional DLP's and other human caused mortalities

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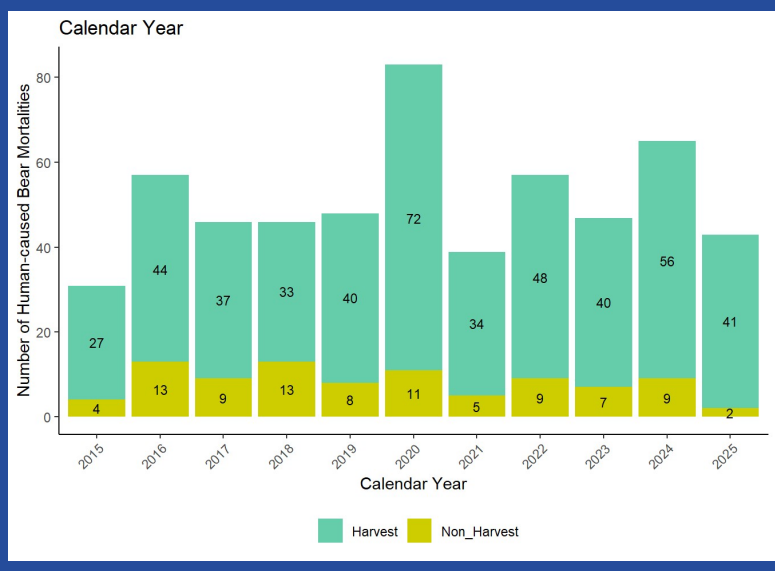


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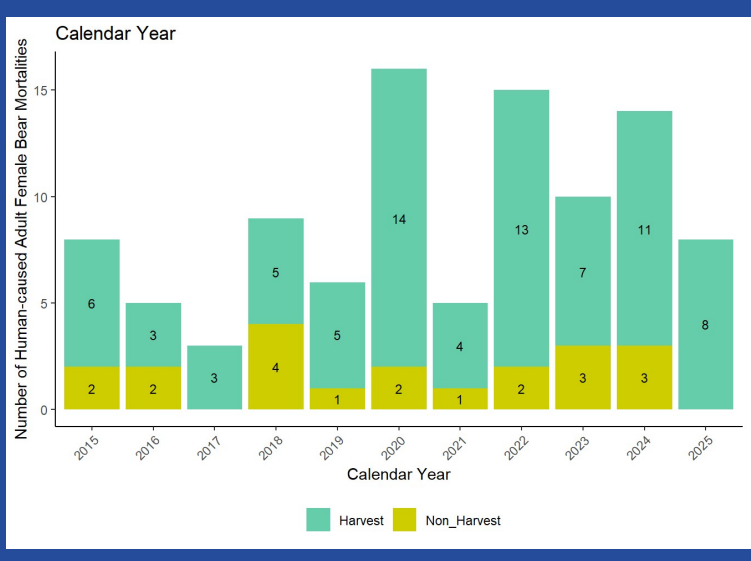
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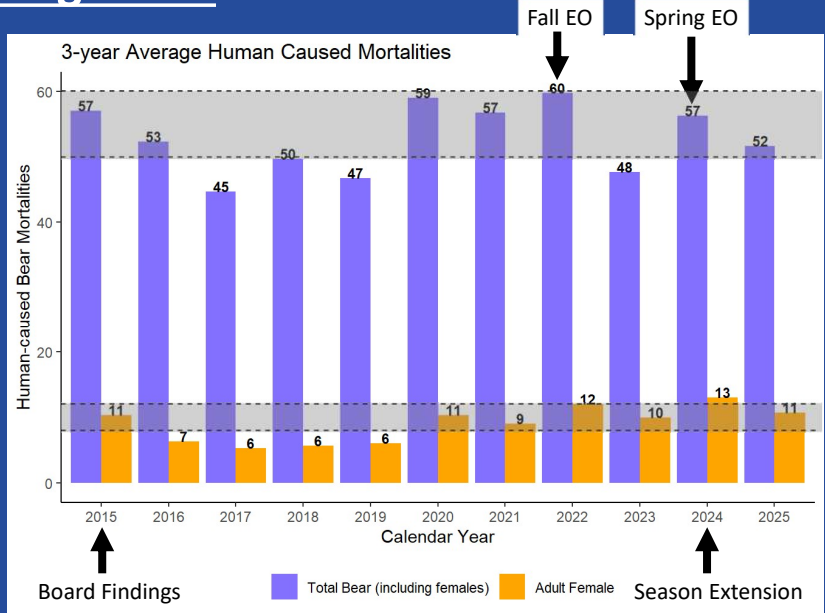
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# Background

- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2015-2025)
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- Annual average of 1.5 non harvest adult females and 7.0 non harvest total bear mortalities after current end of spring season, Jun. 30
- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022 and Jun. 2024

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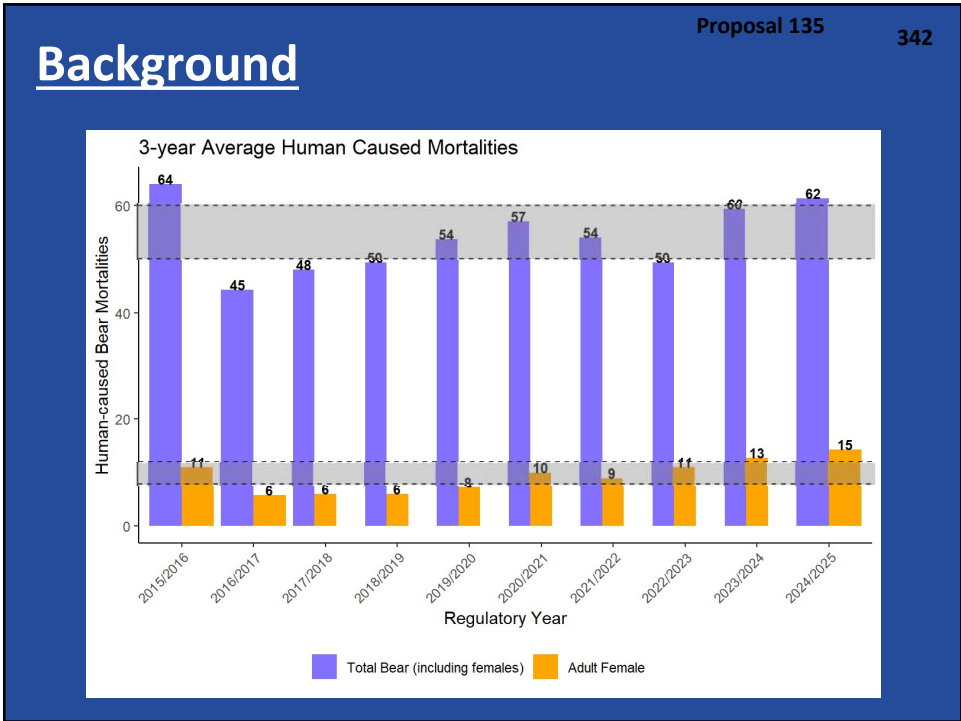
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Proposal 135 343

**Proposal 135**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Reconsider 2015 BOG findings to manage RB300 brown bear mortality caps in Units 7 & 15 **from calendar year to regulatory year, or split mortality caps into spring and fall, or between Units 7 & 15**

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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Proposal 138 344

**Proposal 138**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Shorten the RB300 spring season by 15 days, from June 30<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral due to the allocative nature with no biological concern

344

## Background

- In 2023 the Board adopted proposal 134 to extend RB300 season by 52 days
- Current RB300 Season: Aug. 10 – Jun. 30, 1 bear per regulatory year in Units 7 & 15
- Maximum human-caused mortality cap of **no more than 50-60 brown bears**, with **no more than 8-12 adult sows** (at least 5 years old), calculated 3 year average

345

## Background

- Harvest is concentrated in the spring season, reducing mortality cap availability for the fall season
- Since 2015, spring season accounts for 70% of brown bear harvest, with 77% of that occurring over bait
- Emergency Orders limit subsequent hunting opportunity that calendar year (i.e. fall season)
- Reaching mortality caps early in the calendar year also reduces cap availability for additional DLP's and other human caused mortalities

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Proposal 138 347

## Background

- Since 2014, annual average of 70% of brown bear harvest occurs during spring season, with 77% of harvest occurring over bait
- 90% resident harvest, 8% harvest with archery equipment

| Season | Male (M) | Female (F) | Total |
|--------|----------|------------|-------|
| Spring | ~195     | ~45        | ~240  |
| Fall   | ~60      | ~45        | ~105  |

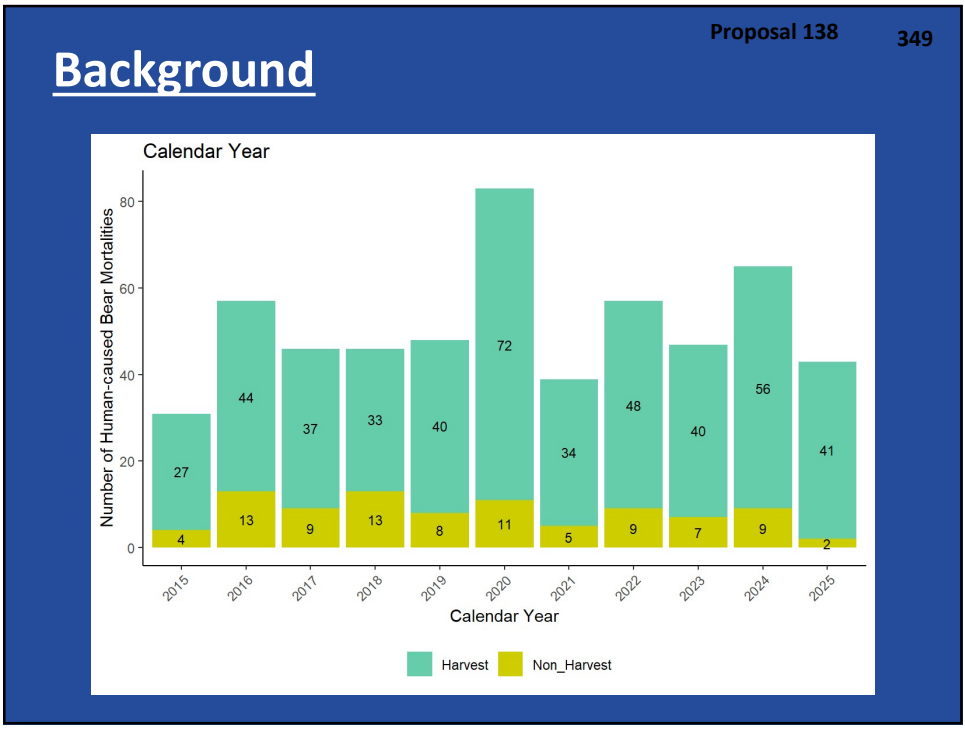
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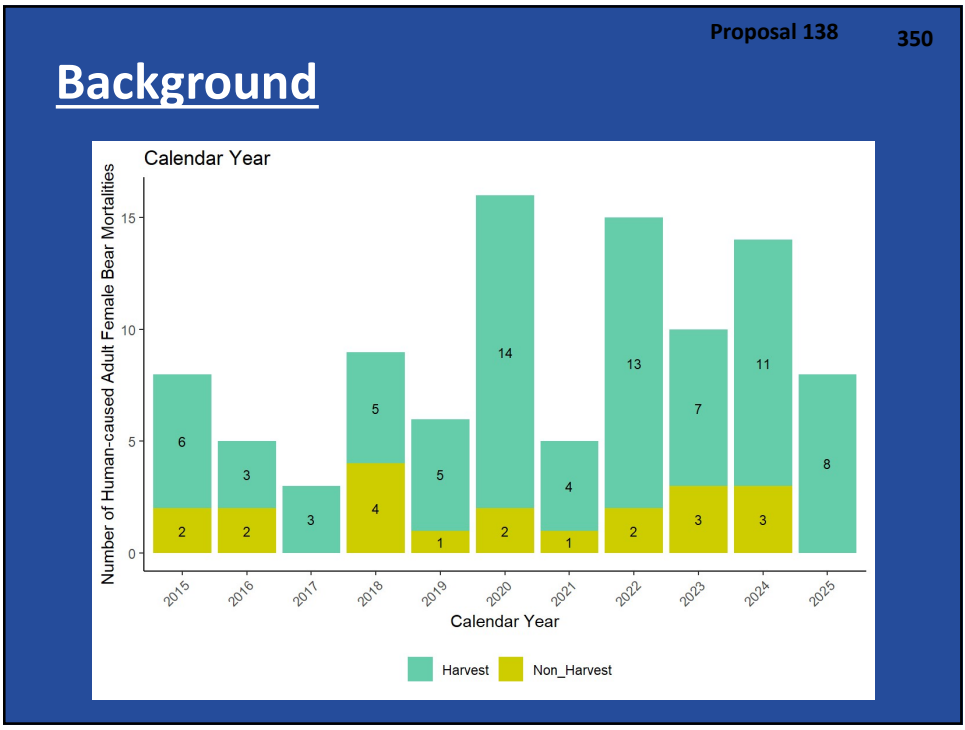
## Background

| Month | Bait YES | Bait NO | Total |
|-------|----------|---------|-------|
| Feb   | 0        | 1       | 1     |
| Mar   | 0        | 1       | 1     |
| Apr   | 0        | 1       | 1     |
| May   | ~1       | ~3      | ~4    |
| Jun   | ~10      | ~10     | ~20   |
| Jul   | ~1       | ~2      | ~3    |
| Aug   | 0        | 1       | 1     |
| Sep   | 0        | ~8      | ~8    |
| Oct   | 0        | ~3      | ~3    |
| Nov   | 0        | ~2      | ~2    |
| Dec   | 0        | 1       | 1     |

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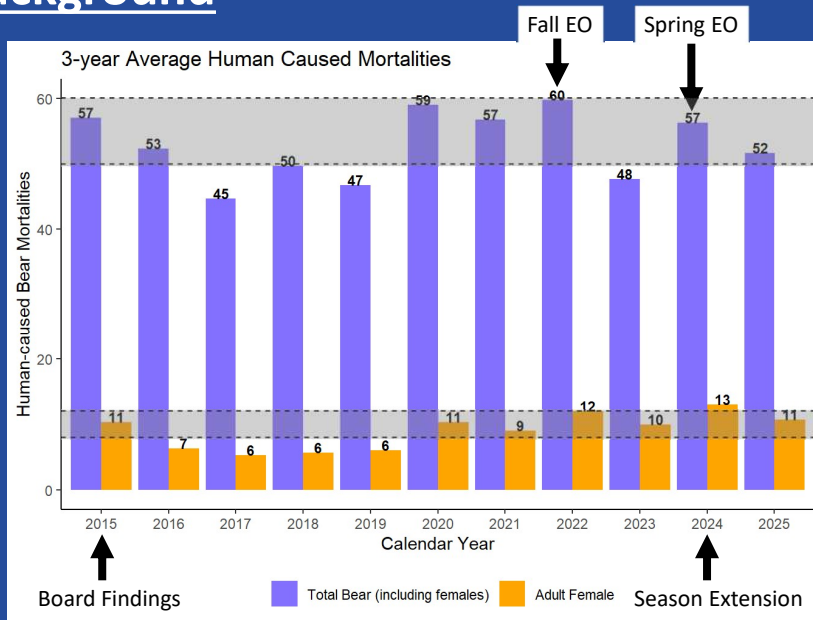
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## Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022 and Jun. 2024
- Annual average of 9 adult female and 51 total human caused brown bear mortalities (2015-2025)
- Spring season averages 11 adult females and 53 total human caused brown bear mortalities since season extension in 2024
- Jun. 16 – Jun. 30 accounts for 47% of adult females and 33% of total bears harvested during the spring season

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## Background



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Proposal 138 353

**Proposal 138**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Shorten the RB300 spring season by 15 days,  
from June 30<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** due to the allocative nature with no  
biological concern

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Proposal 139 354

**Proposal 139**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Shorten the RB300 season to Oct. 1 – Jun. 15,  
and divide the hunt between Units 7 & 15 with  
a separate mortality cap for each unit

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral**

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## Background

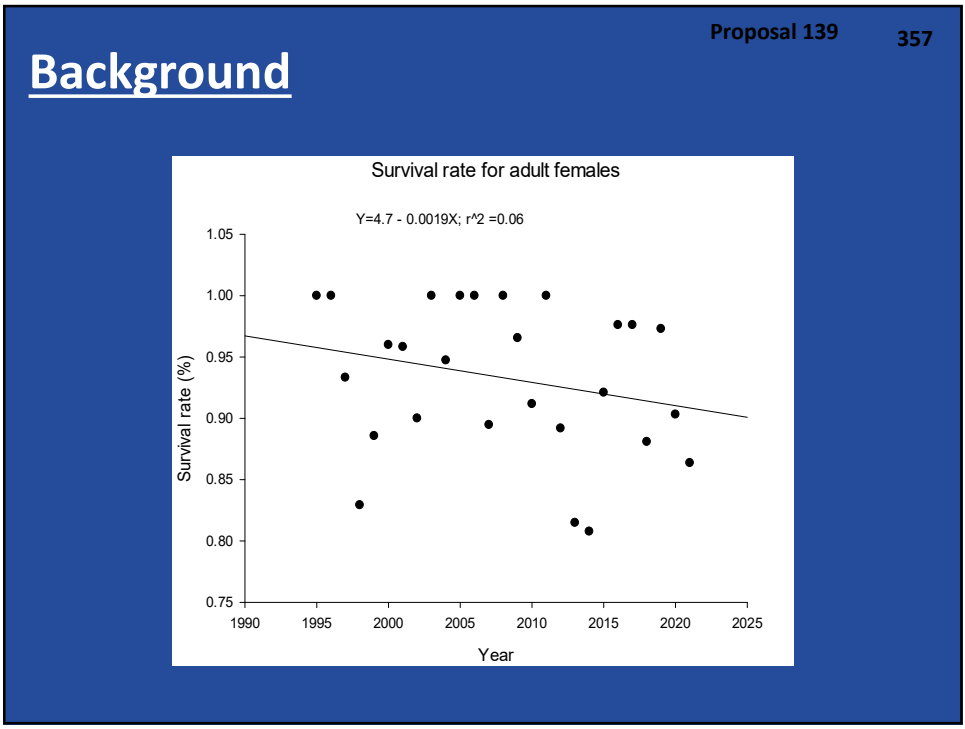
- Current RB300 Season: Aug. 10 – Jun. 30, 1 bear per regulatory year in Units 7 & 15
- Maximum human-caused mortality cap of **no more than 50-60 brown bears**, with **no more than 8-12 adult sows** (at least 5 years old) on a 3-year running average

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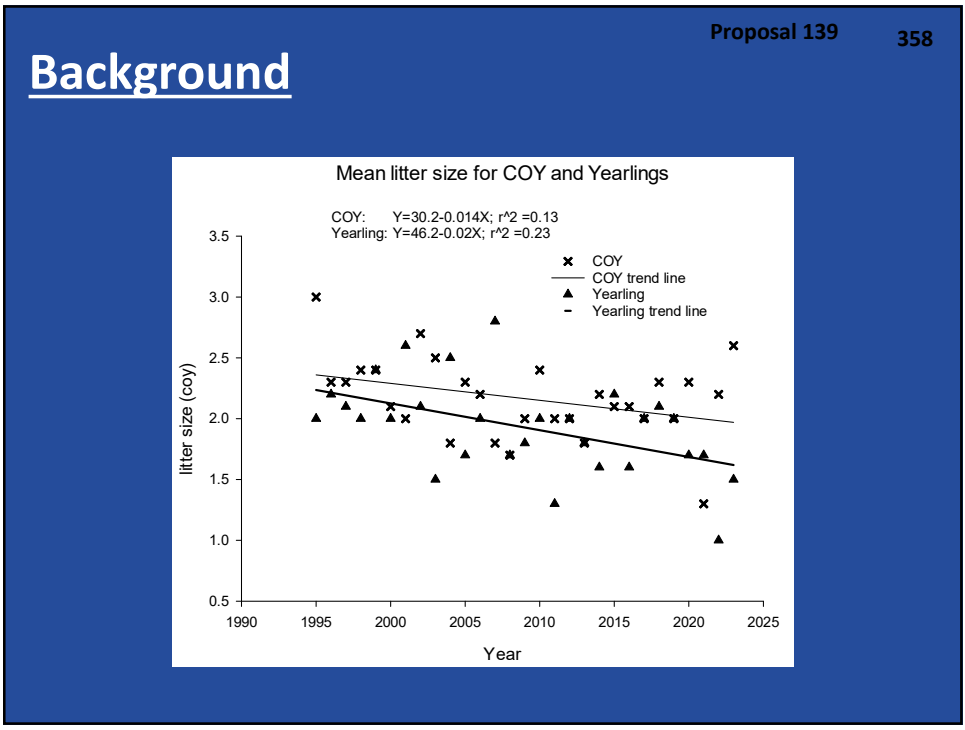
## Background

- Proposal seeks to shorten seasons dates by 67 days, to Oct. 1 – Jun. 15
- Create a separate hunt for Units 7 & 15, each with a mortality cap of at least 10 adult sows
- Kenai brown bear genetics show no geographic substructure

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Proposal 139 359

## Background

| Years     | R    | Upper CI | Lower CI |
|-----------|------|----------|----------|
| 1995-2005 | 1.04 | 1.12     | 0.95     |
| 2006-2021 | 1.06 | 1.15     | 0.96     |

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Proposal 139 360

## Proposal 139

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
 Shorten the RB300 season to Oct. 1 – Jun. 15,  
 and divide the hunt between Units 7 & 15 with  
 a separate mortality cap for each unit

**Recommendation :**  
 Neutral

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Proposal 137 361

**Proposal 137**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Remove human caused mortality caps for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 & 15

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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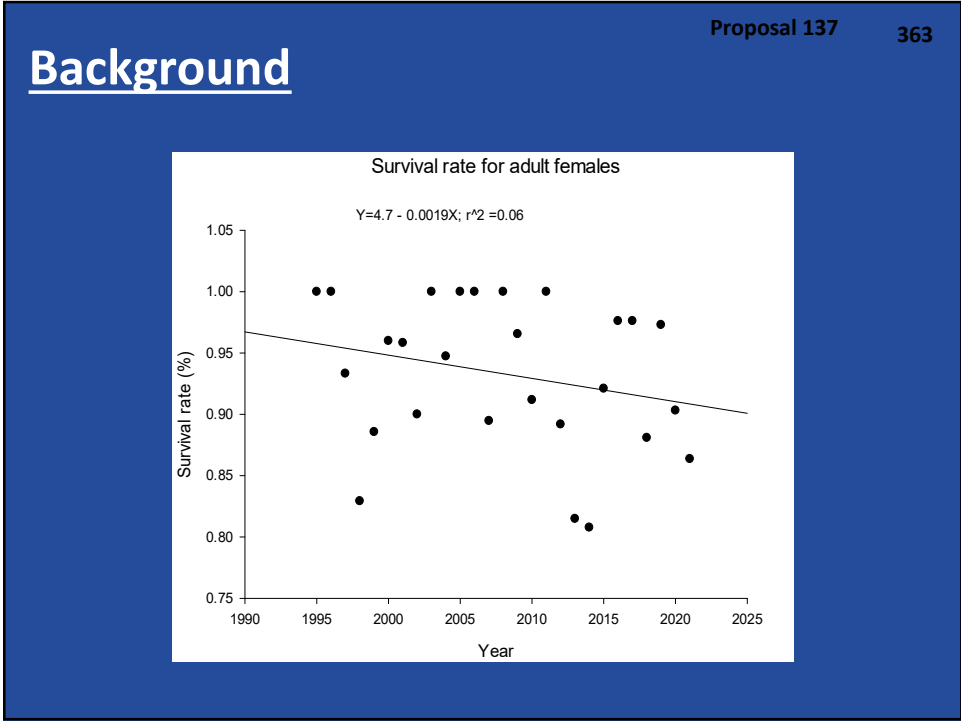
**Background**

**2015-211 Board of Game Findings for brown bears in Units 7 & 15**

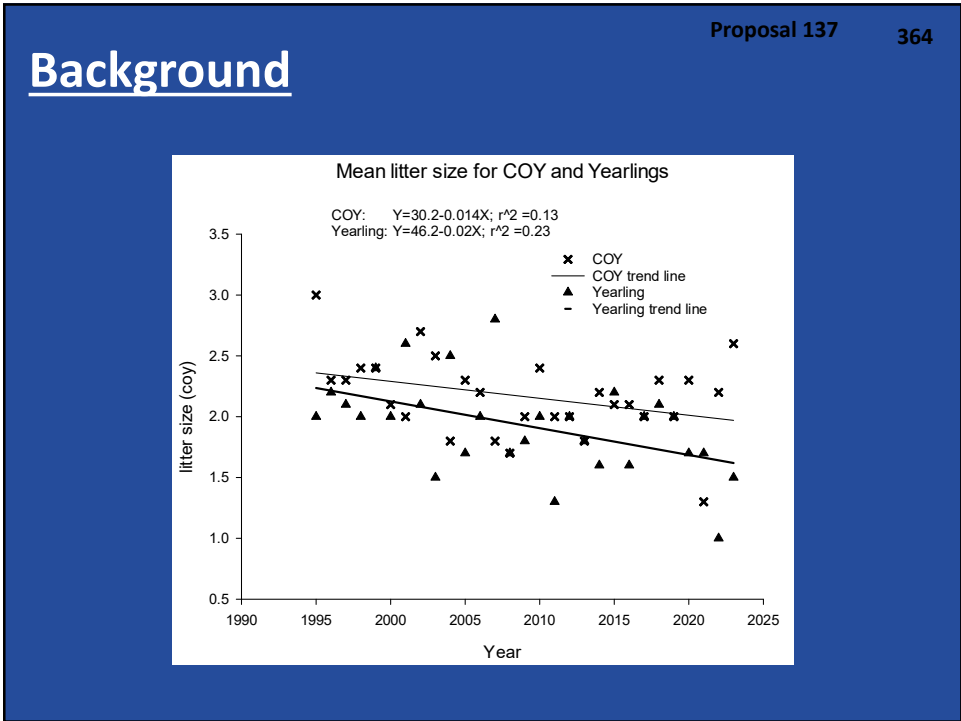
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Proposal 137 365

## Background

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Proposal 137 366

## Proposal 137

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Remove human caused mortality caps for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 & 15

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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## Proposal 140

Public proposal

### **Effect of Proposal :**

Restrict hunters who harvest a sow brown bear in Units 7 & 15 from hunting RB300 for 2-4 years

### **Recommendation :**

**Neutral**, no biological concern due to mortality caps

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## Background

- From 2015-2024, there have been 538 successful RB300 hunters in Units 7 & 15
- 65 of the 538 hunters, 12%, harvested more than one sow under an RB300 permit in the 2015-2024 time period
- 40 of the 538 hunters, 7%, harvested their additional RB300 bear within 2-4 regulatory years

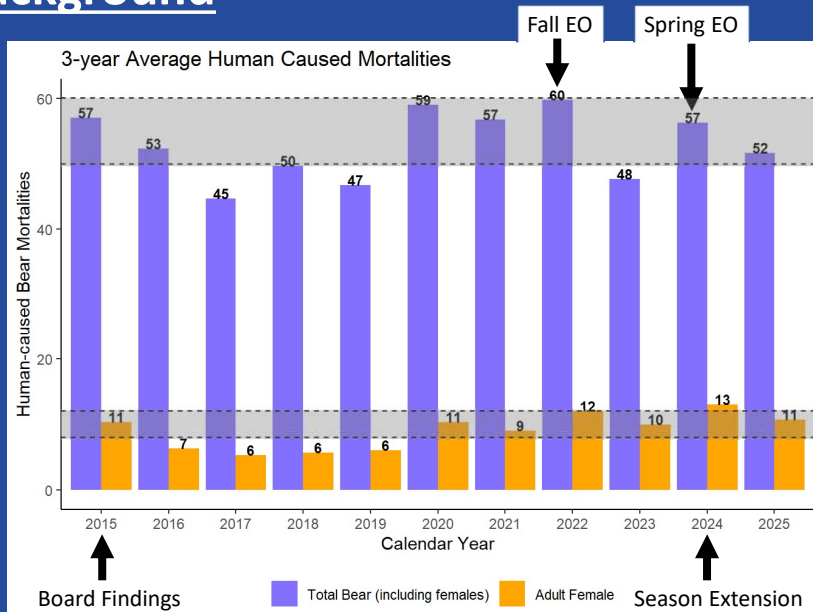
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## Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022 and Jun. 2024
- Annual average of 9 adult female and 51 total human caused brown bear mortalities (2015-2025)
- For 2024-2025 spring season averages 11 adult females and 54 total human caused brown bear mortalities
- Jun. 16 – Jun. 30 accounts for 47% of adult females and 33% of total bears harvested during the spring season

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## Background



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**Proposal 140**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Restrict hunters who harvest a sow brown bear in Units 7 & 15 from hunting RB300 for 2-4 years

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral, no biological concern due to mortality caps

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Proposal 141    372

**Proposal 141**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15 to Dec. 15 - the last day of Feb

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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## Background

- 1992: Codified season dates set as Nov. 1 – last day of Feb. with no limit
- The Department has used EO authority to set season dates
- Current Regulations:
  - Trapping: Jan. 1 – Feb. 15, no limit
  - Hunting: Jan. 1 – Feb. 15, 2 lynx per season

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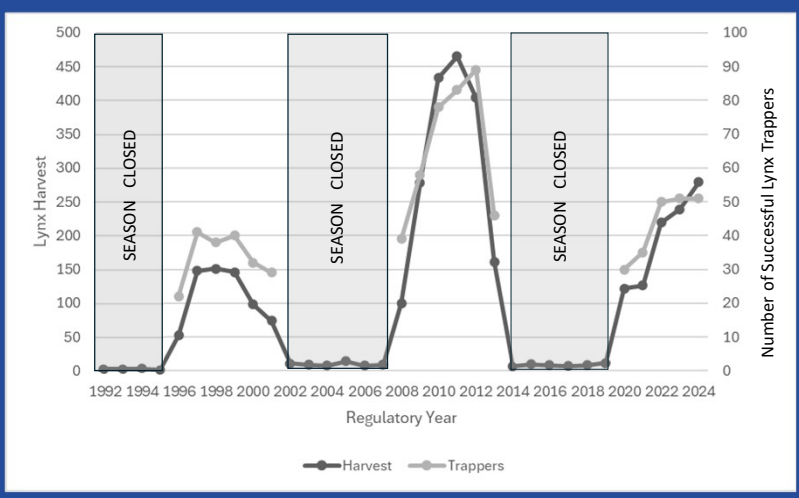
## Background

- Lynx are of high importance to Kenai Peninsula trappers
- Units 7 & 15 typically account for >80% of Region II lynx harvest
- Proposal calls for set season dates of Dec. 1 or Dec. 15 – Last day of Feb., or Jan. 1 – Mar. 15
- Proposal supports the Department in retaining EO authority to close lynx season during times of low abundance

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# Background

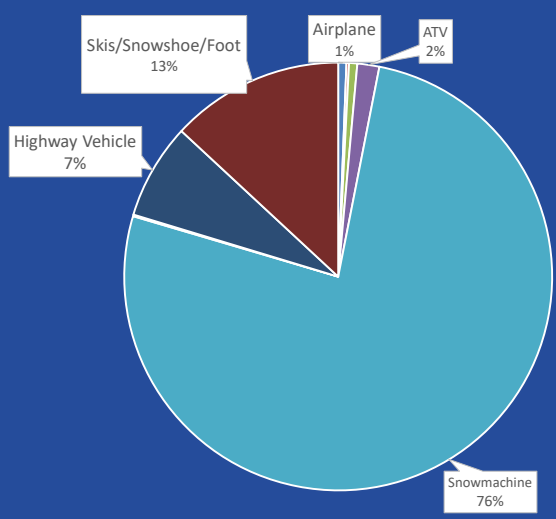
### Lynx Trapping Harvest in Units 7 & 15



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# Background

### Unit 7 & 15 Trapper Transportation Method



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**Proposal 141**

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**

Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15 to Dec. 15 - the last day of Feb

**Recommendation :**

Neutral

377

**Proposal 142**

Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**

Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15 to Dec. 15 – Feb. 15

**Recommendation :**

Neutral

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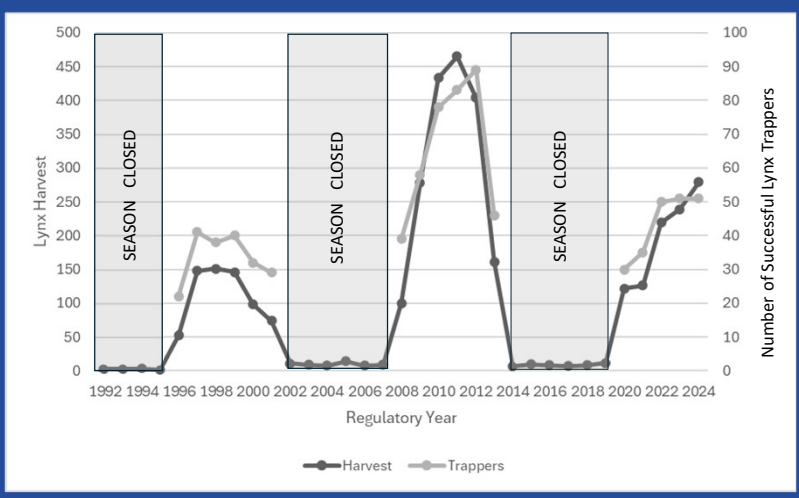
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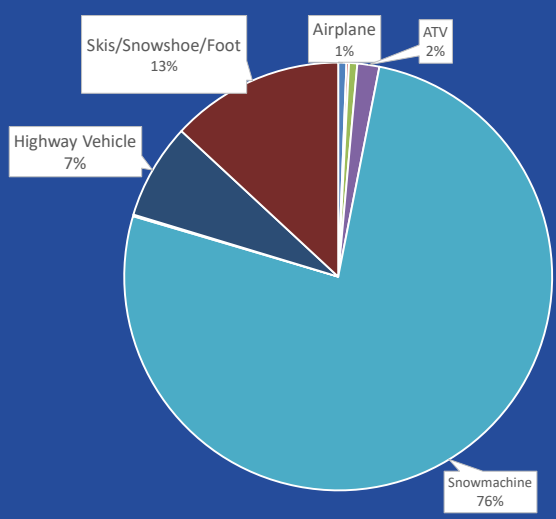
## Lynx Trapping Harvest in Units 7 & 15



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# Background

## Unit 7 & 15 Trapper Transportation Method



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**Proposal 142**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15  
to Dec. 15 – Feb. 15

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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Proposal 143 384

**Proposal 143**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15  
to Dec. 1– Feb. 15

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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## Background

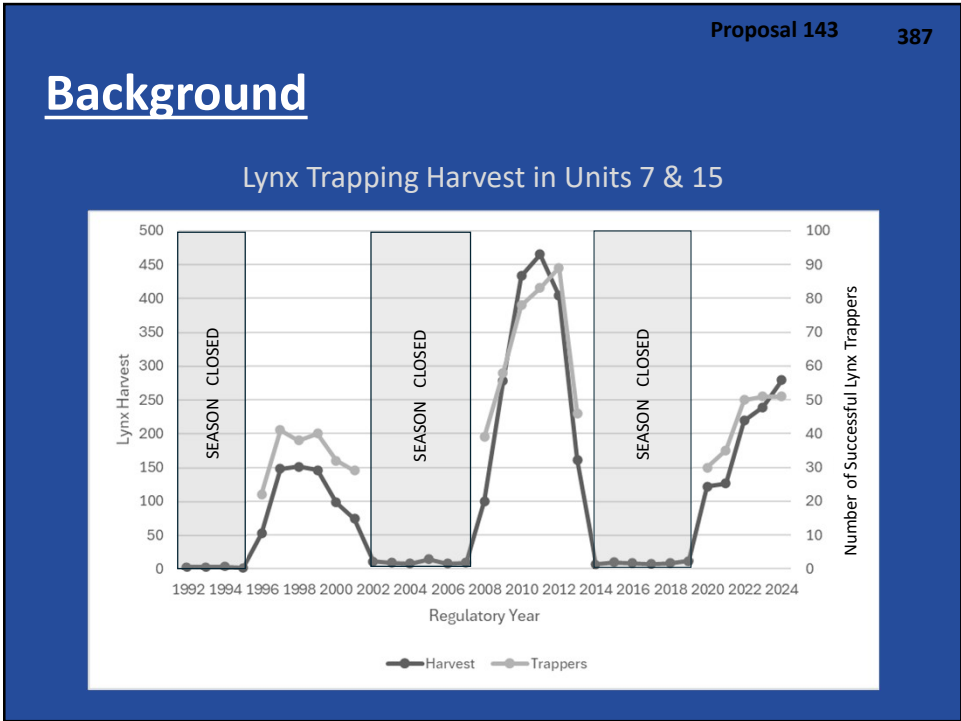
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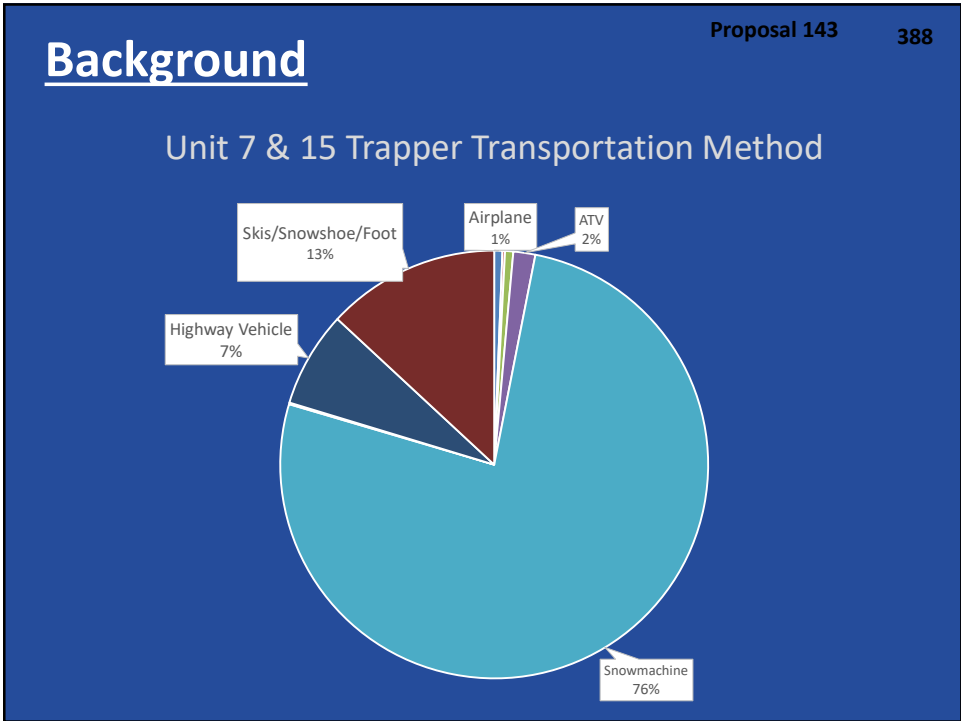
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Proposal 143 389

**Proposal 143**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15  
to Dec. 1– Feb. 15

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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Proposal 144 390

**Proposal 144**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15  
to Nov. 10– Feb. 28

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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## Background

- 1992: Codified season dates set as Nov. 1 – last day of Feb. with no limit
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- Current Regulations:
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  - Hunting: Jan. 1 – Feb. 15, 2 lynx per season

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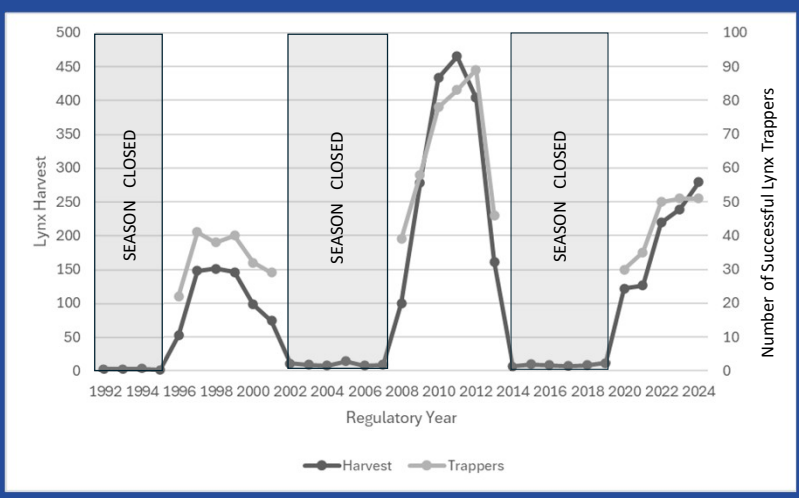
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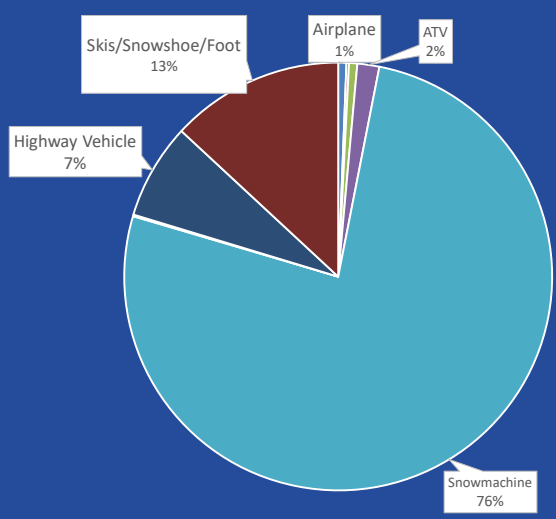
## Lynx Trapping Harvest in Units 7 & 15



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# Background

## Unit 7 & 15 Trapper Transportation Method



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Proposal 144 395

**Proposal 144**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Lengthen lynx trapping seasons in Units 7&15 to Nov. 10– Feb. 28

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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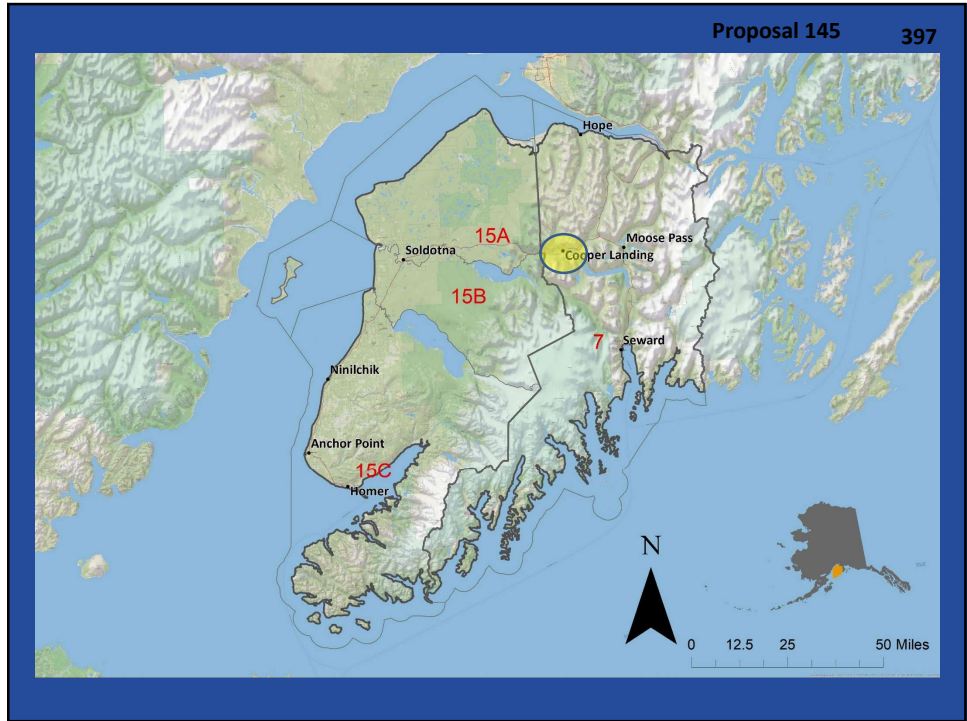
Proposal 145 396

**Proposal 145**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setback along certain roads and highway pullouts in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral as this proposal is primarily allocative

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Proposal 145 398

## Background

- The proposal describes 100-yard setback, excepting traps that are set at least 3 feet above ground or snow level, enclosed, underwater, or under ice
- Applicable to areas around Cooper Landing
  - 2 sections of Quartz Creek Road
  - East Quartz Creek and Williams Road
  - Old Sterling Highway (unmaintained portion of Quartz Creek Road)
  - A section of Snug Harbor Road
  - Bean Creek Road
  - West Juneau Bench Road/Chunkwood Rd
  - All DOT pullouts along an 18 mile stretch of Sterling Highway

398

## Background

- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
  - Kenai Moose Research Center
  - Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area
  - Since 2023, 50-yard setback around Quartz Creek, Crescent Creek, Russian River, North Cooper Creek, and South Cooper Creek campgrounds. 100-yard setback from the Diamond Creek, Grewingk Glacier, and Grewingk Saddle trails
- Traps may be elevated  $\geq 3$ ft, or enclosed, or submerged under water/ice

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## Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are activity encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies

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Proposal 145 401

**Proposal 145**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setback along certain roads and highway pullouts in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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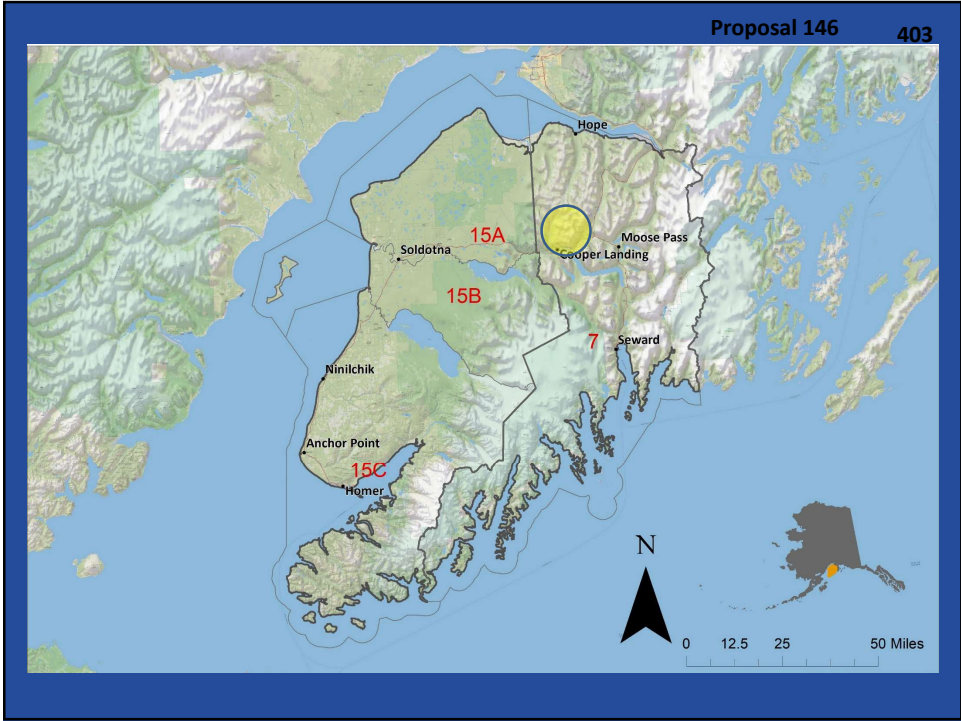
Proposal 146 402

**Proposal 146**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setback along certain trails and trailheads in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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Proposal 146 404

## Background

- The proposal describes 100-yard setback ,excepting traps that are set at least 3 feet above ground or snow level, enclosed, underwater, or under ice
- Applicable to areas around Cooper landing
  - Crescent Creek Trail,
  - Lower Russian Lake Trail
  - Bean Creek Trail
  - Russian Gap Trail / Historical Quartz Creek Trail
  - Resurrection Trial (South End)
  - West Juneau Bench Trail
  - Devil’s Pass Ski Loops
  - Stetson Trail parking area and first 400 yards of the trail

404

## Background

- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
  - Kenai Moose Research Center
  - Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area
  - Since 2023, 50-yard setback around Quartz Creek, Crescent Creek, Russian River, North Cooper Creek, and South Cooper Creek campgrounds. 100-yard setback from the Diamond Creek, Grewingk Glacier, and Grewingk Saddle trails
- Traps may be elevated  $\geq 3$ ft, or enclosed, or submerged under water/ice

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## Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals
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Proposal 146 407

**Proposal 146**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setback along certain trails and trailheads in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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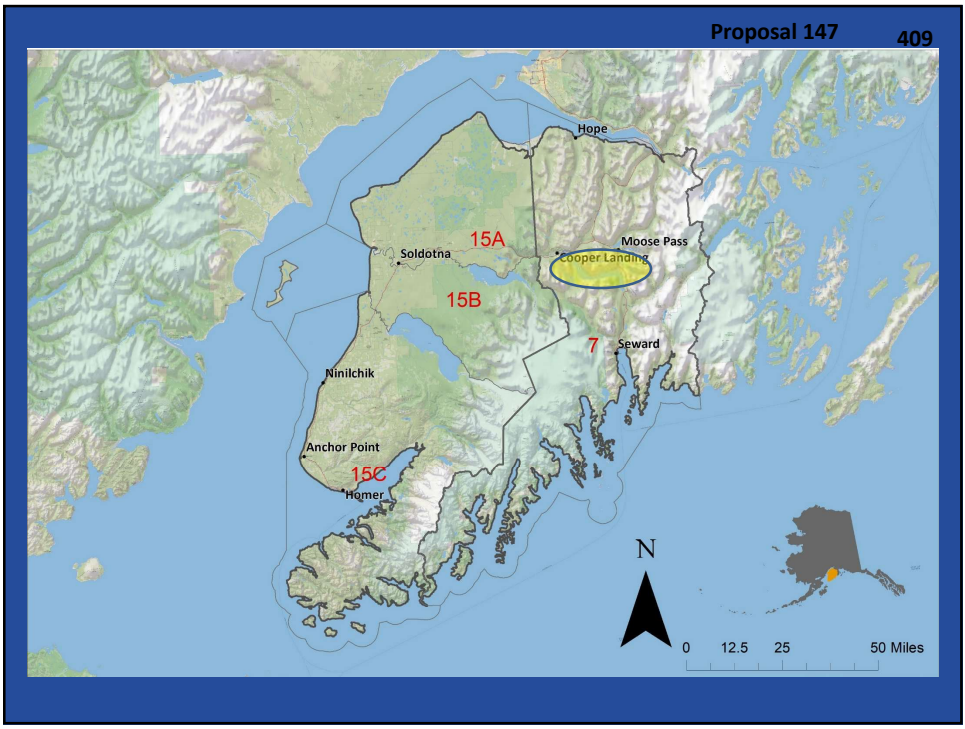
Proposal 147 408

**Proposal 147**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake Beaches in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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Proposal 147 410

## Background

- The proposal describes 100-yard setback from mean high water mark, excepting traps that are set at least 3 feet above ground or snow level, enclosed, underwater, or under ice
- Applicable to
  - Kenai Lake Beaches, north and south
  - Kenai Lake Beach, Waikiki

410

## Background

- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
  - Kenai Moose Research Center
  - Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area
  - Since 2023, 50-yard setback around Quartz Creek, Crescent Creek, Russian River, North Cooper Creek, and South Cooper Creek campgrounds. 100-yard setback from the Diamond Creek, Grewingk Glacier, and Grewingk Saddle trails
- Traps may be elevated  $\geq 3$ ft, or enclosed, or submerged under water/ice

411

## Background

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- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies

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Proposal 147 413

**Proposal 147**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake  
Beaches in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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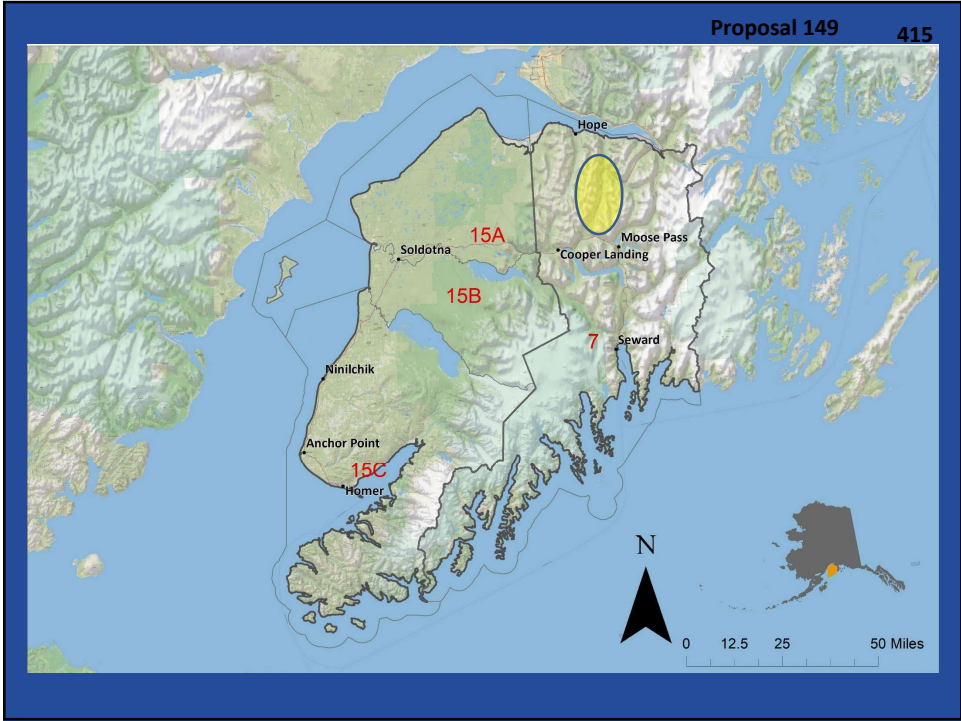
Proposal 149 414

**Proposal 149**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setbacks along Seward  
Highway pullouts, and along winter trails within  
Summit Lake Recreational area in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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Proposal 149 416

## Background

- The proposal describes 100-yard setback from highway pullouts and winter trails, excepting traps that are set at least 3 feet above ground or snow level, enclosed, underwater, or under ice
- Applicable to MP 44-49 of the Seward Highway
  - Japan Woods
  - Tenderfoot Campground
  - Park N Poke
  - Manitoba Mountain

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## Background

- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
  - Kenai Moose Research Center
  - Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area
  - Since 2023, 50-yard setback around Quartz Creek, Crescent Creek, Russian River, North Cooper Creek, and South Cooper Creek campgrounds. 100-yard setback from the Diamond Creek, Grewingk Glacier, and Grewingk Saddle trails
- Traps may be elevated  $\geq 3$ ft, or enclosed, or submerged under water/ice

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## Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are activity encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies

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Proposal 149    419

**Proposal 149**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Establish trapping setbacks along Seward Highway pullouts, and along winter trails within Summit Lake Recreational area in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral** as this proposal is primarily allocative

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**Proposal 148**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Require signs be posted at all access points with active trapping in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
**Neutral**

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## Background

- The proposal would require signs to be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7
- Trapping sign requirements would include
  - Minimum size 8" x 11"
  - Brightly colored (orange or yellow)
  - Waterproof/tear proof
  - Posted at eye level clearly denoting active trapping in the area
  - Must include Alaska Public Safety Information Network (ASPIN) ID number.
- Area-specific state, federal, and municipal trapping restrictions occur throughout Alaska. The department does not maintain a catalog of federal, municipal, or private land restrictions

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## Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are activity encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies
- No anticipated effect on furbearer harvest

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Proposal 148 423

**Proposal 148**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Require signs be posted at all access points with active trapping in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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Proposal 150 424

**Proposal 150**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal :**  
Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7

**Recommendation :**  
Neutral

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## Background

- Would require identification tags be attached to traps and snares in Unit 7
- Identification tags must contain either trappers name, or Alaska Public Safety Information Number (ASPIN)
- In 2007 BOG required Southeast regionwide trap marking requirement and FSB matched state regs
- In 2016 BOG rescinded & FSB followed suit
- Many trappers and organizations post signage to let other users know trapping is active in an area

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## Background

### Pros

- Aid enforcement
- ADFG can contact trappers
- Consistent with some fisheries (e.g., crab and shrimp pot fishing)

### Cons

- Lay person may discover trappers personal information
- Concerns with additional enforcement attention
- Increased cost

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**Proposal 150**  
Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Require identification tags on traps and snares in Unit 7

**Recommendation:**  
Neutral

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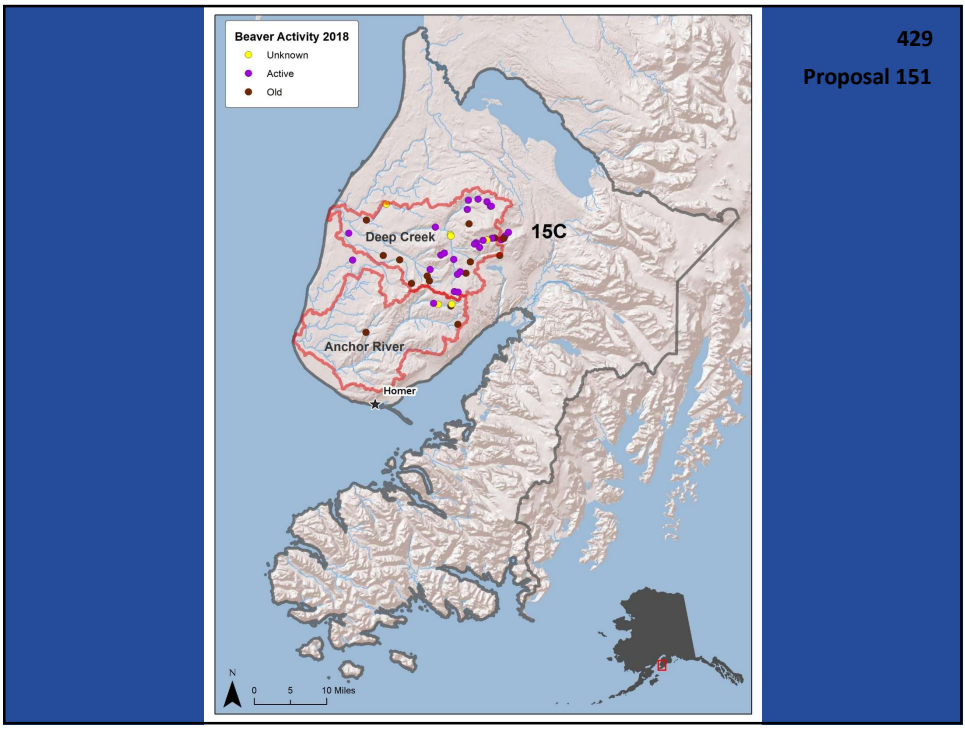
Proposal 151 428

**Proposal 151**  
Homer Advisory Committee

**Effect of Proposal:**  
Close beaver trapping within Deep Creek and Anchor River drainages in Unit 15C for five years

**Recommendation:**  
Opposed

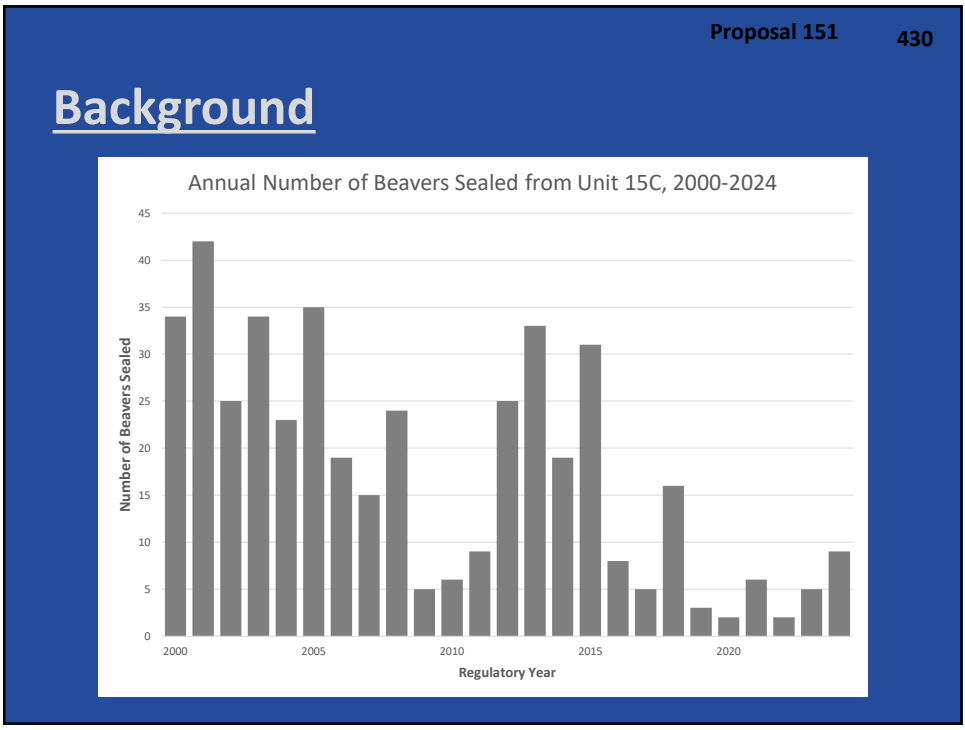
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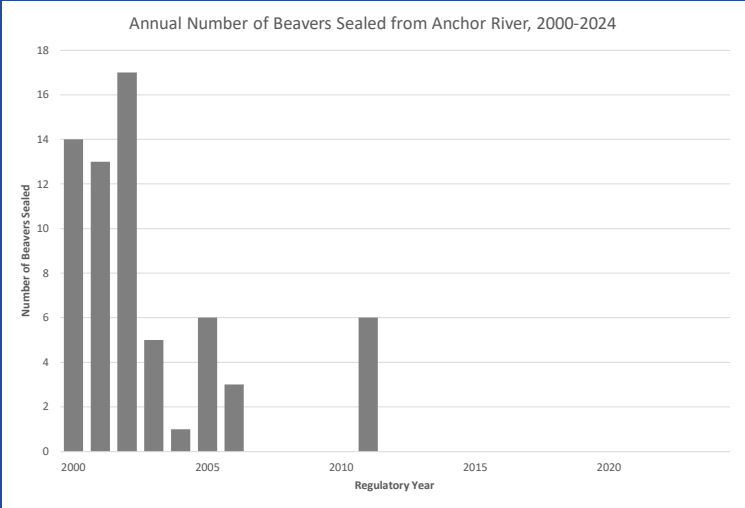
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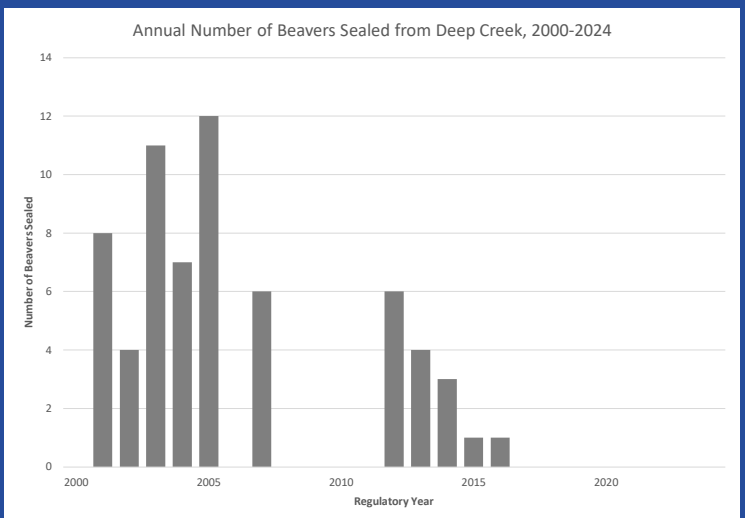
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**Proposal 151**  
Homer Advisory Committee

**Effect of Proposal :**  
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**Recommendation :**  
Opposed

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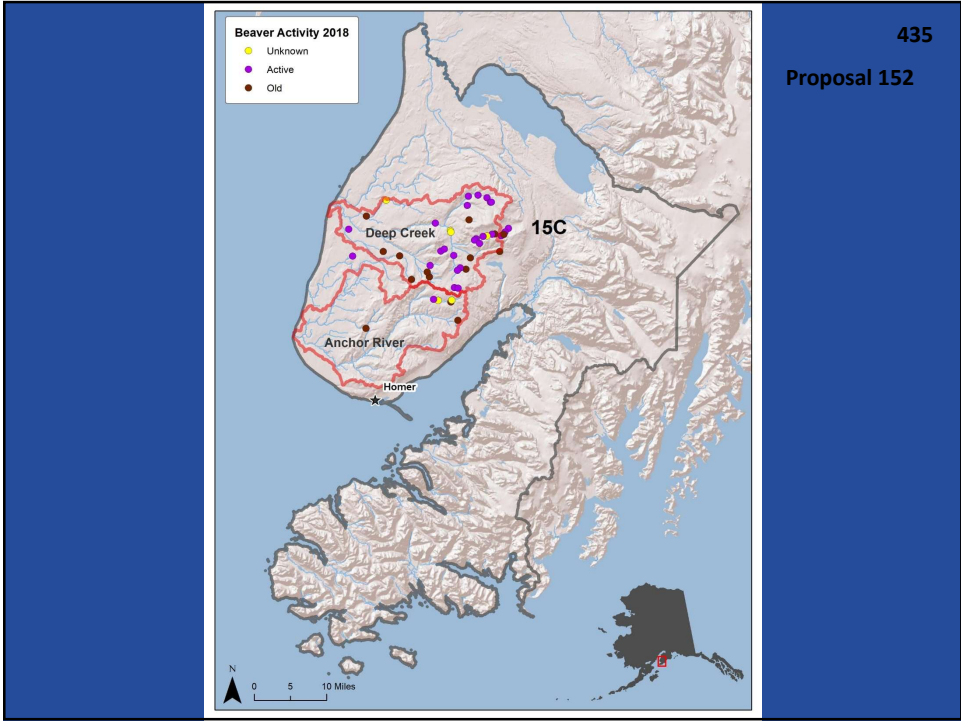
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**Proposal 152**  
Public proposal

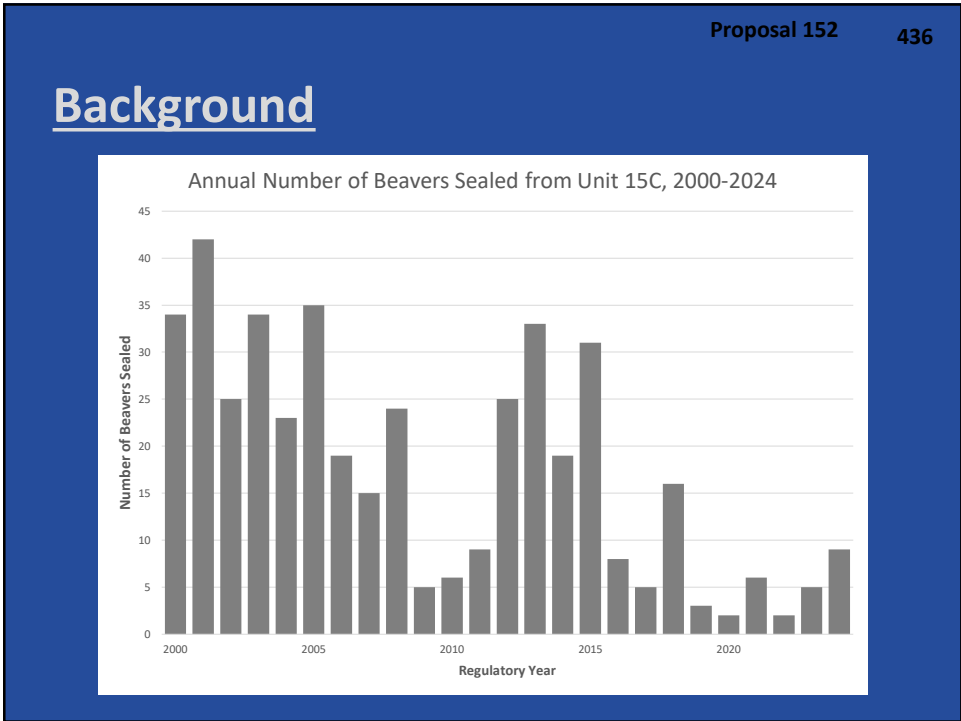
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Close beaver trapping within the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C for five years

**Recommendation :**  
Opposed

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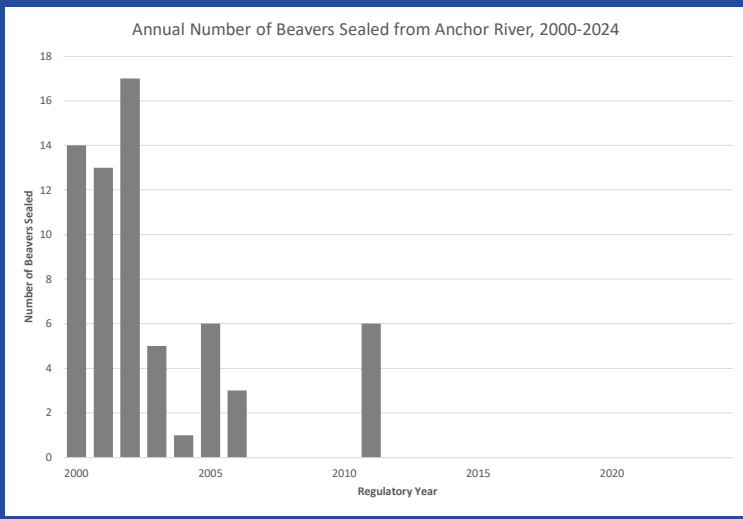


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# Background



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## Proposal 152

Public proposal

### Effect of Proposal :

Close beaver trapping within the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C, for at least five years

### Recommendation :

Opposed

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# Proposal 153

Public proposal

## Effect of Proposal :

Close beaver trapping within the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C

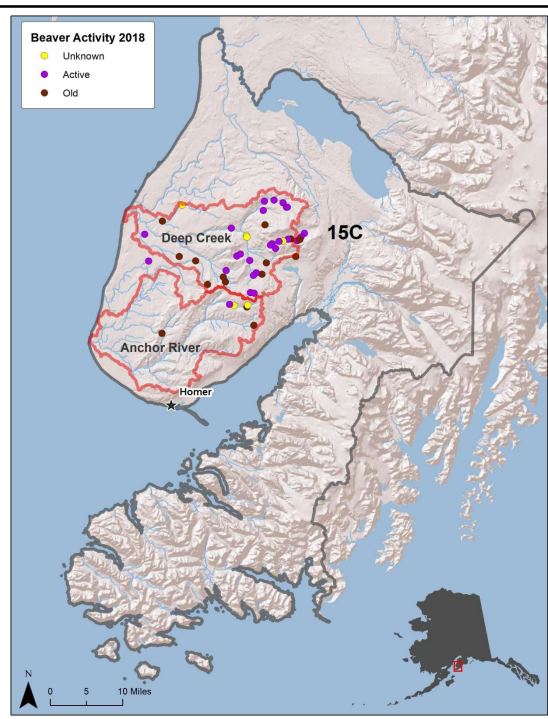
## Recommendation :

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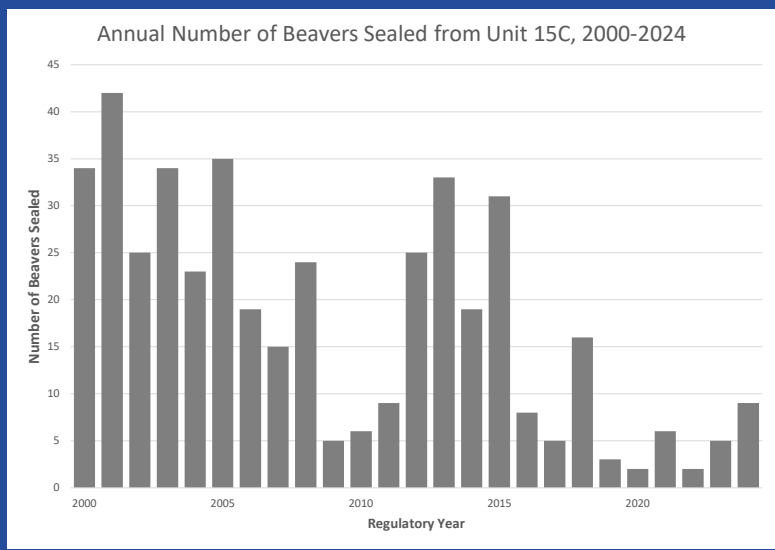
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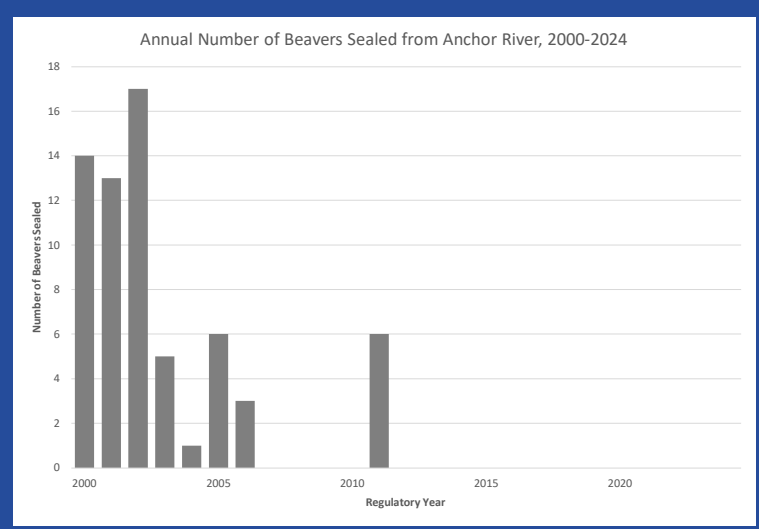
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Proposal 153 443

**Proposal 153**  
 Public proposal

**Effect of Proposal:**  
 Close beaver trapping within the Anchor River drainage in Unit 15C

**Recommendation:**  
 Opposed


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**Proposal 154** Sea duck harvest

**RESCIND BAG LIMIT RESTRICTIONS FOR SEA DUCKS FOR IN UNITS 7 AND 15, INCLUDING 15C**


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**Public Proposal**  
**Department Position: Neutral**




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|   | <b>Proposal 154</b> | <b>Sea duck harvest</b> |
| <b>CURRENT REGULATIONS</b>   |                     |                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(B) Sea Ducks                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units 7 and 15                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents: 10 per day, 20 in possession except no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession may be harlequin ducks or 1 per day, 2 in possession may be long-tailed ducks</li> <li>Nonresidents: 8 per day, 20 in possession and no more than 1 per day, 2 in possession may be long-tailed ducks; and except no more than 4 each of any sea duck species per season; and no more than 20 sea ducks of any species per season</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unit 15C                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents/nonresidents: no more than 2 per day, 4 in possession may be harlequin ducks and 1 per day, 2 in possession may be eiders</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Positive C&amp;T use finding for migratory game birds in portions of 15C, but no ANS; <i>other portions of Unit 7 and 15 are within the Anc-MatSu-Kenai NSA</i></li> </ul> |                     |                         |
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|   | <b>Proposal 154</b> | <b>Sea duck harvest</b> |
| <b>PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES</b>   |                     |                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Align the special sea duck regulations in Unit 15C with the remainder Units in the Gulf Coast Hunt Zone by rescinding the reduced bag and possession limits for harlequin ducks and eiders</li> <li>• Remove the reduced bag limit for long-tailed ducks in Units 7 and 15</li> <li>• Gulf Coast Hunt Zone remainder Units (5, 6, 9, 14 and 16) —                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents: 10 per day, 20 in possession, no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession may be harlequin ducks or long-tailed ducks</li> <li>Nonresidents: 8 per day, 20 in possession, no more than 4 each of any sea duck species, and no more than 20 sea ducks per season</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                     |                         |
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**Proposal 154** **Sea duck harvest**

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**STATEWIDE SCALE OF MANAGEMENT**

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Alaska  
Migratory Bird  
Hunting Zones  
and  
Game  
Management  
Units

In 1999 —

- Residents: 10 per day
- Nonresidents: 20 per season, and no more than 4 per species

In 2001 —

- Residents: no more than 6 each of harlequin ducks or long-tailed ducks

In 2010 and 2023 —

- Units 7, 15 and 15C: restrictive bag limits for harlequin ducks, long-tailed ducks, and eiders

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**ANNUAL RANGE**

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**Long-tailed duck**

**Harlequin duck**


**King eider**

**Common eider**

Common Eider - Pacific race

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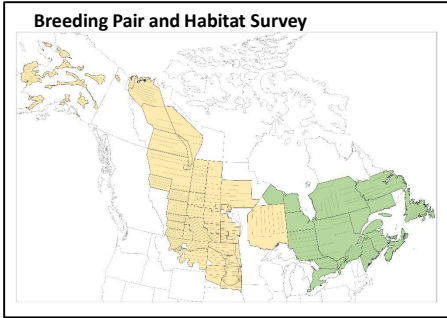
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## SEA DUCK POPULATION SURVEYS IN ALASKA

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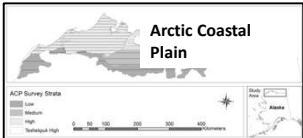
**Continental/Statewide Survey**

**Breeding Pair and Habitat Survey**

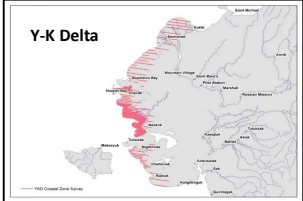


**Regional Surveys**

**Arctic Coastal Plain**




**Y-K Delta**



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## NATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST SURVEY


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*3 components to estimate annual harvest and hunter activity*

1. HIP registration questionnaire provides sampling framework
2. Diary Survey of hunter harvest – provides harvest estimates of species groups (e.g., sea ducks)
3. Parts Collection Survey – allows calculation of species-and age-specific harvest estimates

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 **Proposal 154**
**Sea duck harvest**


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### STATEWIDE MONITORING

- Long-term average population indices in Alaska:  
 Eiders: ~30,000; -4%; 1.2% — 3%    Long-tailed ducks: ~100,000; -1% — -8%  
 Harlequin ducks: no survey information; 0.5%
- Long-term average annual harvest in Alaska:  
 Eiders: ~250                                  Long-tailed ducks: ~800  
 Harlequin ducks: ~1,600
- The department lacks consistent population and harvest information for Units 7 and 15
- Some population data for a small portion of Unit 15C

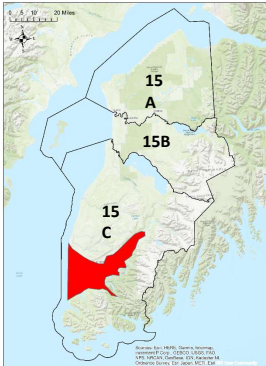
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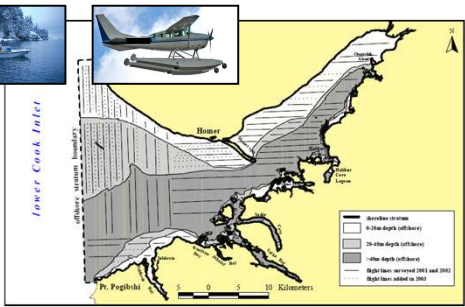
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**Sea duck harvest**

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### KACHEMAK BAY SURVEY: 1999-2003, 2012-14, 2018-19



Offshore – USFWS aerial survey transects  
 Nearshore – ADFG boat survey

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**Sea duck harvest**

## KACHEMAK BAY POPULATION TRENDS

**Harlequin Duck Abundance Index**

Average Annual Change in Index = 1.17%  
95% Credible Interval for Change Rate = -0.24 to 2.01

**Long-tailed Duck Abundance Index**

Average Annual Change in Index = -0.33%  
95% Credible Interval for Change Rate = -2.29 to 1.59

- Survey observations of king and common eiders were insufficient to reliably calculate trends in abundance indices
  - KIEI – infrequent observations at ~3 ducks per year
  - COEI – infrequent observations at ~80 ducks per year

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**Proposal 154**

**Sea duck harvest**

## CONSIDERATIONS

- Sea duck monitoring and management is largely at the statewide level
- Sea ducks have large ranges and are harvested at relatively low levels
- The department has no practical means of monitoring populations or harvest at small geographic scales that may inform localized regulatory decisions
- We lack the information to assess the impact of regulatory adjustments at the local scale but unlikely to have population level effects

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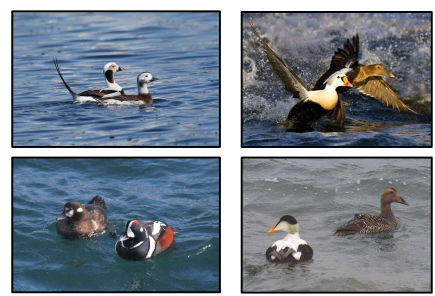
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**Public Proposal**  
**Department Position: Neutral**



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