

Proposal 198

Unit 8/deer

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Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

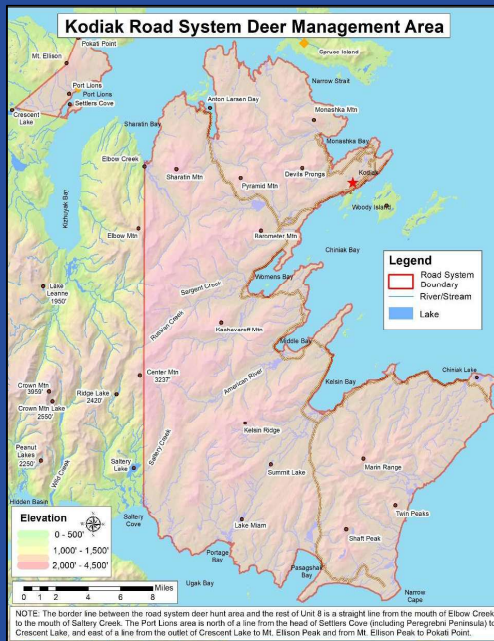
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**Game Management Unit 8
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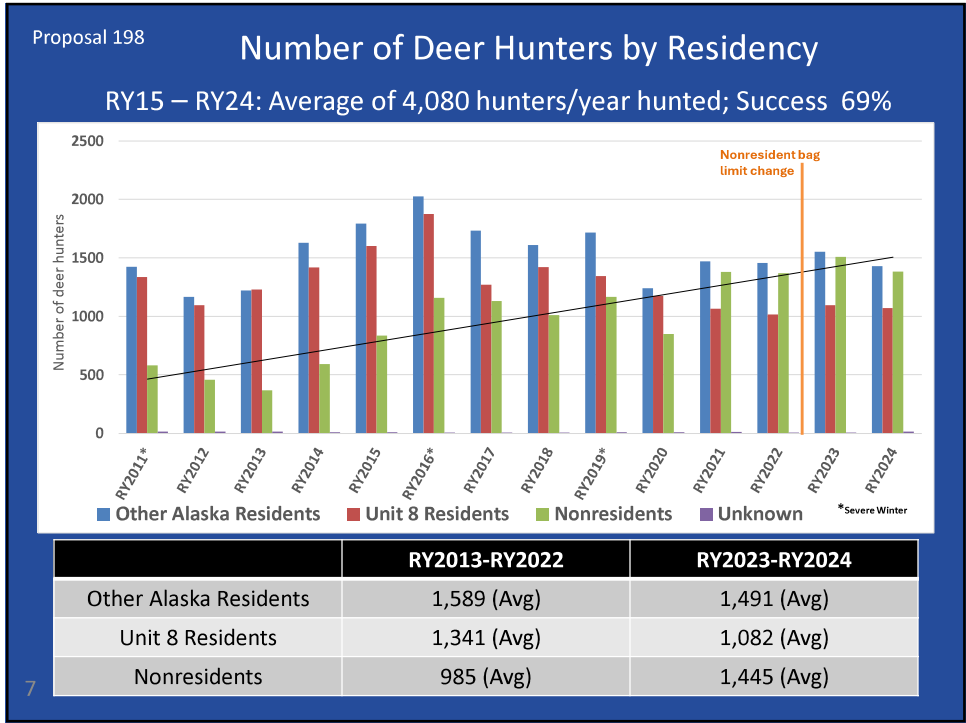
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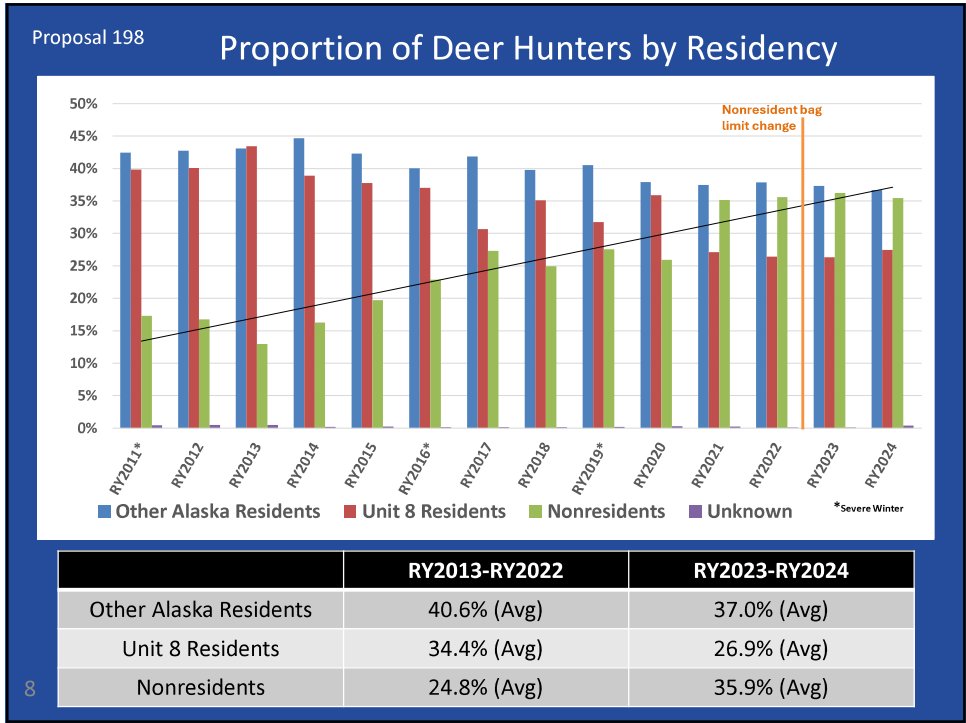
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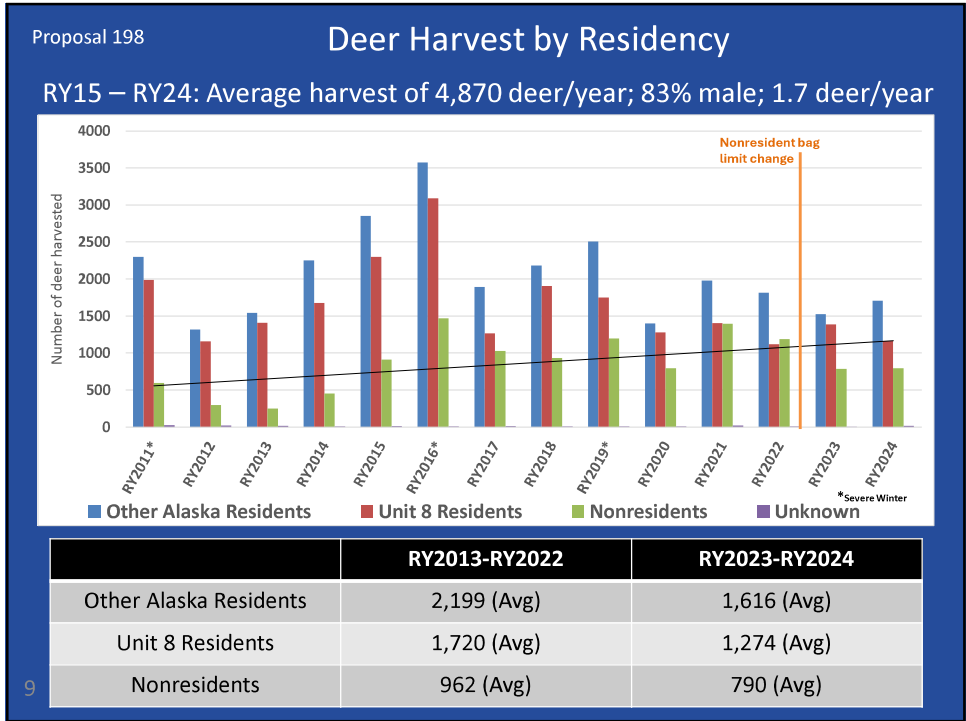
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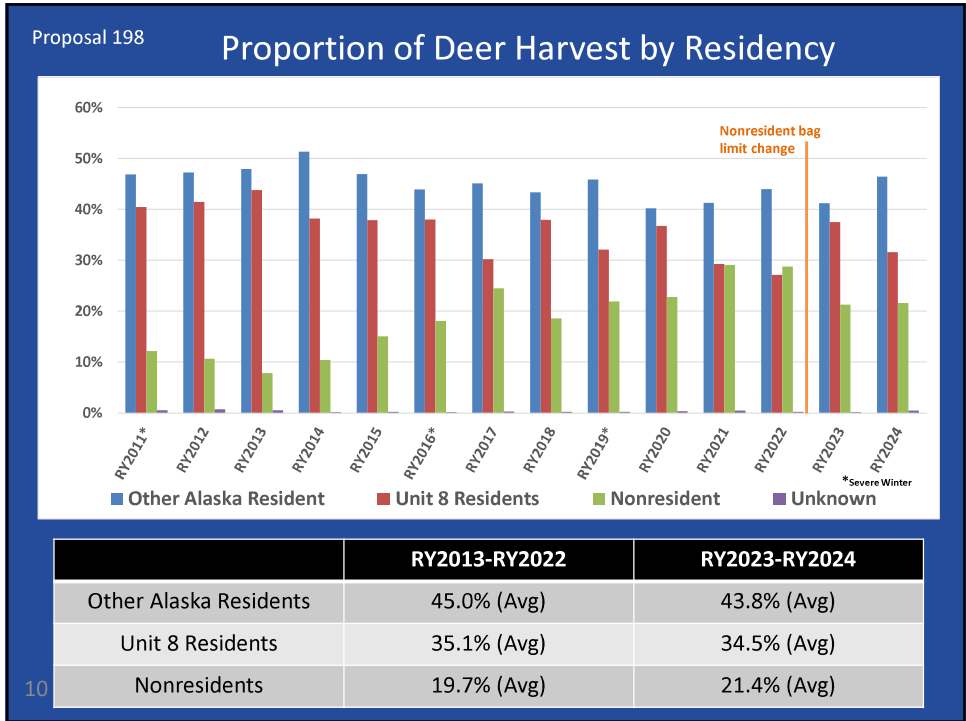
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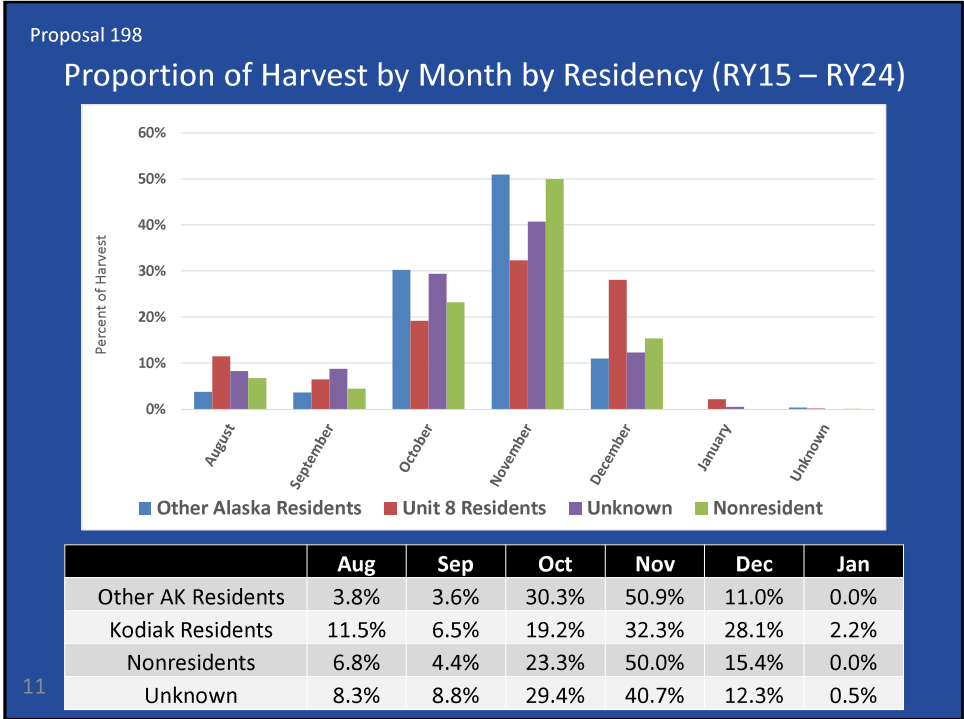
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Summary:

- NR compose 36% of deer hunters annually; ~71% are successful = ~790 deer/year
- 15.4% of NR harvest occurs in December = ~167 deer
- NR participation and harvest fluctuates with weather and deer population forecasts
- A shorter NR season will have minimal impact on overall population

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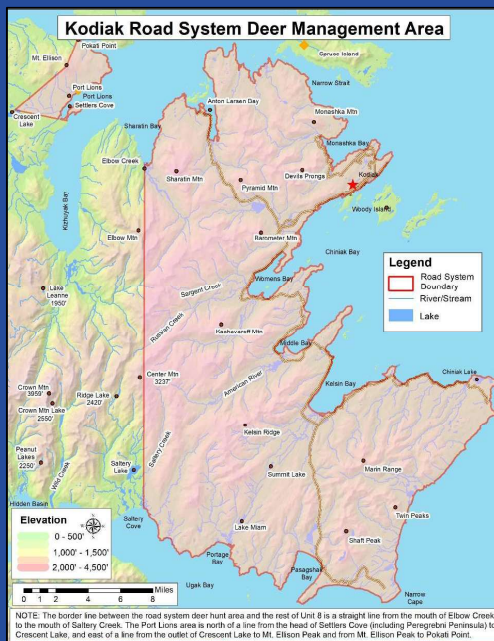
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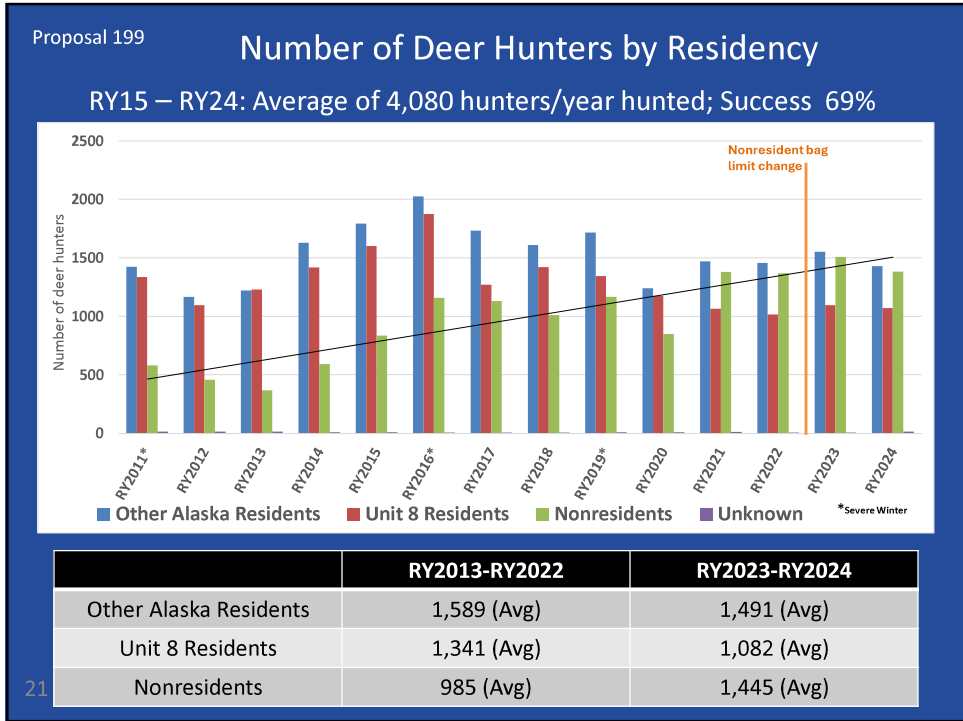
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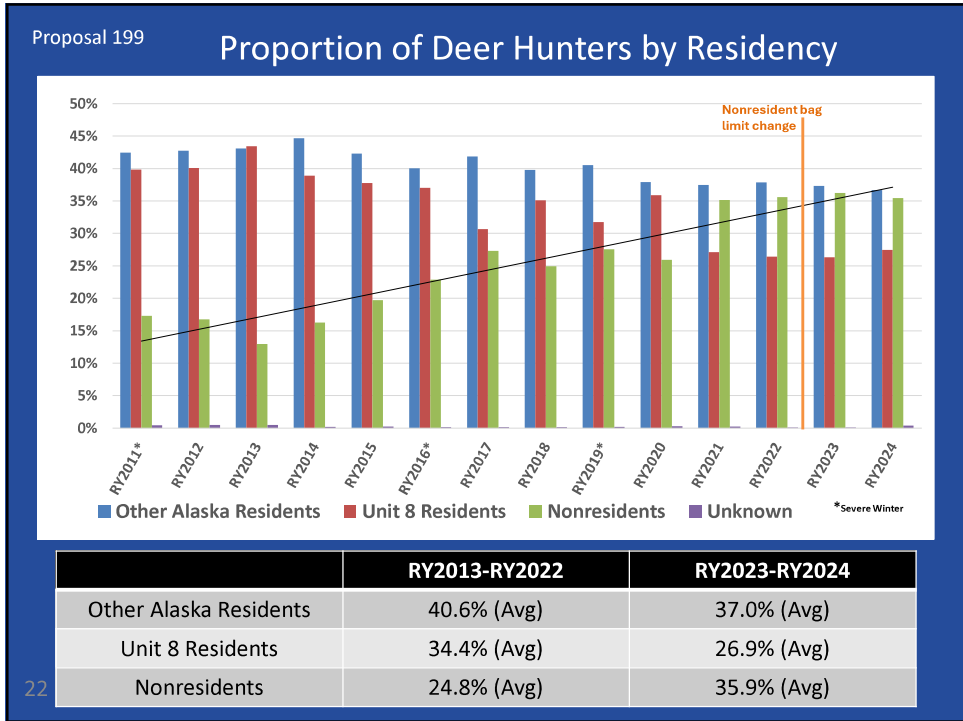
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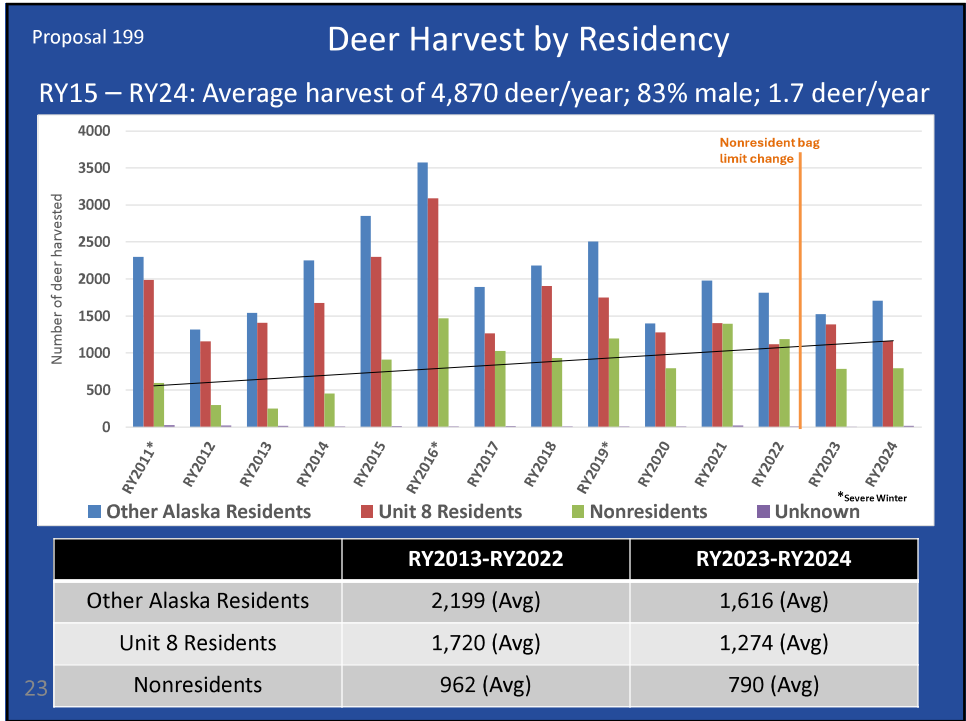
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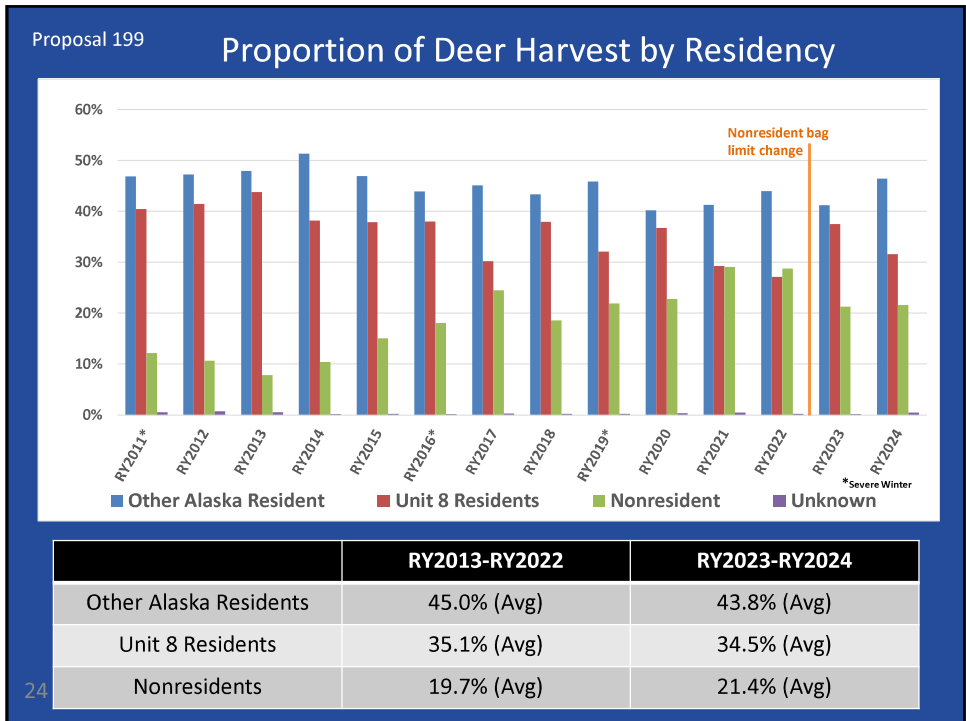


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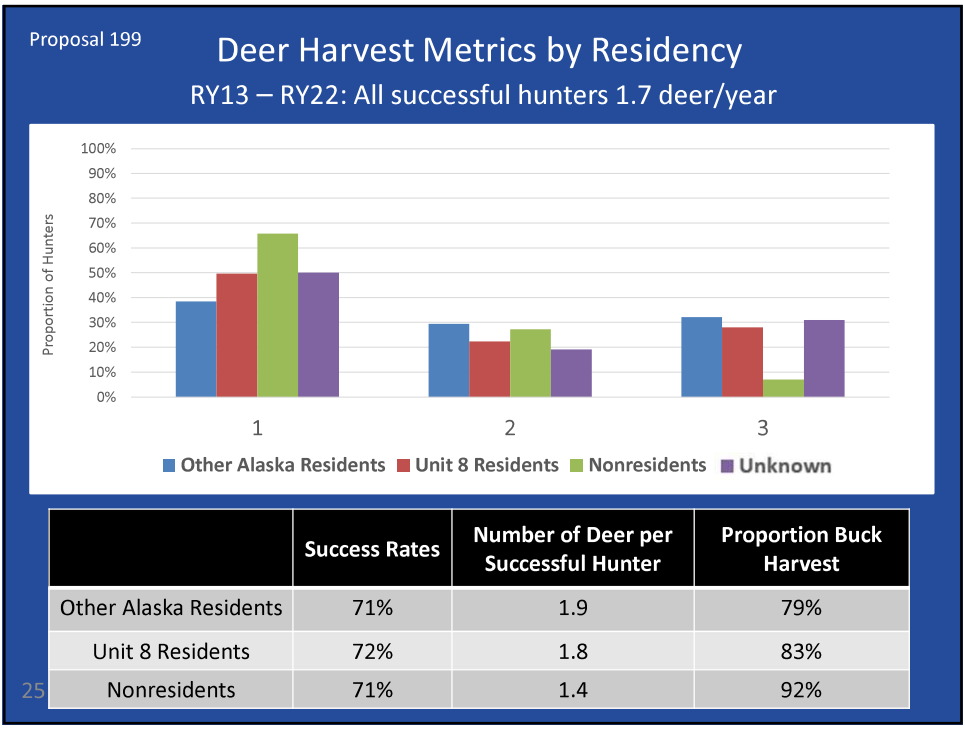
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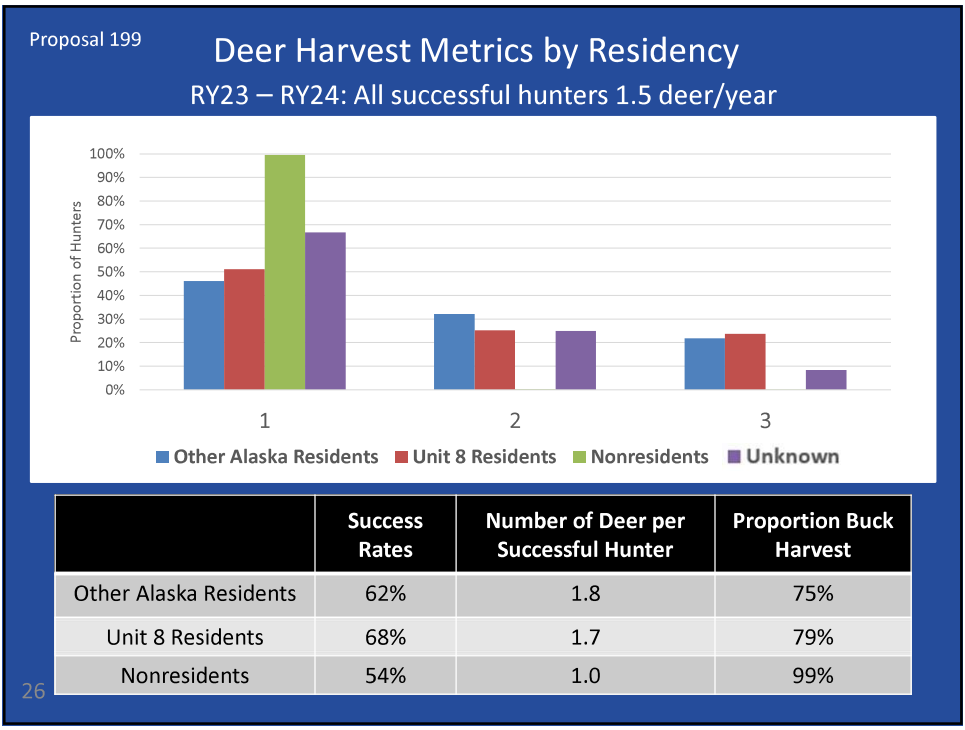
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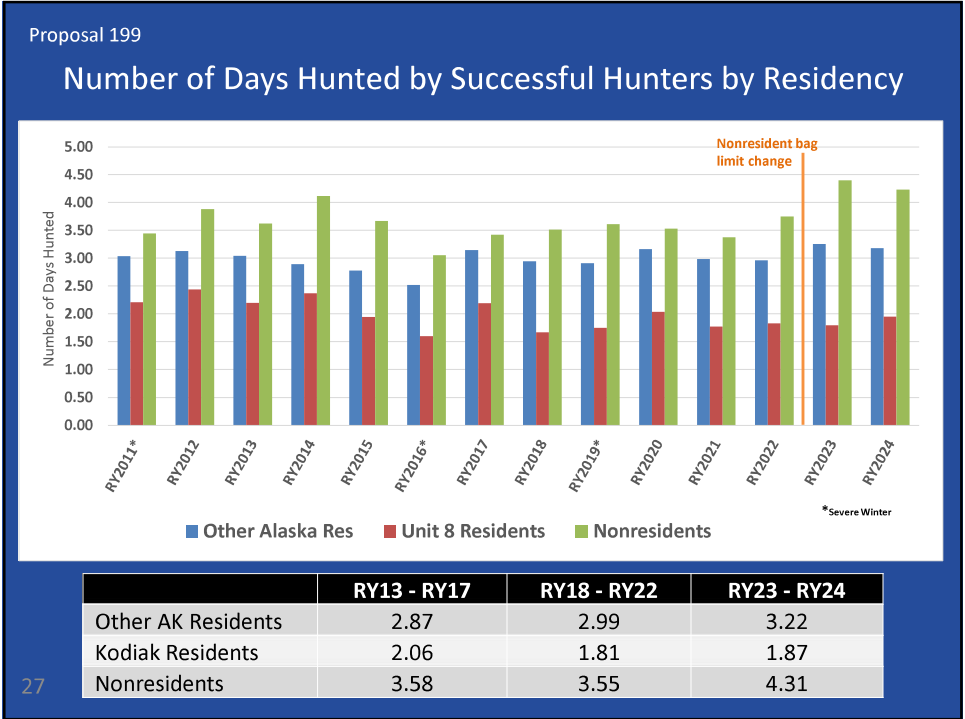
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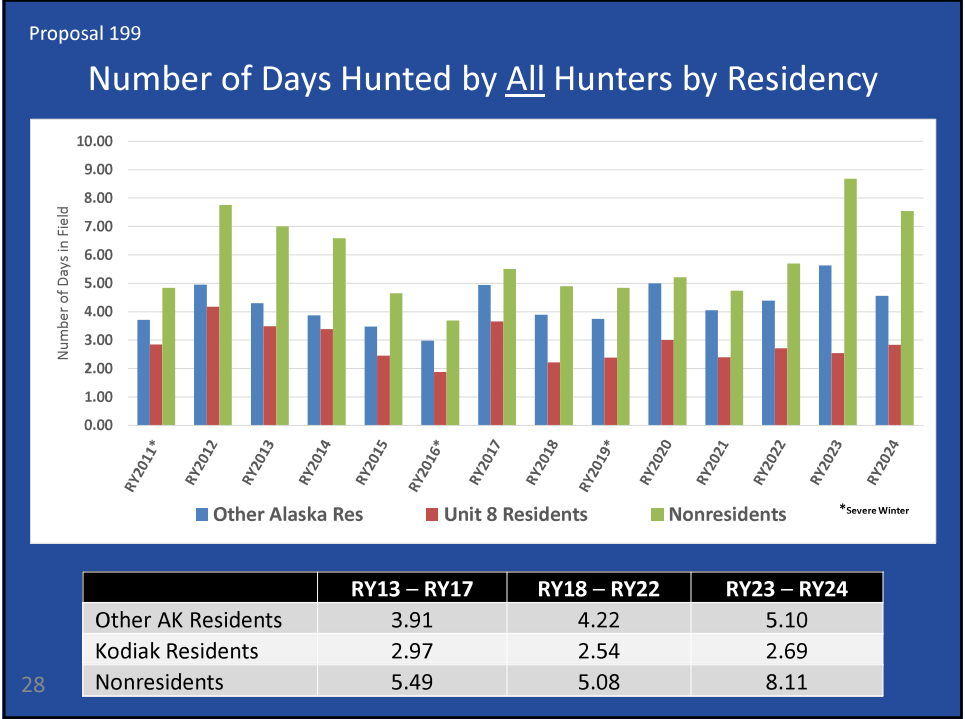


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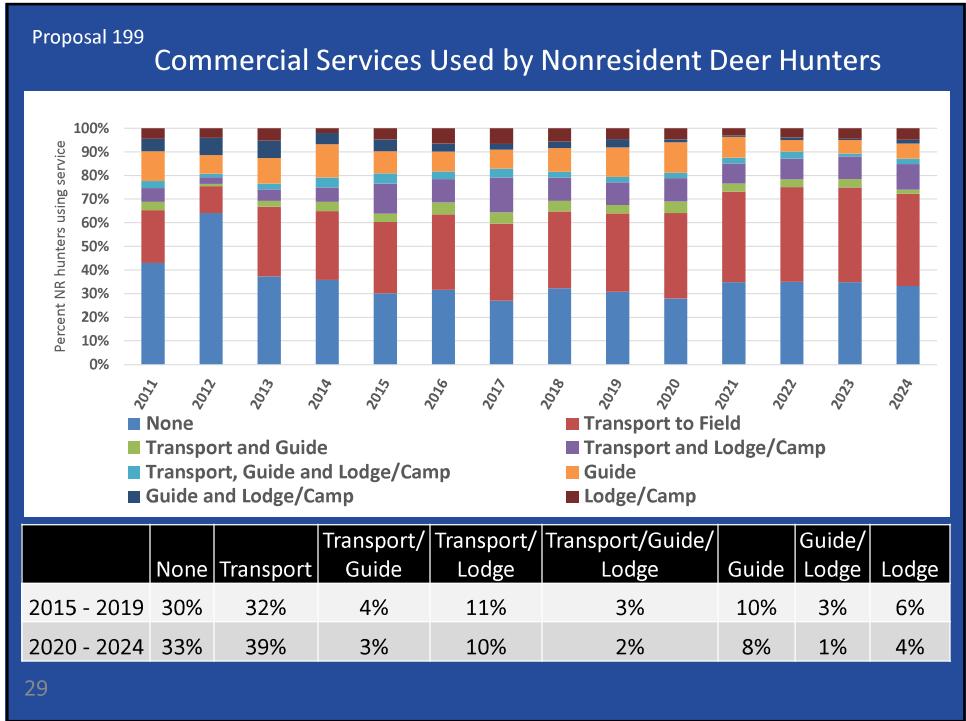
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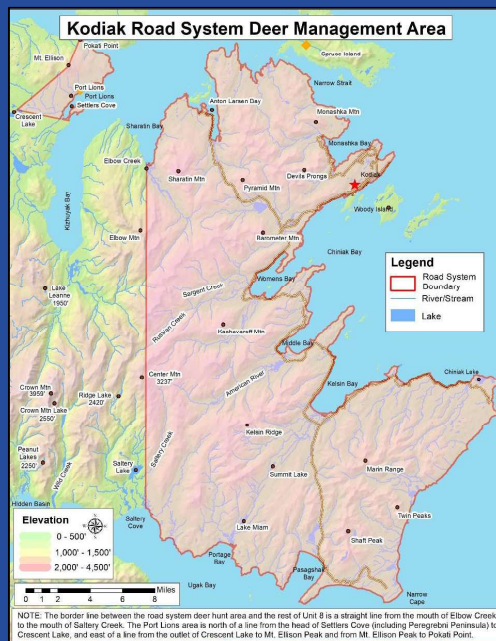
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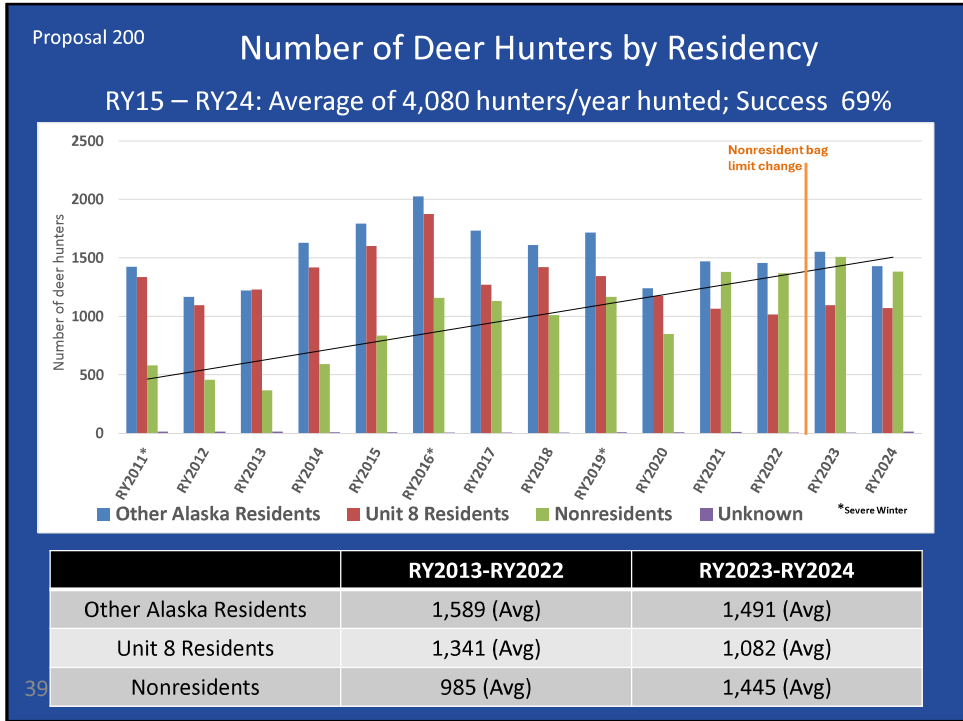
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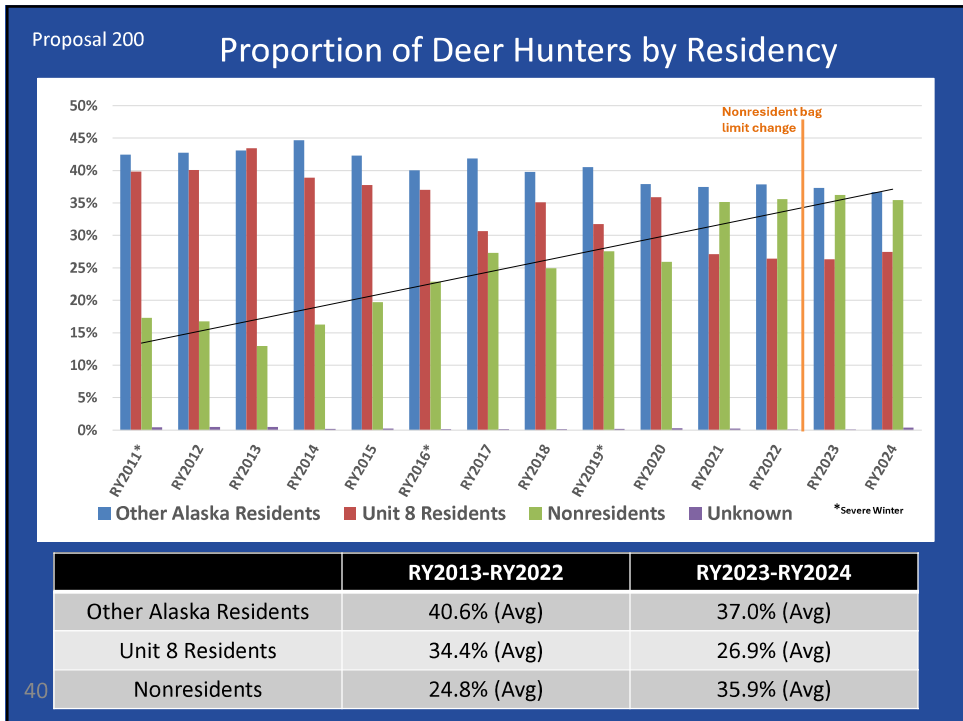
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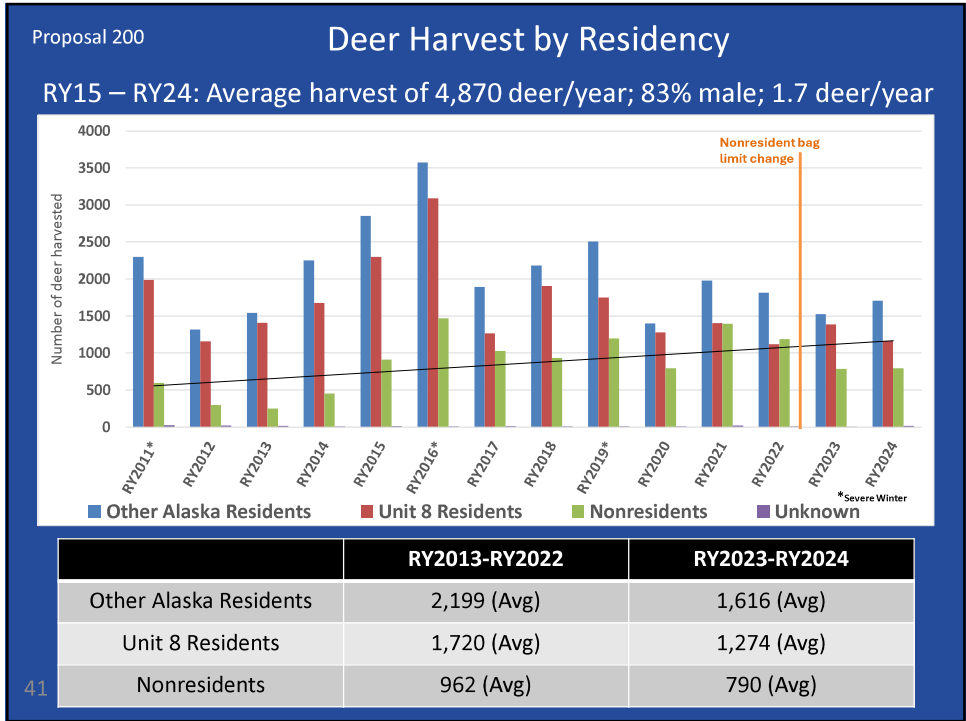
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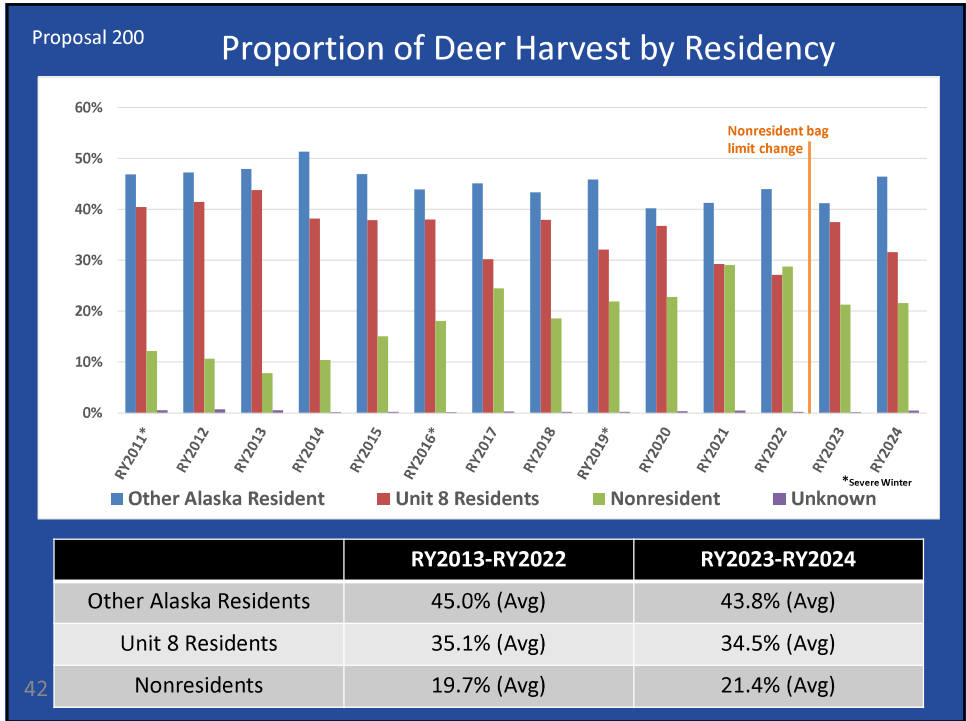
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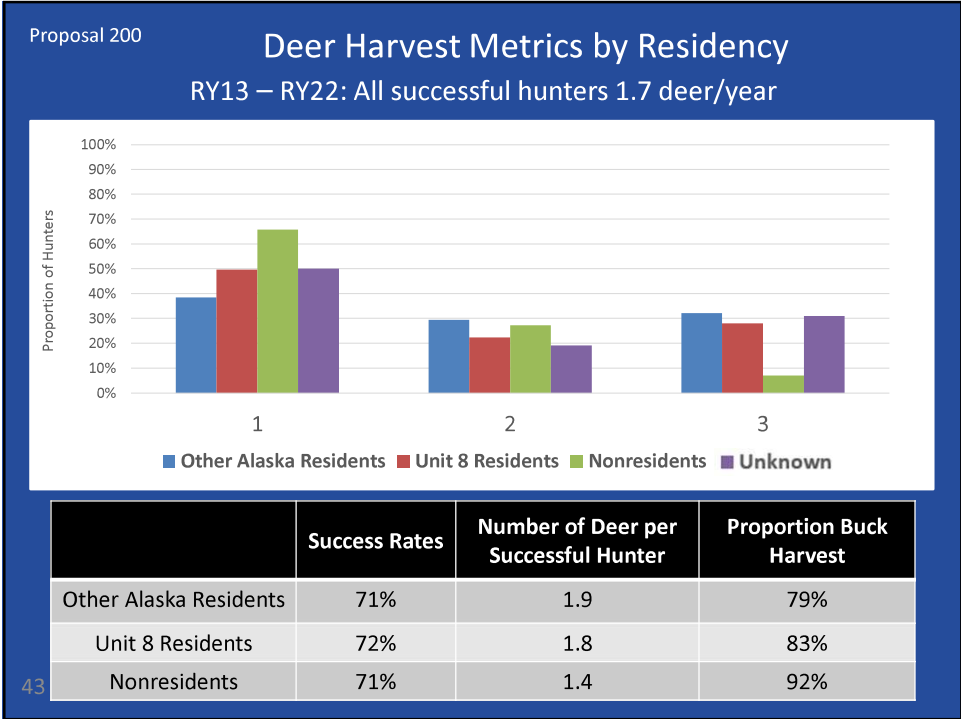
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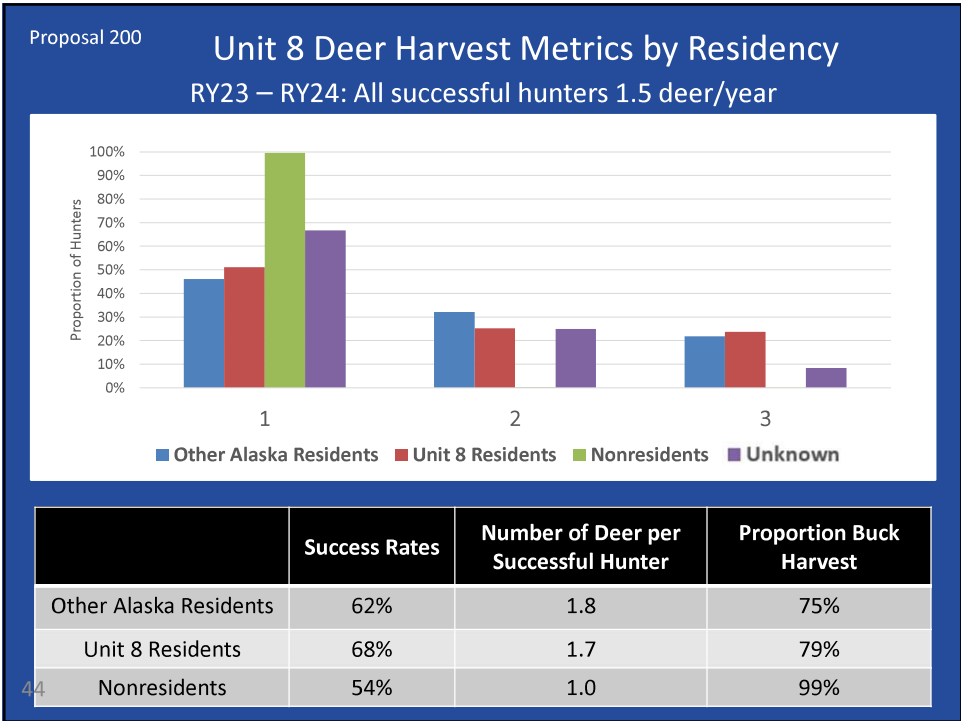
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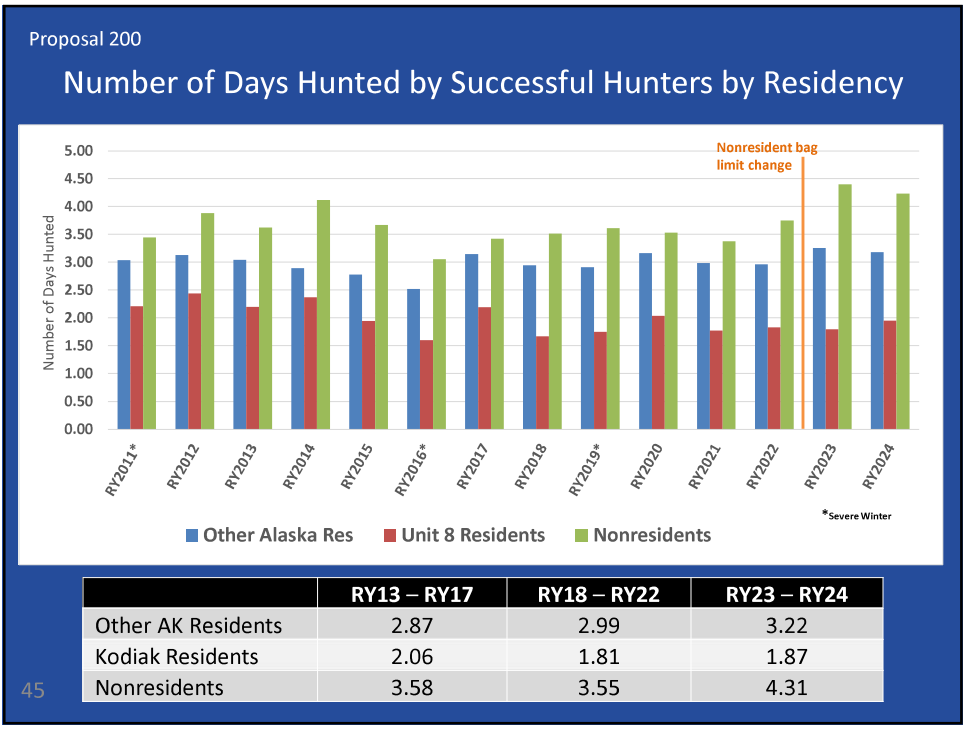
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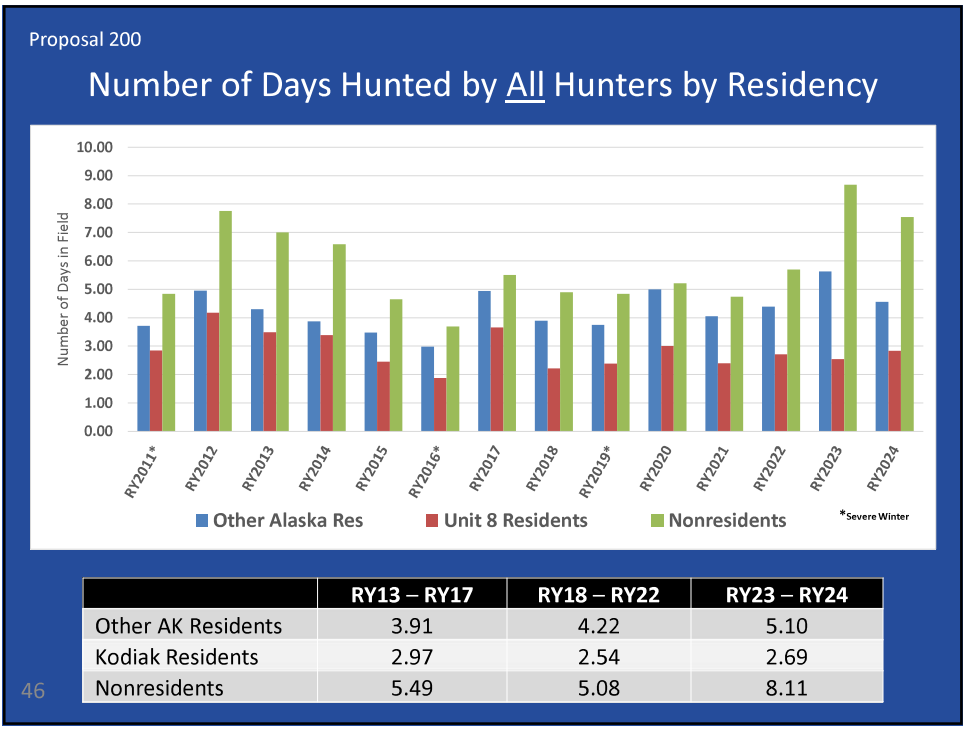
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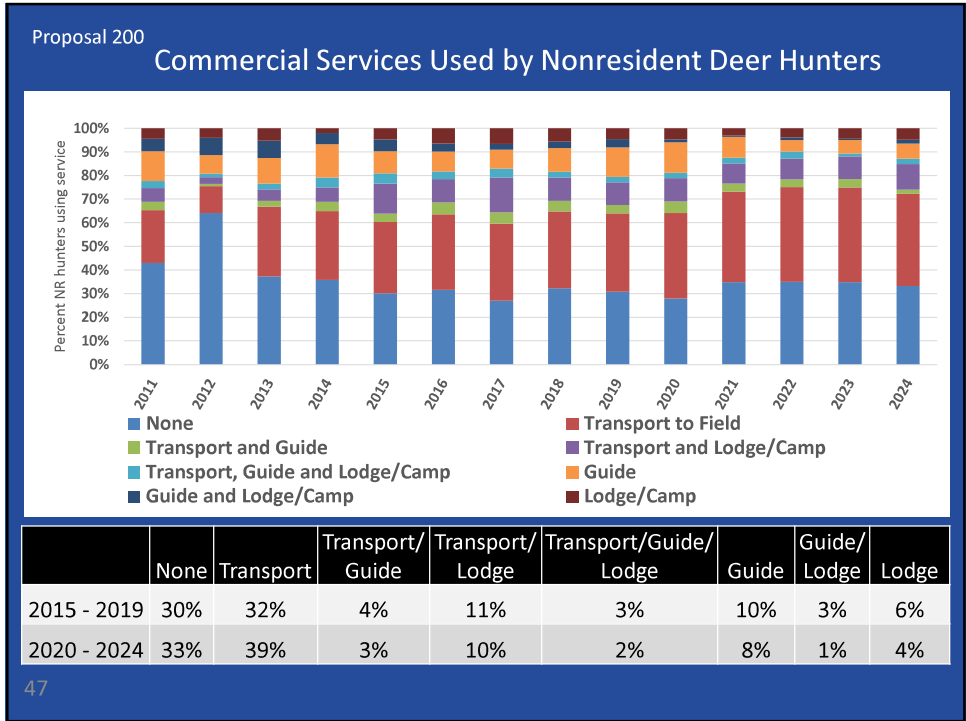
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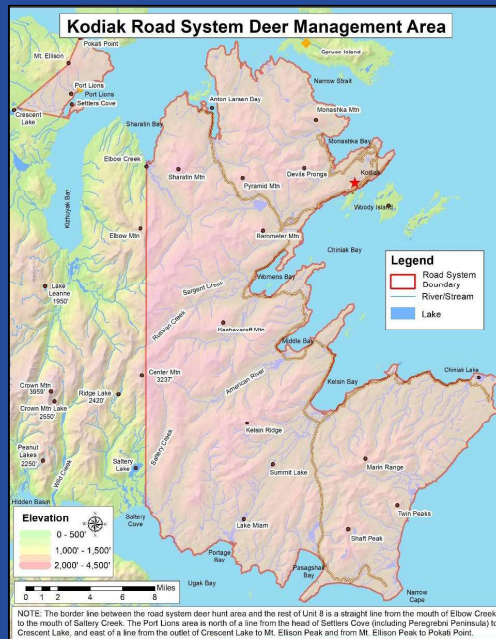
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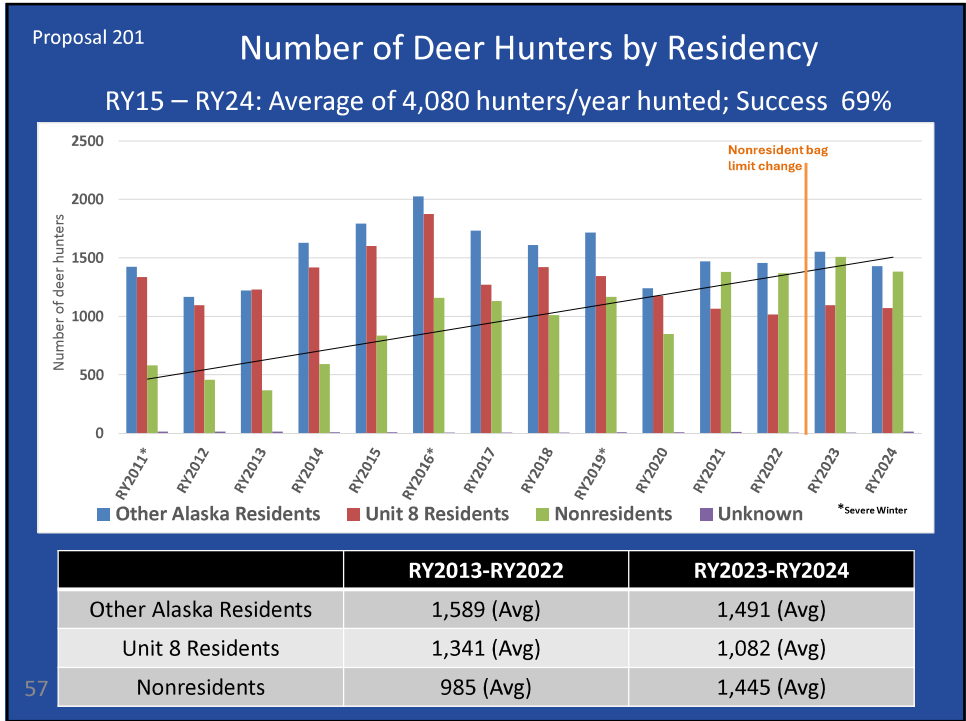
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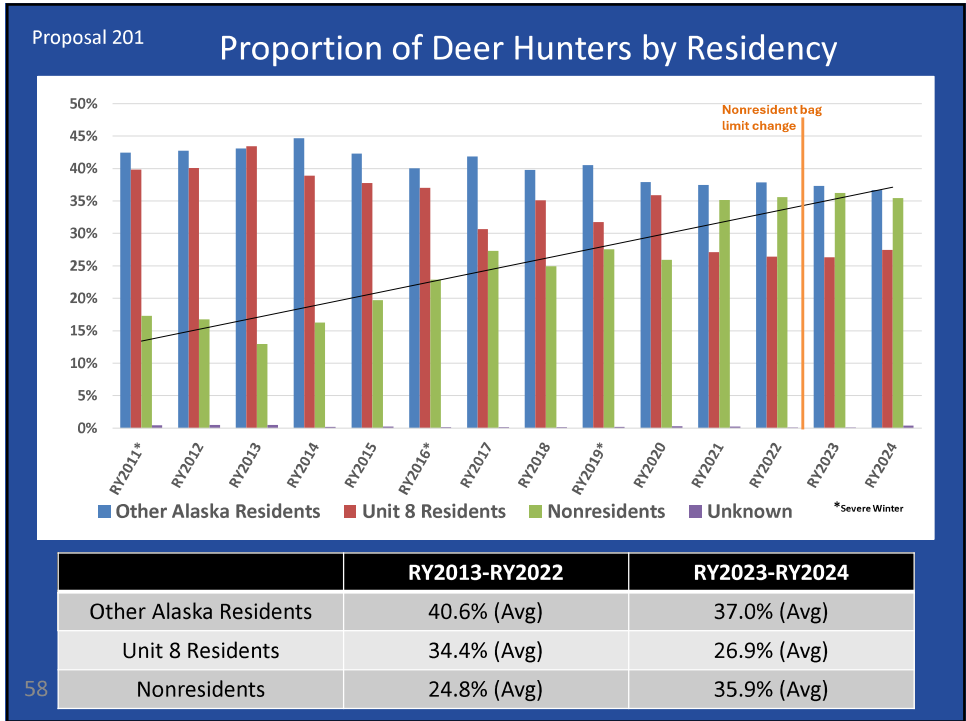
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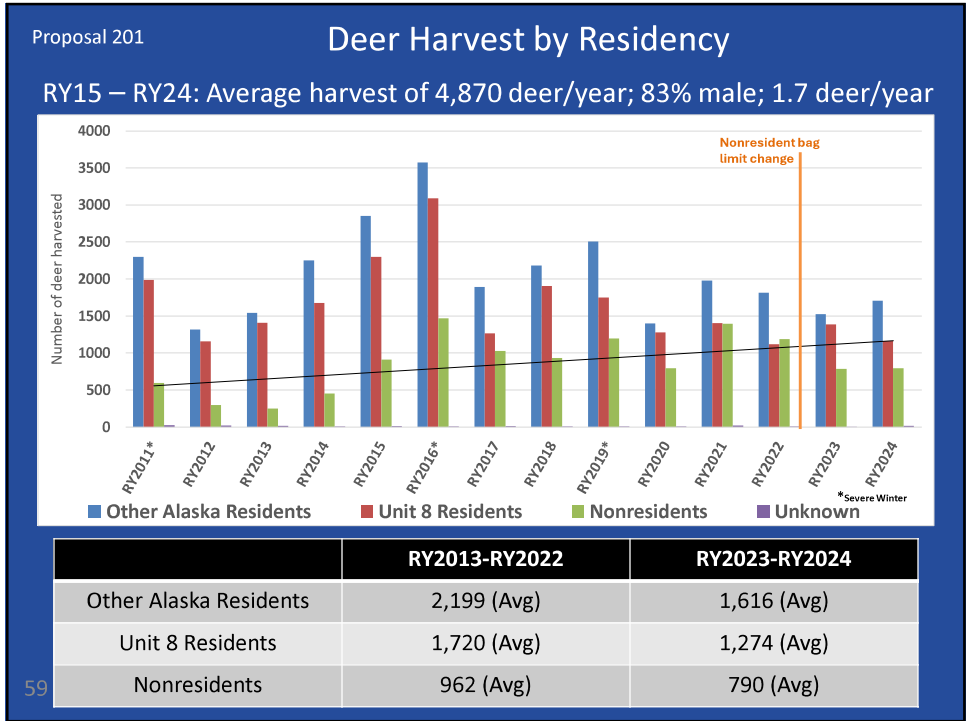
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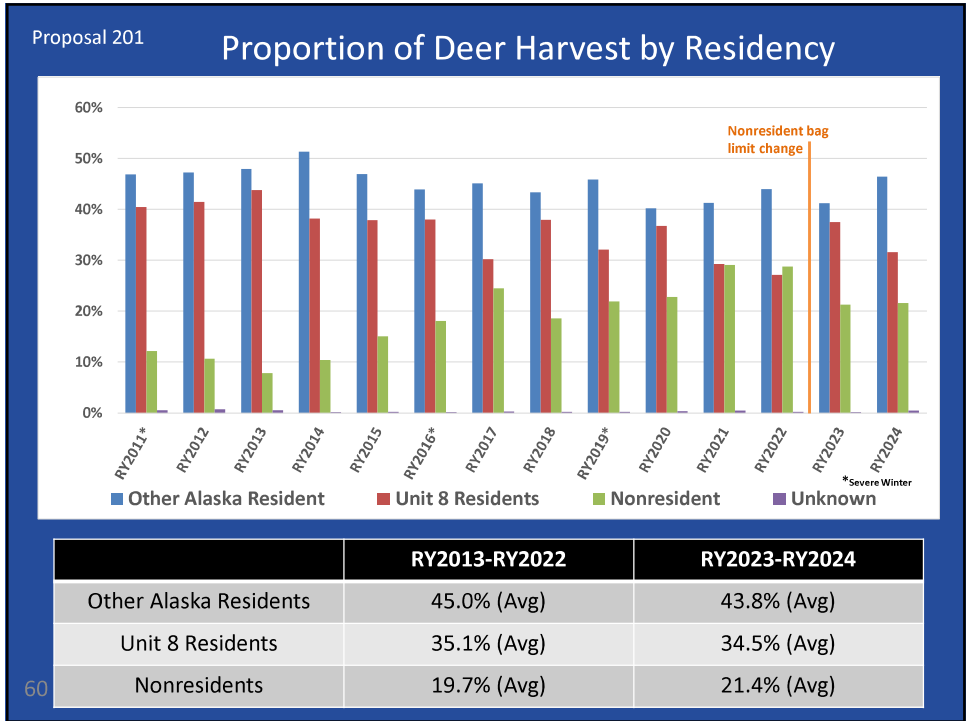
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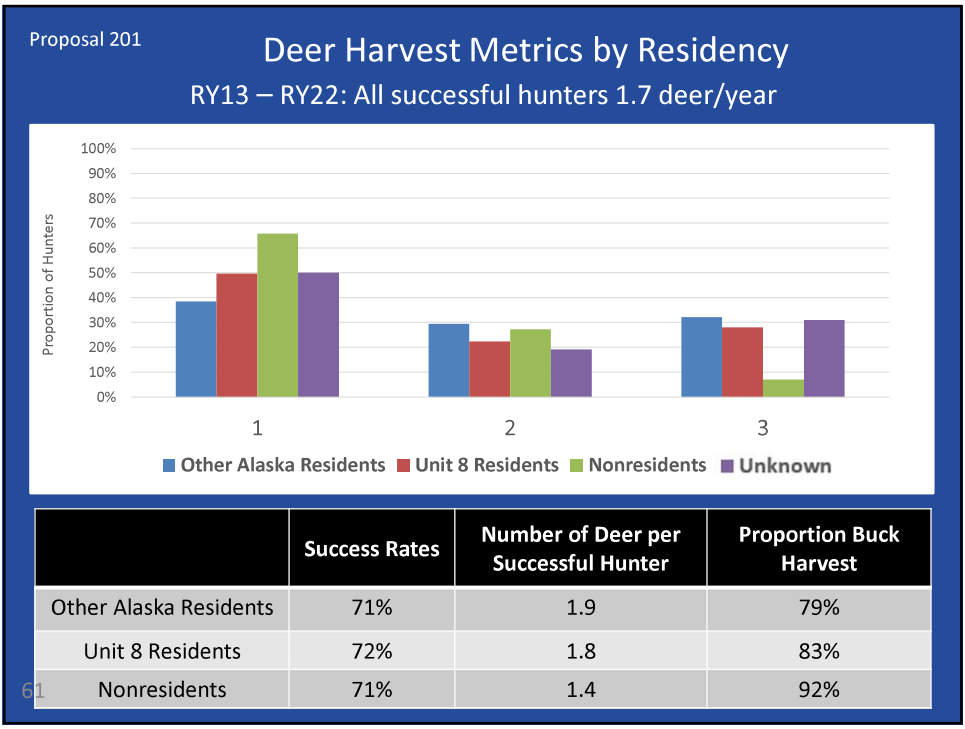
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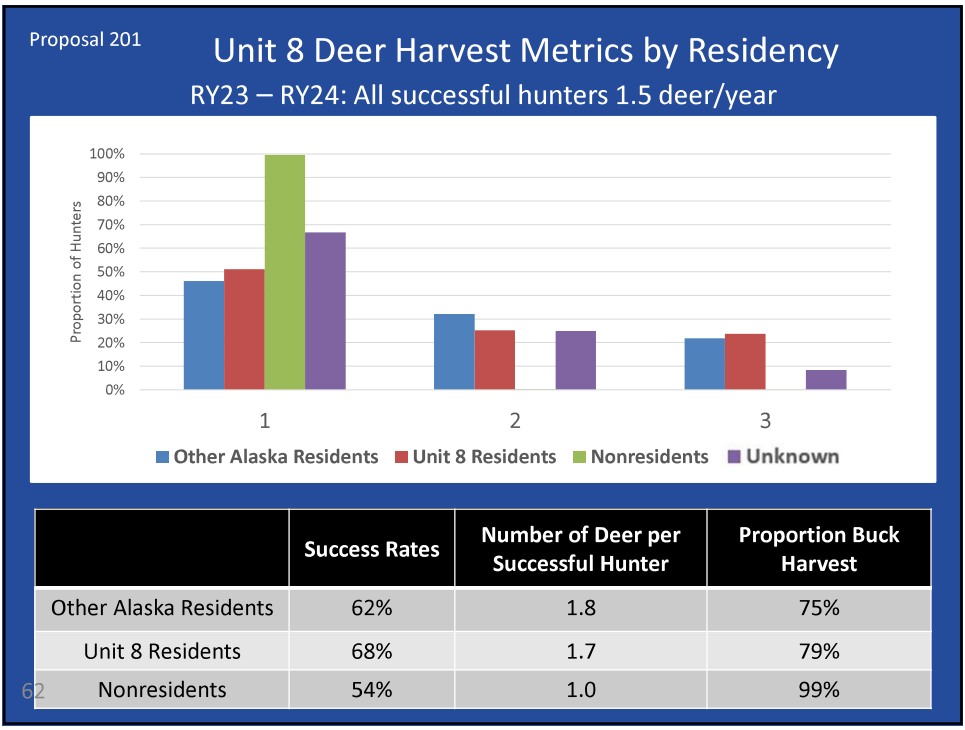


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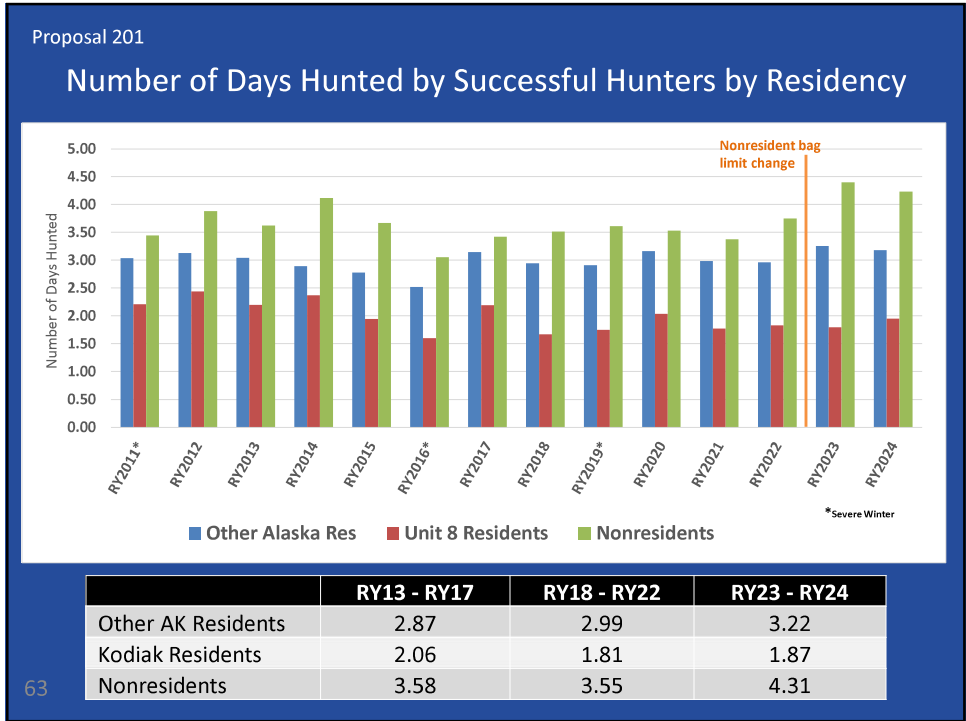
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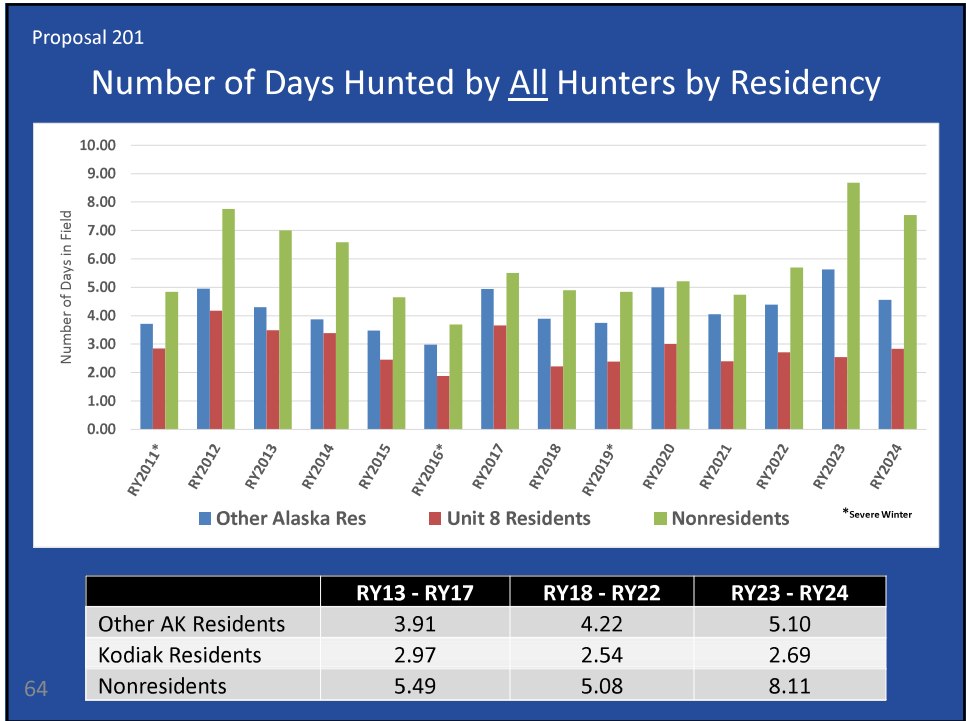


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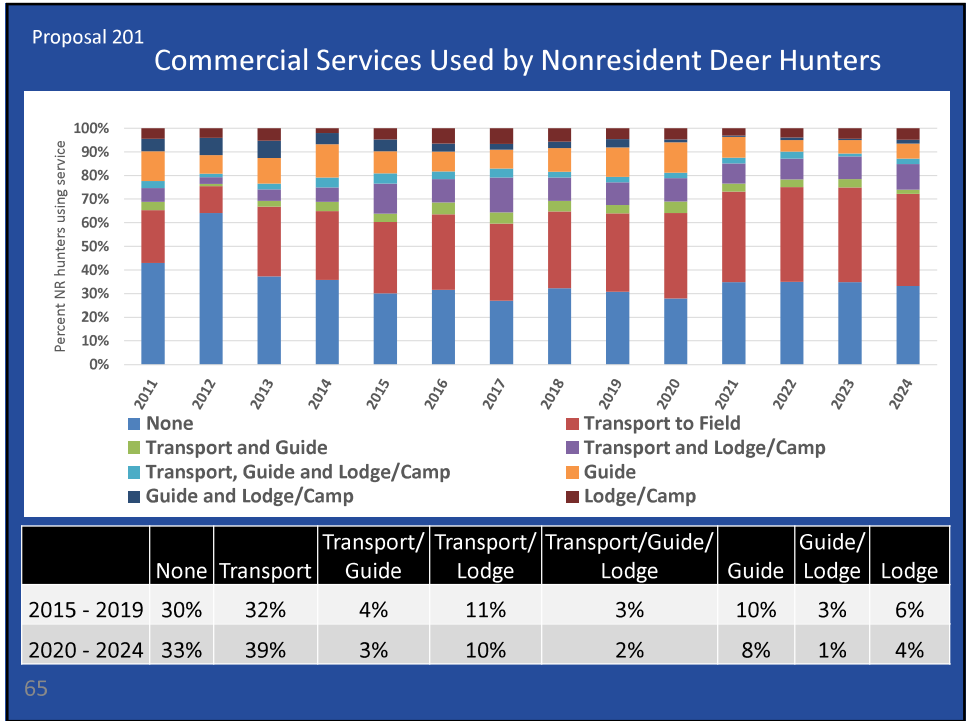
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Proposal 201
Considerations:

- Winter severity; primary factor influencing deer abundance
- Harvest is not major limiting factor at the population level
- Proportion of NR hunters has increased compared to Kodiak and other AK residents
- NR hunters make up 36% of the deer hunters in Unit 8; Kodiak residents (27%); other Alaska residents (37%)
- NR hunters take 21% of the deer harvest; 35% for Kodiak residents; 44% for other AK residents

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Proposal 201

- AK residents take 1.8 deer/year; NR average 1.0 deer/year
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- NR hunters spent 3+ more days in the field following the reduction in the NR bag limit
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Proposal 201

Unit 8/deer

Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 2 bucks

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal seeks to increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 2 bucks.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 203

Unit 8/deer

Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 3 deer

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal seeks to increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 3 deer total

Department Recommendation: Neutral

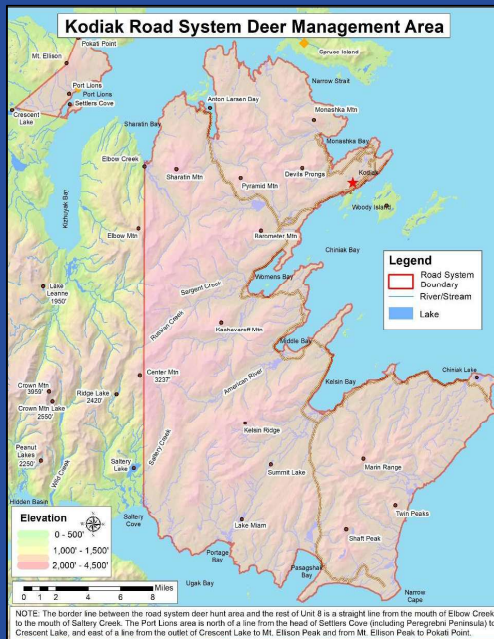
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Proposal 203

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Road System
 - Residents & Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Oct. 31
 - 1 buck only
 - Any weapon
 - Nov. 1 – Nov. 14
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader
 - Nov. 16 – Dec. 31
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Youth Hunt
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader



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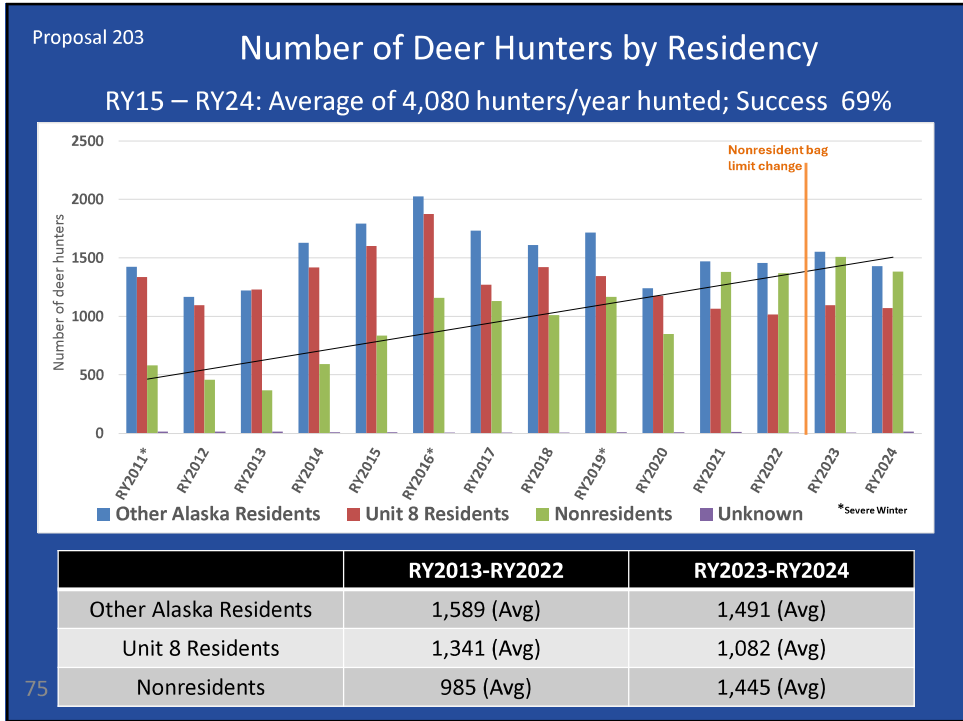
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Proposal 203	Proposed Regulation	
Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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(6) Unit 8, that portion of Kodiak Island north of a ...		
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Remainder of Unit 8		
RESIDENT HUNTERS		
3 deer; however, only bucks may be taken before Oct. 1	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS		
3 deer		Aug. 1 - Dec. 31
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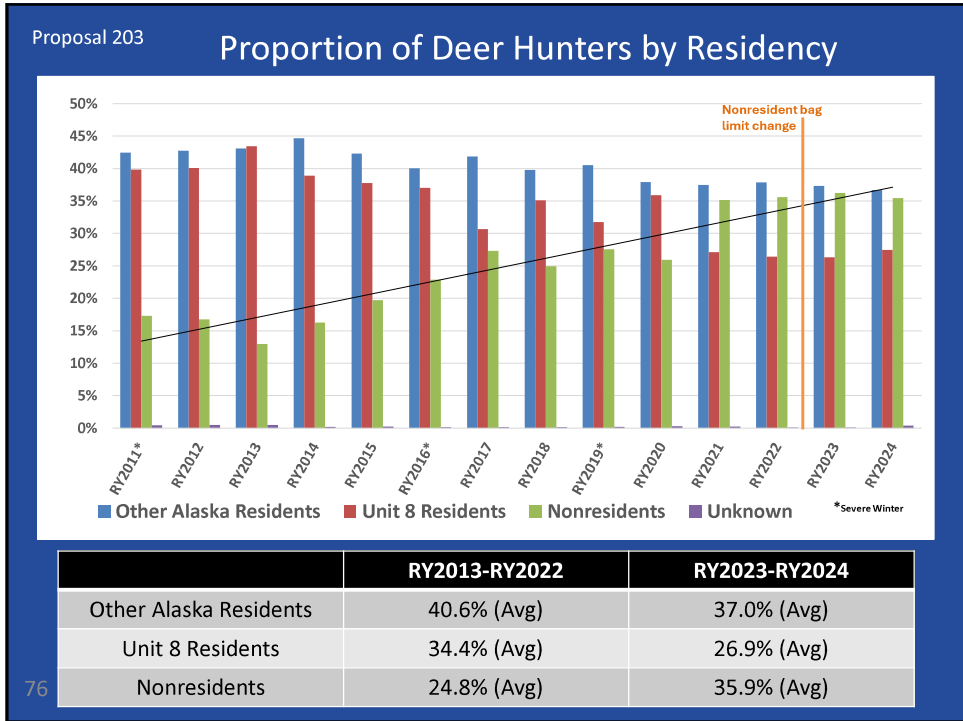
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Proposal 203
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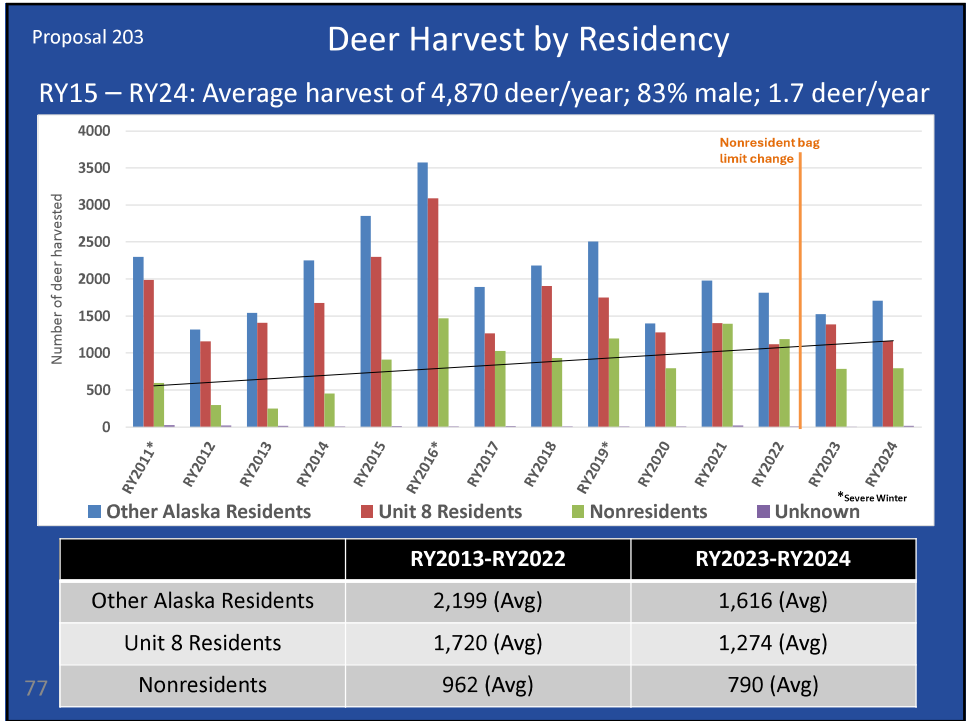
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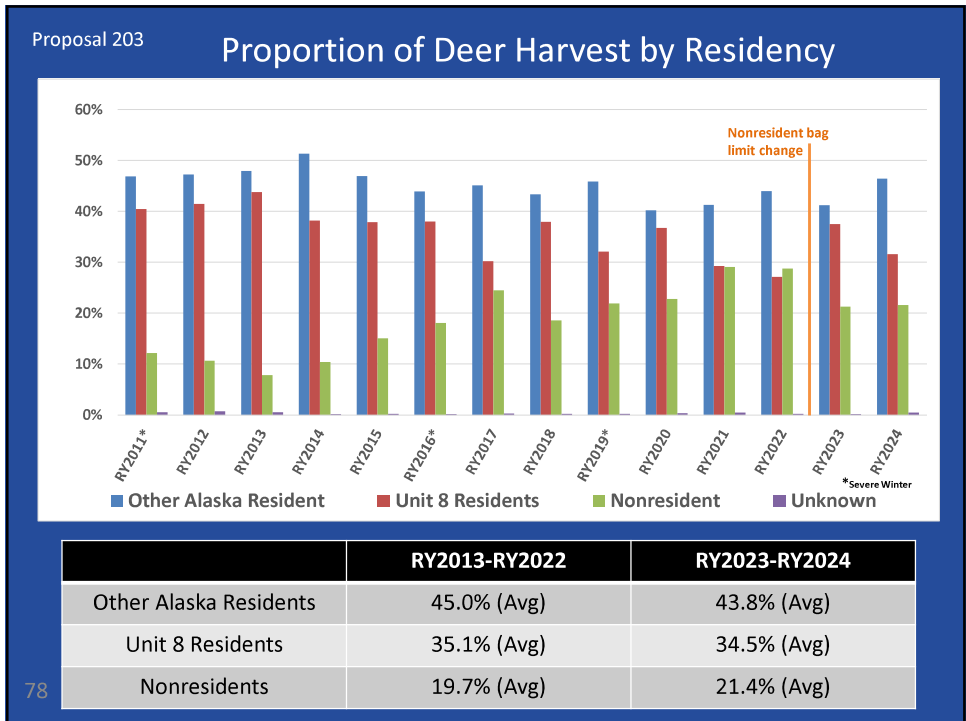
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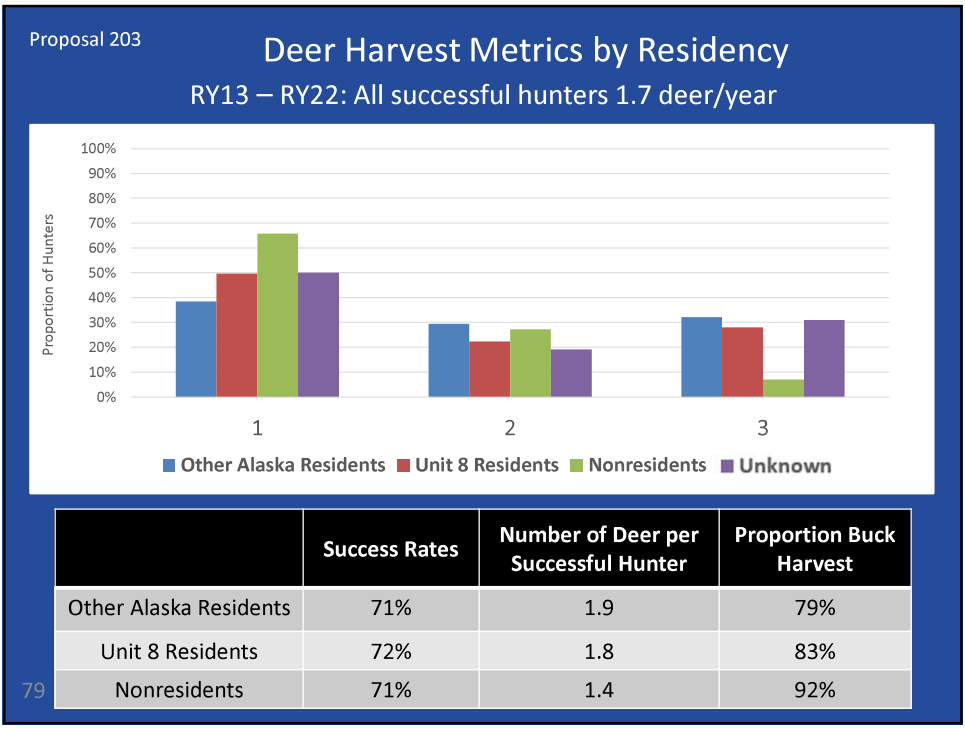
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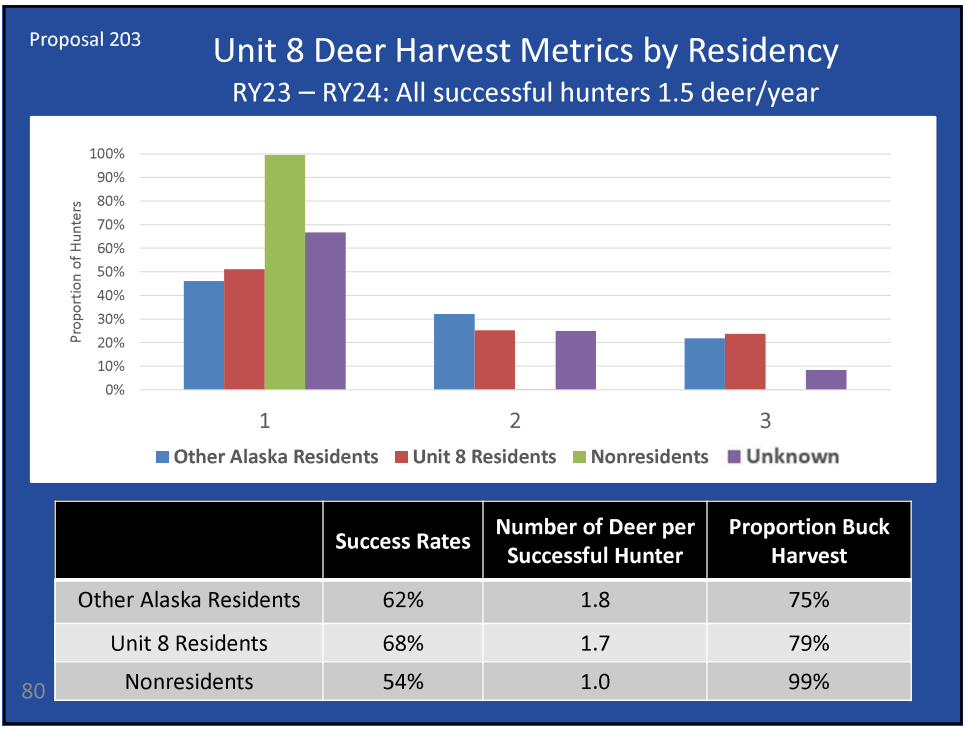
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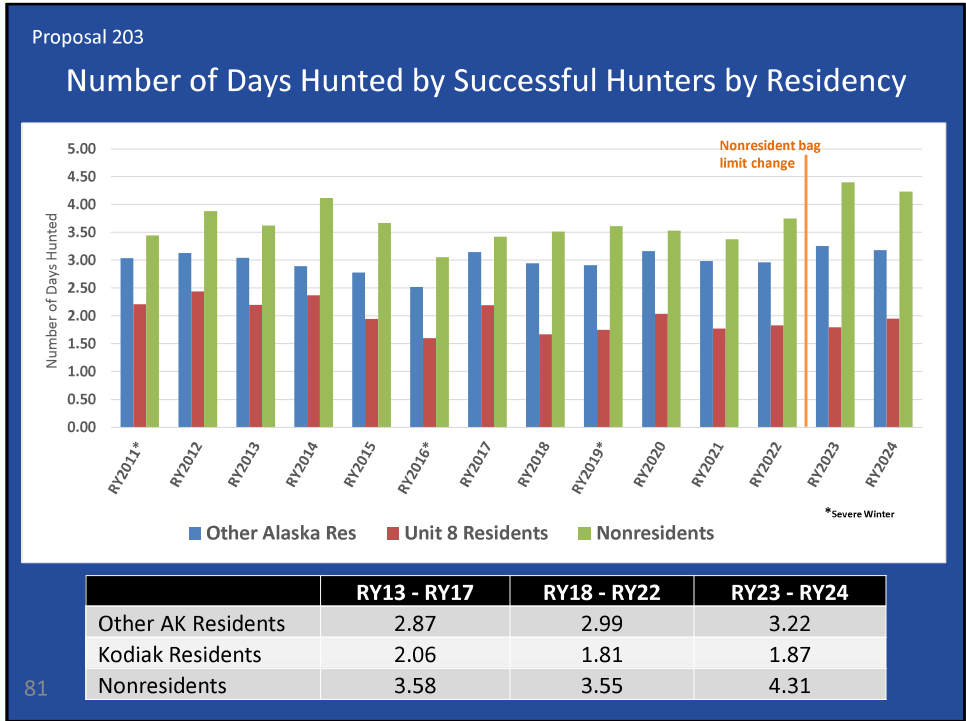
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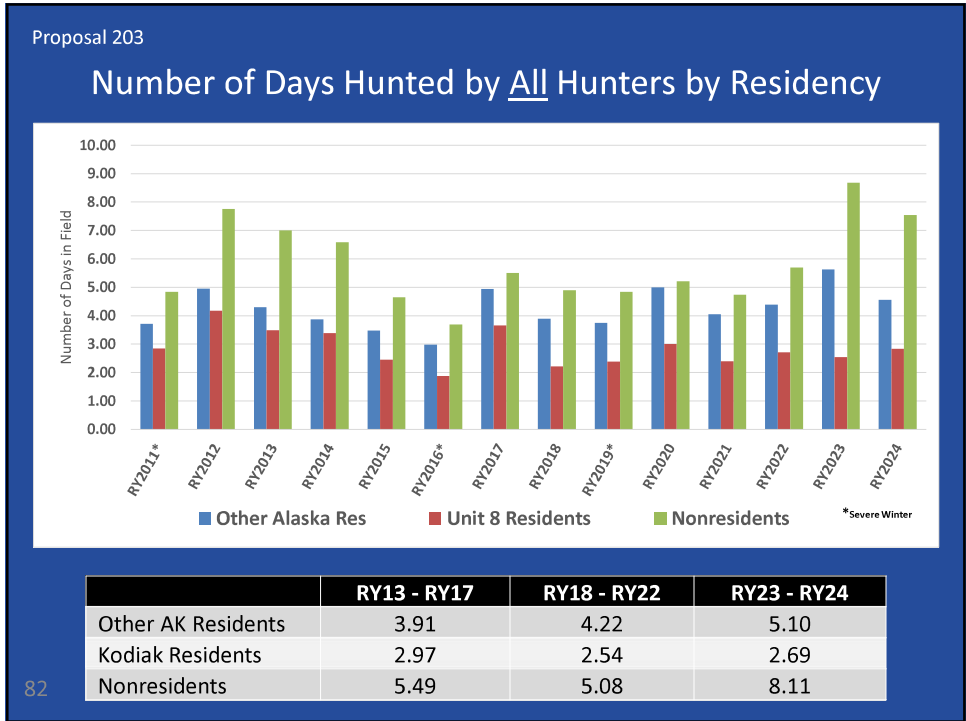


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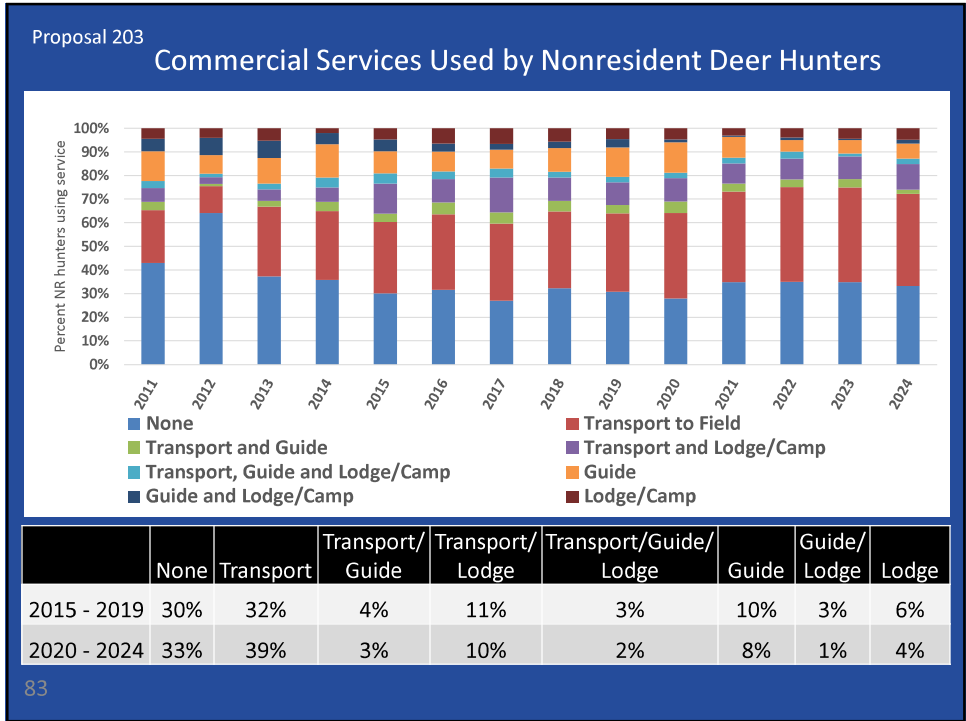
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Proposal 203

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Proposal 203

Unit 8/deer

Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 3 deer

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal seeks to increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 3 deer total

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 204

Unit 8/deer

Increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 2 bucks

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal seeks to increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 2 bucks.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

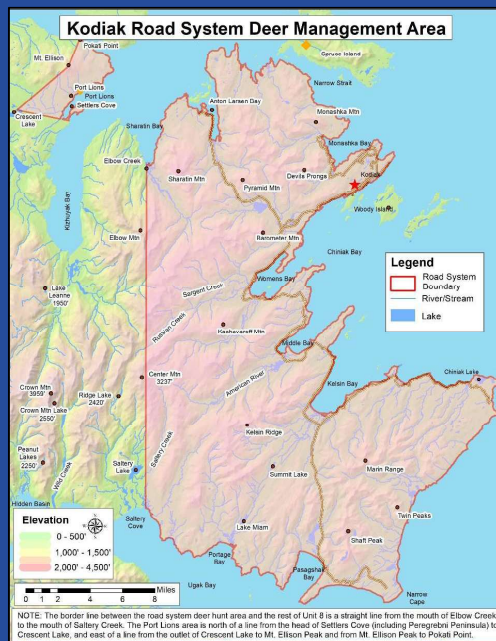
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Proposal 204

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 - 1 buck only
 - Any weapon
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 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader
 - Nov. 16 – Dec. 31
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Youth Hunt
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader



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Proposal 204

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Remainder
 - Residents
 - Aug. 1 – Sep. 30
 - 3 bucks (only)
 - Any weapon
 - Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 3 deer (any sex)
 - Any weapon
 - Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 1 buck
 - Any weapon

**Game Management Unit 8
Sitka Black-tailed Deer**
Contact Kodiak ADF&G office at (907) 486-1880 with questions

A Kodiak Road System Management Area
(Alaska Residents and Nonresidents)

1 Buck Aug. 1 - Oct. 31
1 Deer, Either Sex Nov. 1 - Nov. 14
(Bow and Arrow, Crossbow or Muzzleloader Only)
1 Deer, Either Sex Nov. 16 - Dec. 31
(Bow and Arrow, Crossbow or Muzzleloader Only, Youth Hunt)

DEER BAG LIMITS: Resident hunters may harvest a total of 3 deer in Unit 8. You may not exceed the bag limit in a given area. For instance, if you harvest your first deer in Area B, you are no longer eligible to hunt on the road system (Area A). If you harvest your first deer on the road system (A), you may still take 2 more deer from the remainder hunt area (B), but you cannot take another deer from the road system.

B Remainder of Unit 8
(including Afognak, Raspberry, Whale, Spruce, and Shuyak Islands)

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Nonresidents	1 Buck	Any Deer	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

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Proposal 204

Federal Subsistence Regulations

- FQSU's of Unit 8 can harvest deer within the KNWR under Federal Subsistence Regulations
- Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
 - 4 deer
 - Antlerless deer may only be taken Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- Designated Hunter Program

Hunting / Unit 8 Kodiak-Shelikof

Unit 8 Kodiak-Shelikof
Region 3 Kodiak/Neulans

Federal Public Lands Open to Subsistence Use

- Closed to Subsistence
- Special Use Area
- Submerged Federal Lands
- BLM Administered Lands
- NPS Administered Parks
- NPS Administered Preserves
- USFS Administered Lands
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2 bucks		Aug. 1 - Dec. 31

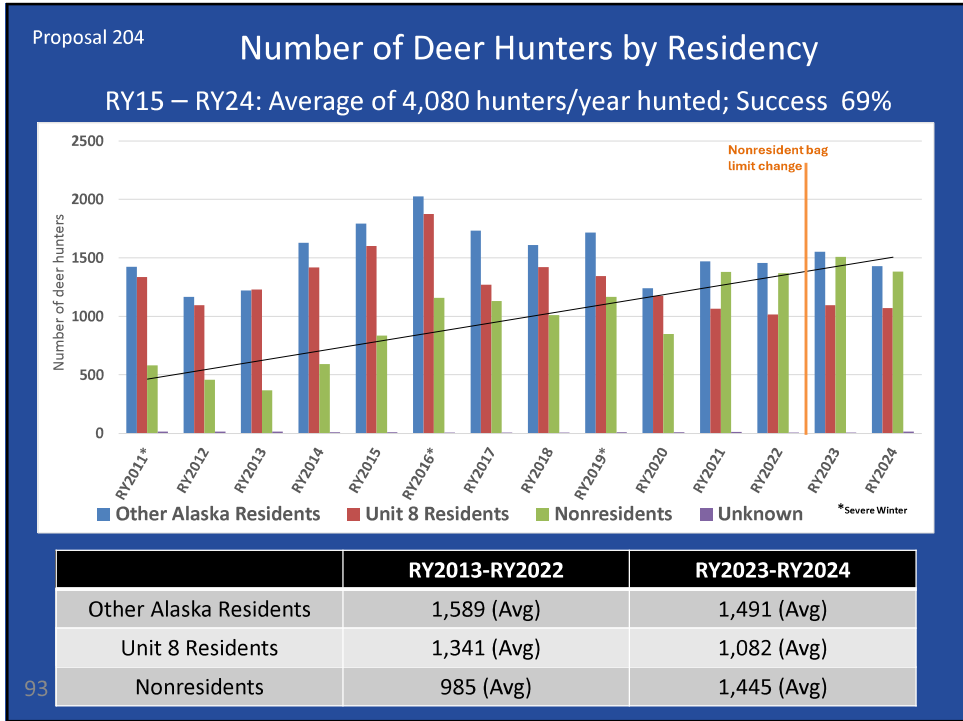
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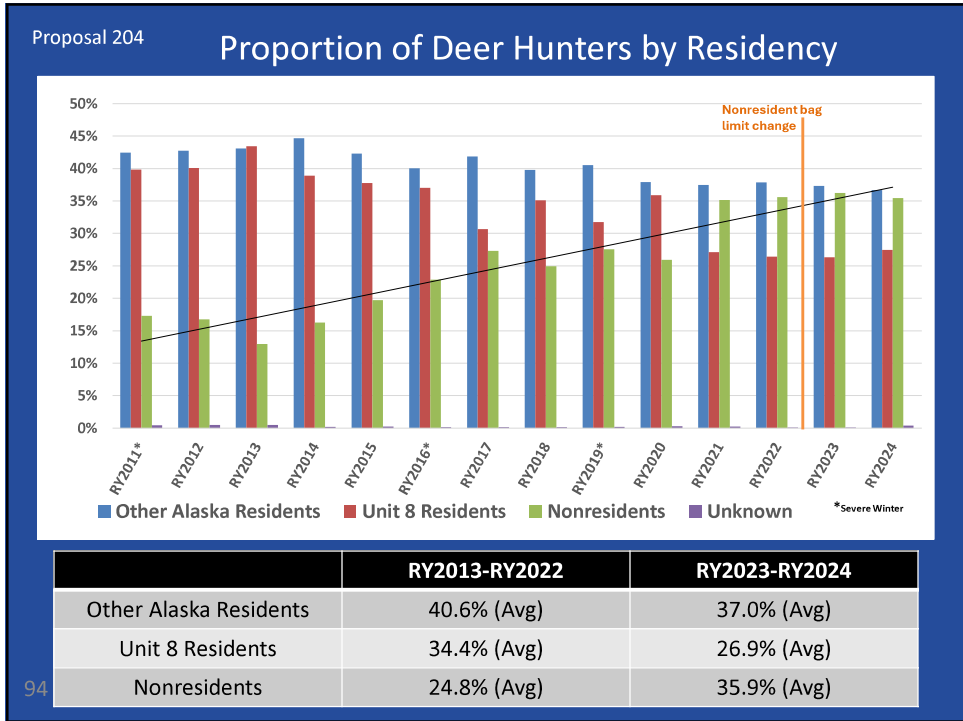
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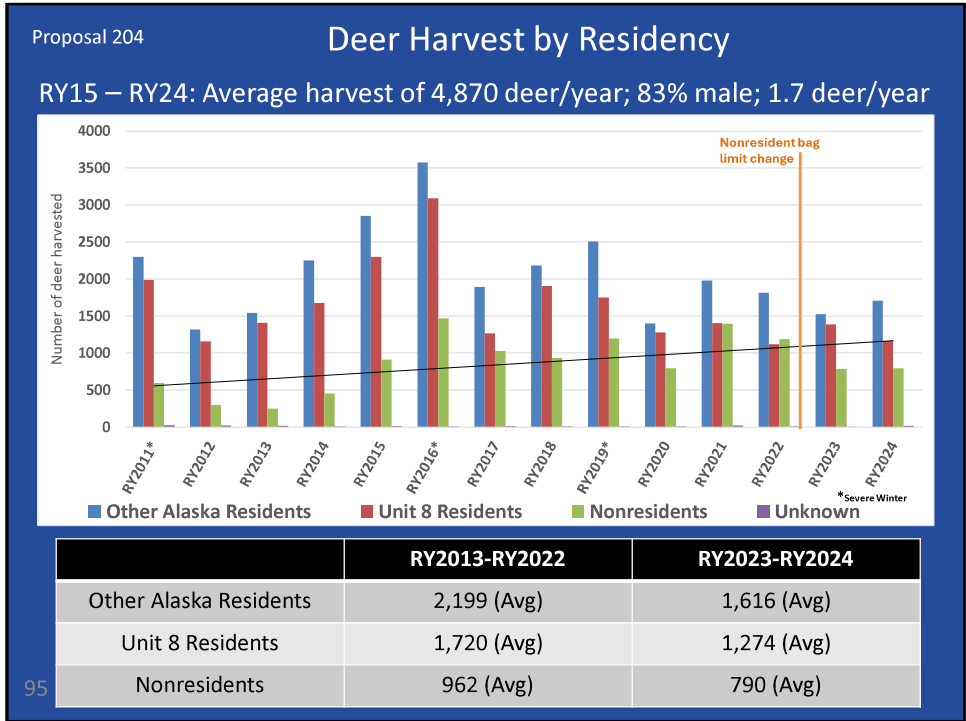
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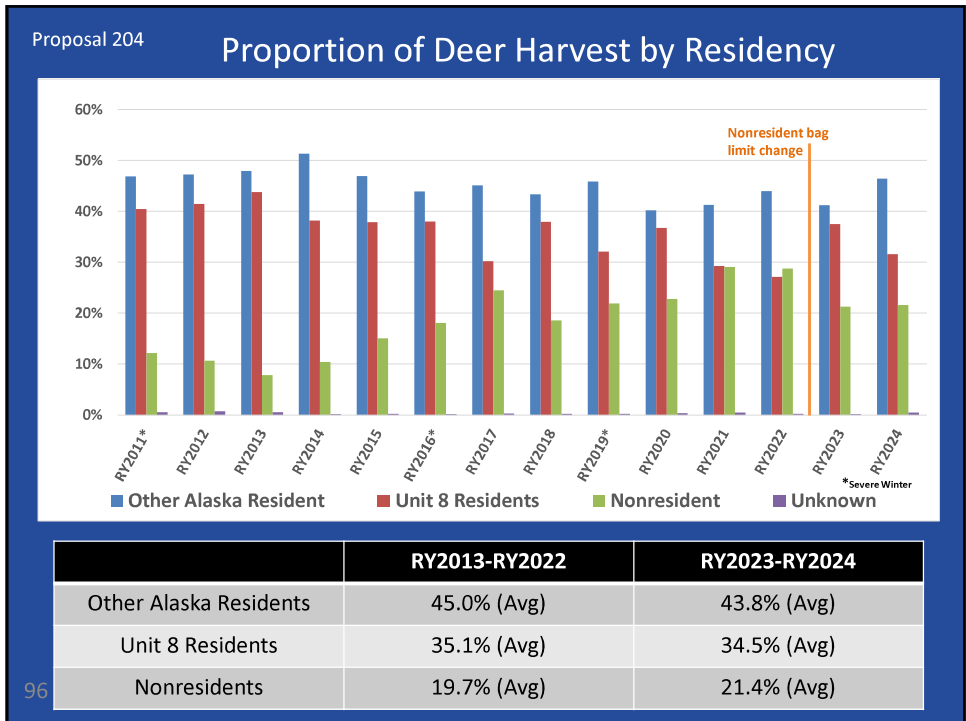
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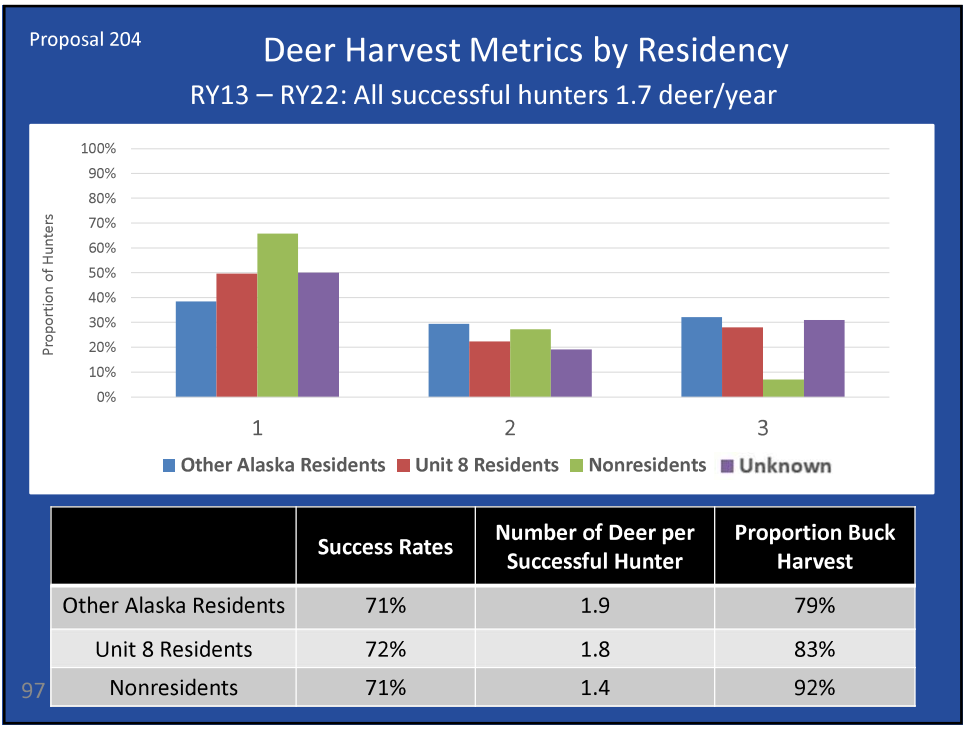
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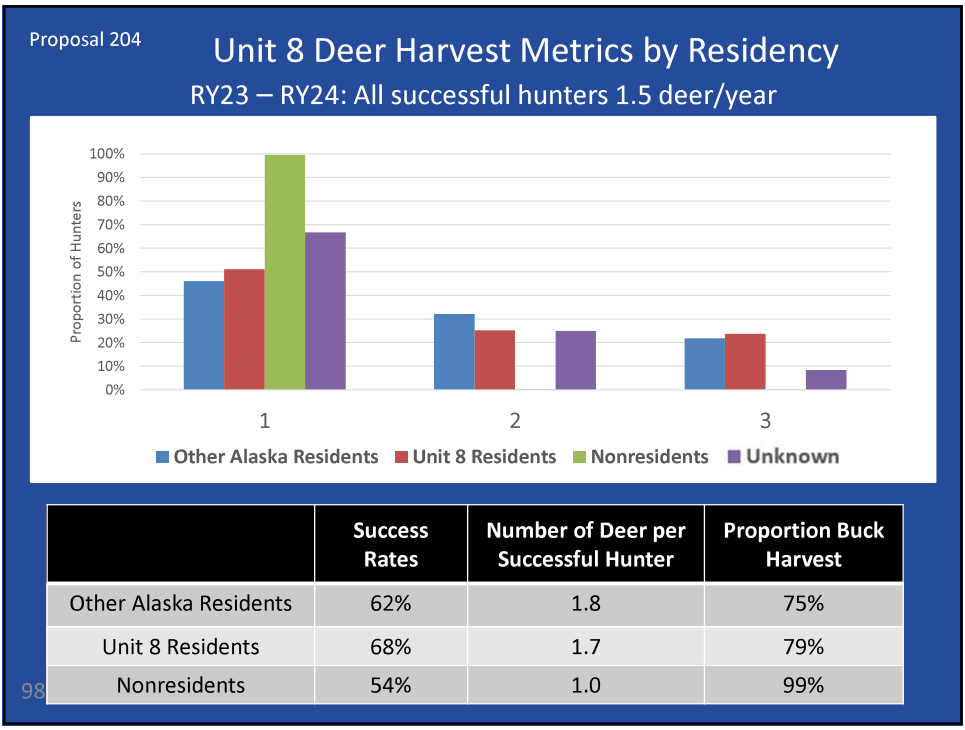
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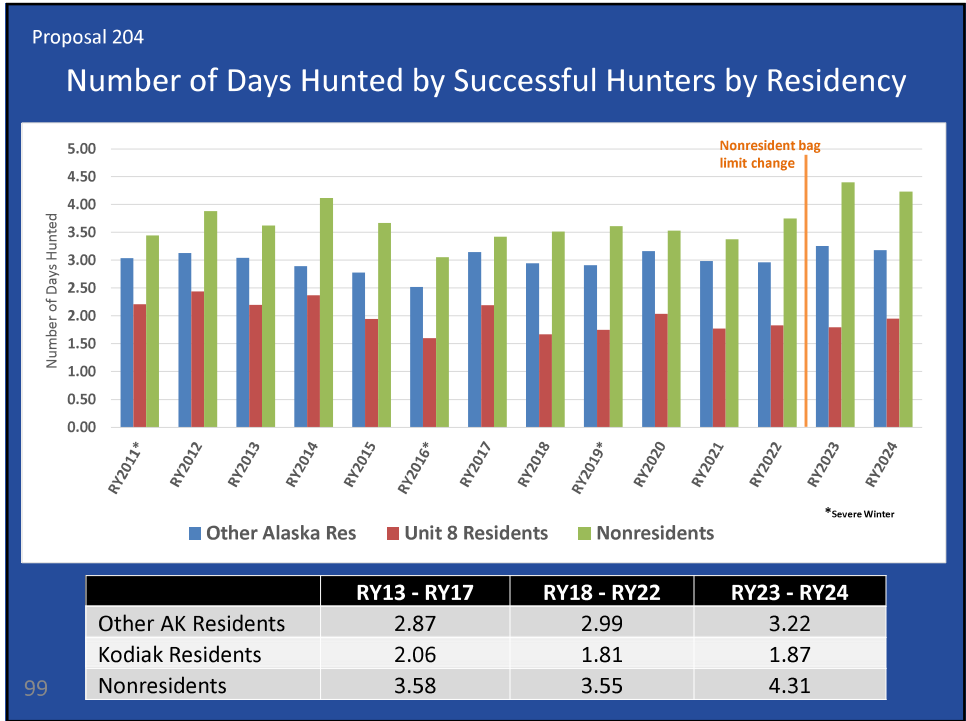
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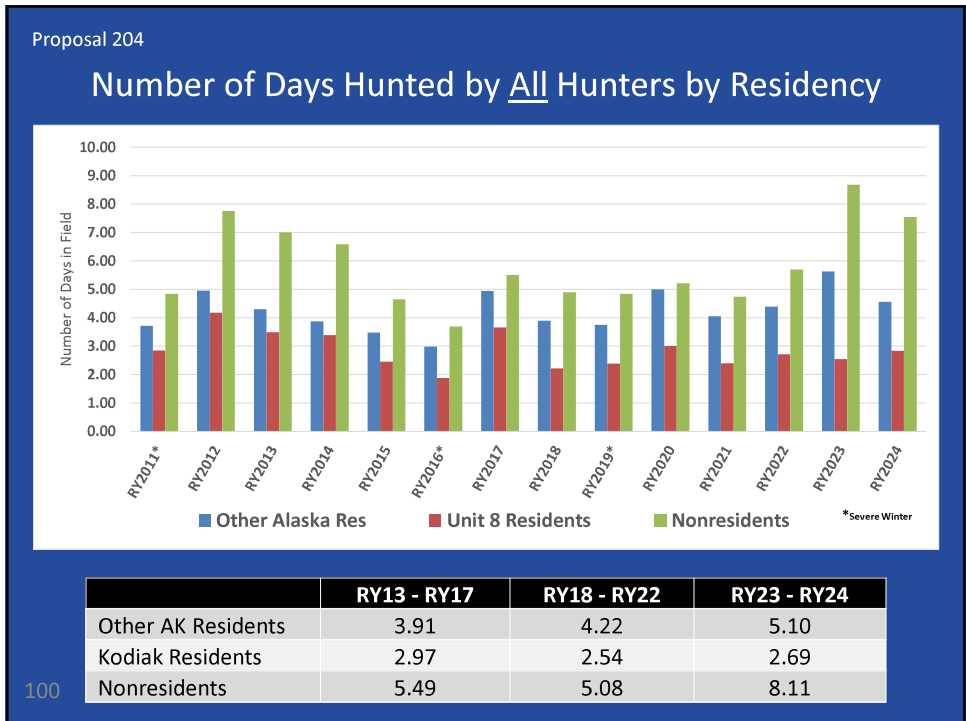
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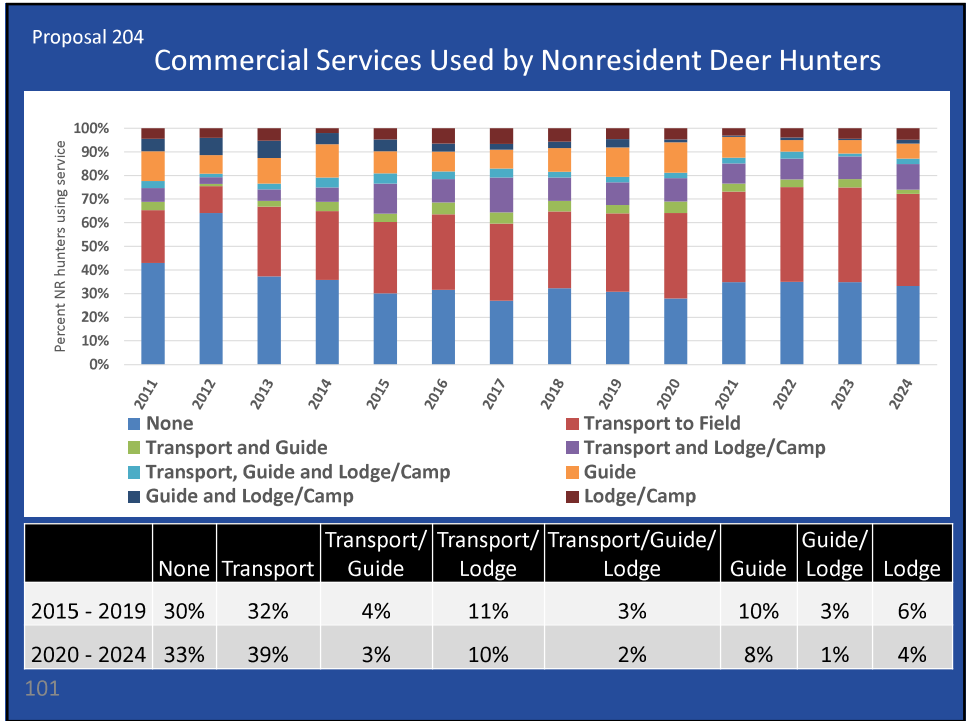
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Proposal 204

Unit 8/deer

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Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal seeks to increase the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Remainder from 1 buck to 2 bucks.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 202

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Remainder
 - Residents
 - Aug. 1 – Sep. 30
 - 3 bucks (only)
 - Any weapon
 - Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 3 deer (any sex)
 - Any weapon
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Proposal 202

Federal Subsistence Regulations

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- USFS Administered Lands
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Proposal 202

- Winter severity; primary factor influencing deer abundance
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- Harvest is not major limiting factor at the population level
 - Intensive harvest at smaller spatial scales (e.g., beaches)
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 - 2019 – 2020
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 - 2020 – 2024
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Proposal 202

- Deer are an important subsistence, economic, and recreational resource
- Venison has surpassed marine mammals as primary source of mammalian protein
- Subsistence surveys in Port Lions (area impacted) indicate residents harvest 15 lbs deer/capita
- Residents report difficulty in acquiring deer due to competition from nonlocal hunters



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Proposal 202

Effect of Proposal:

- Decrease the size of the Road System Deer Management Area
- Create a new deer management area
- Change the bag limit:
 - 3 deer total
 - 2 bucks available for harvest from Aug. 1 – Dec. 1
 - 1 antlerless deer from Dec. 1 – Dec. 31

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Proposal 202

Deer Harvest

- Summarized by deer survey area (DSA)
- Boundaries don't align with hunt area
- DSAs 831 – 834 are partially or entirely included within the Kodiak Road System Management Area

Harvest estimate for DSAs 831 – 834 for RY15 – RY24:

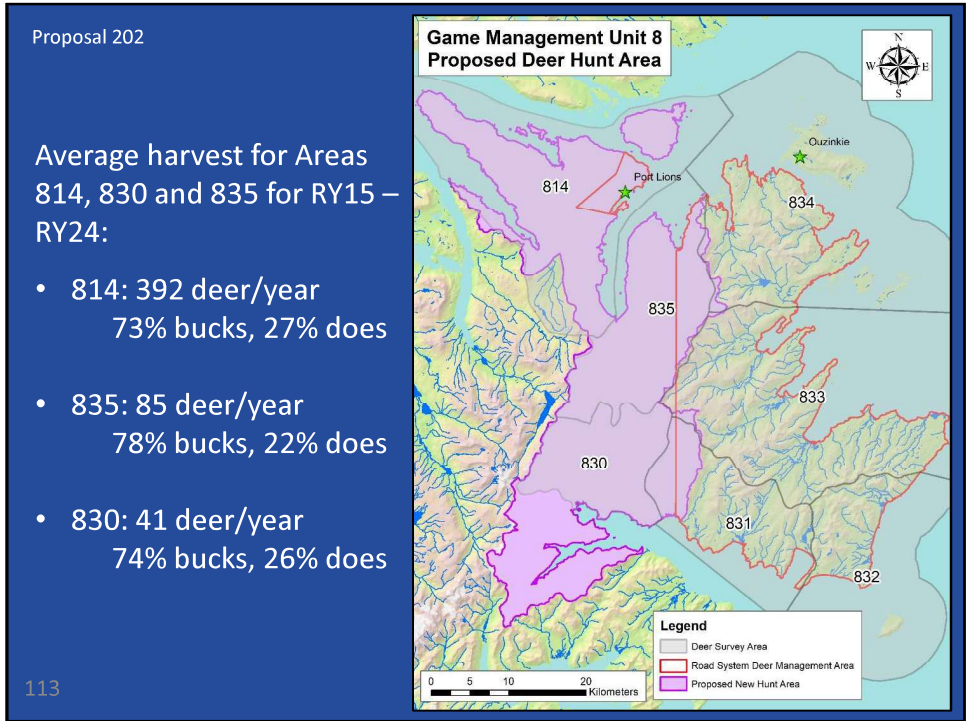
- Average 580 deer/year
- 11% does; 89% bucks

Harvest estimate for Areas 814, 830 and 835 for RY15 – RY24:

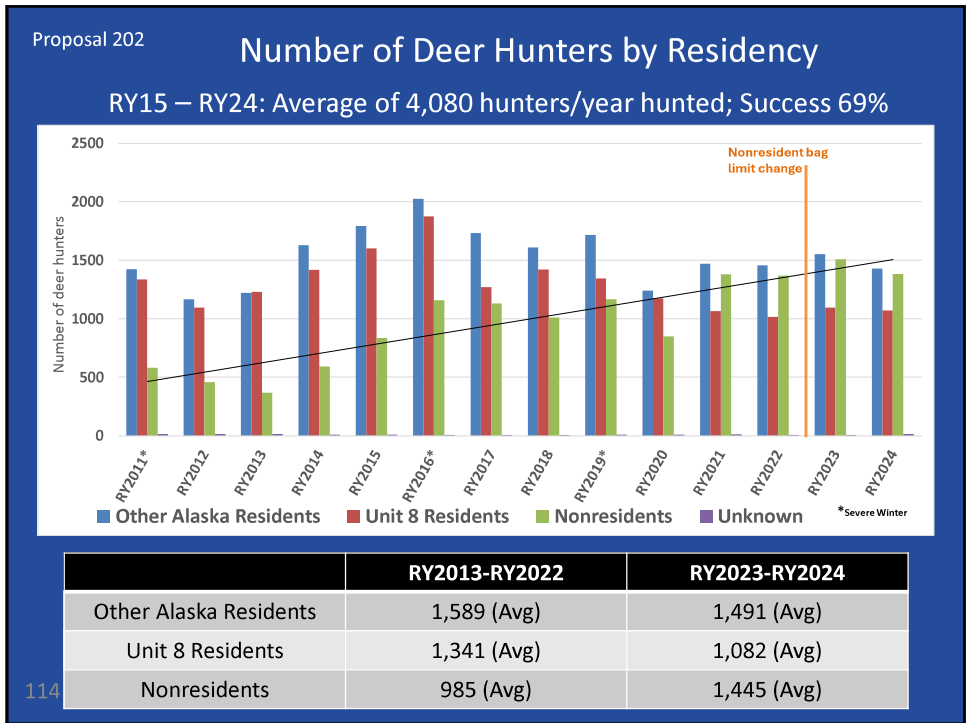
- Average 517 deer/year
- 26% does; 74% bucks

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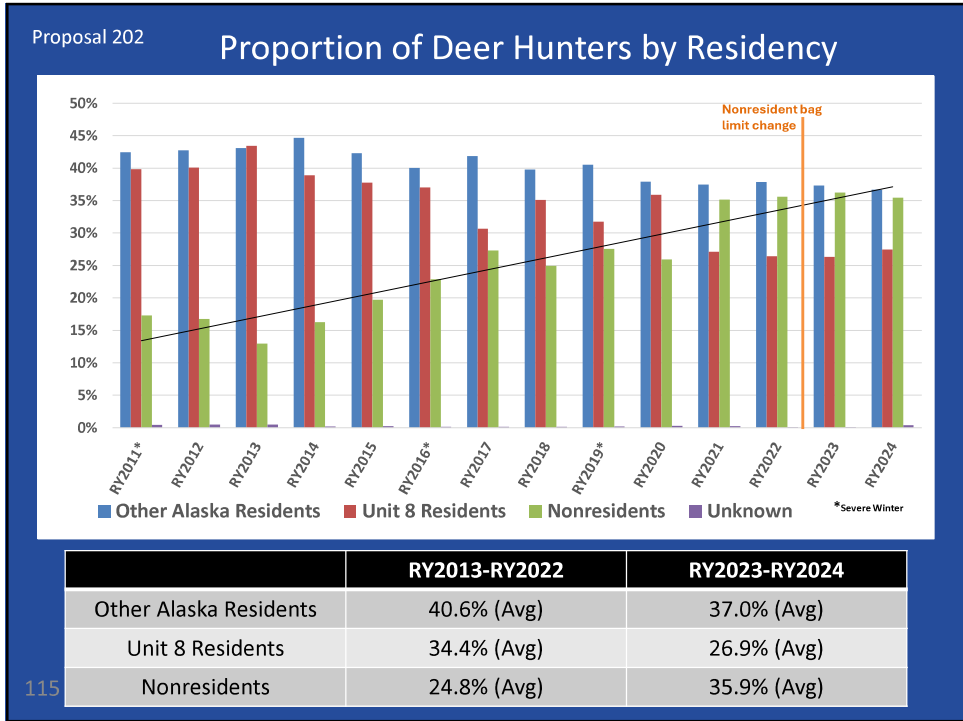
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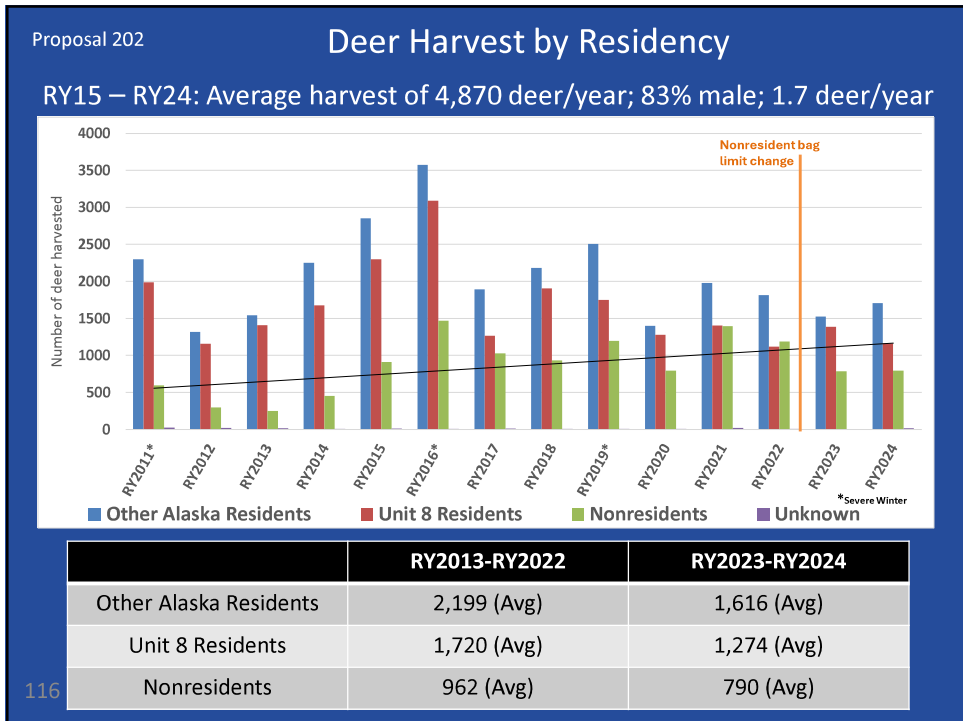


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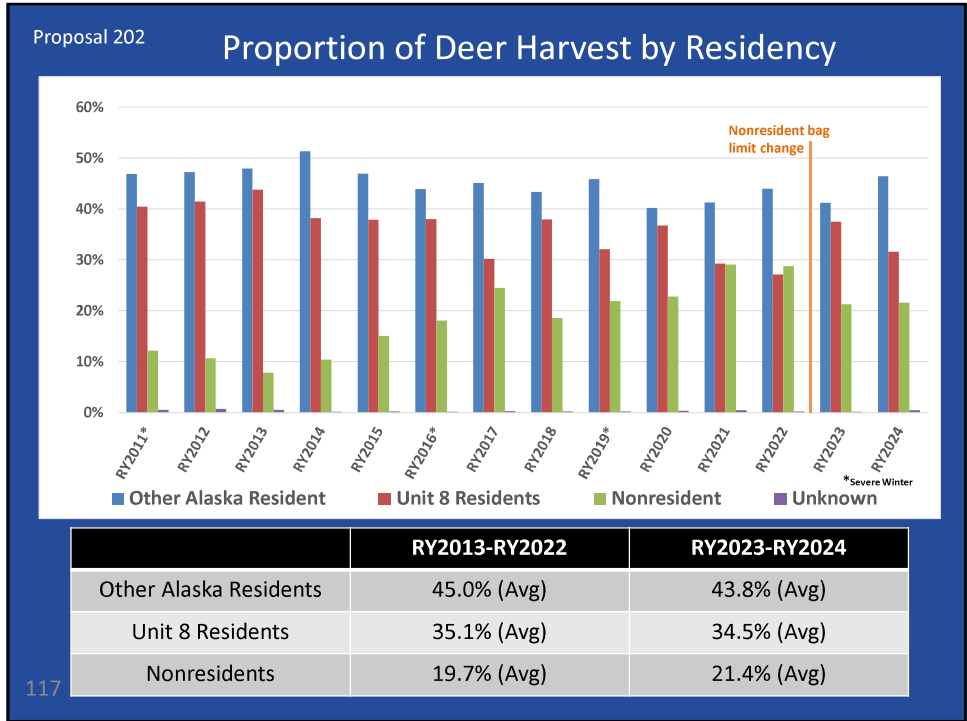
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Proposal 202

Unit 8/deer

Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to 2 bucks only through December 1, and antlerless deer after December 1

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would decrease the size of the Road System Management Area and change the bag limit in the newly created area to 3 deer with 2 bucks available for harvest from Aug 1 – Dec 1 and one antlerless deer from Dec 1 – Dec 31.

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 207

Unit 8/deer

Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Guide Use Area 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to require a fork on at least one side

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would create a new hunt area for deer adjacent to the Kodiak Road System Management Area comprising guide use areas 01, 02, 26, 27, and 28 with unique antler restrictions.

Department Recommendation: Opposed

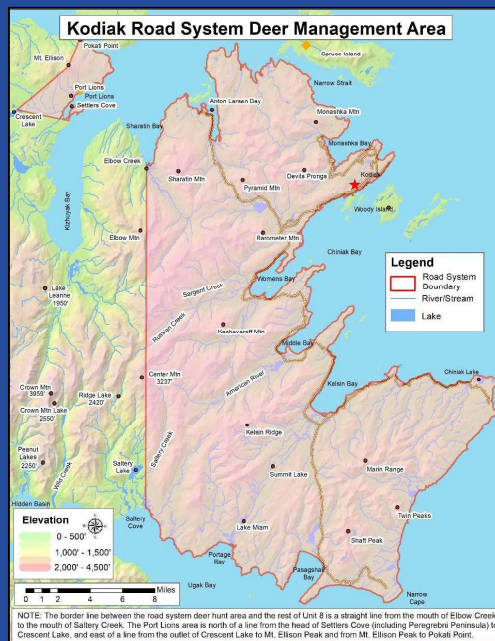
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Proposal 207

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Road System
 - Residents & Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Oct. 31
 - 1 buck only
 - Any weapon
 - Nov. 1 – Nov. 14
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader
 - Nov. 16 – Dec. 31
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 - Youth Hunt
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader



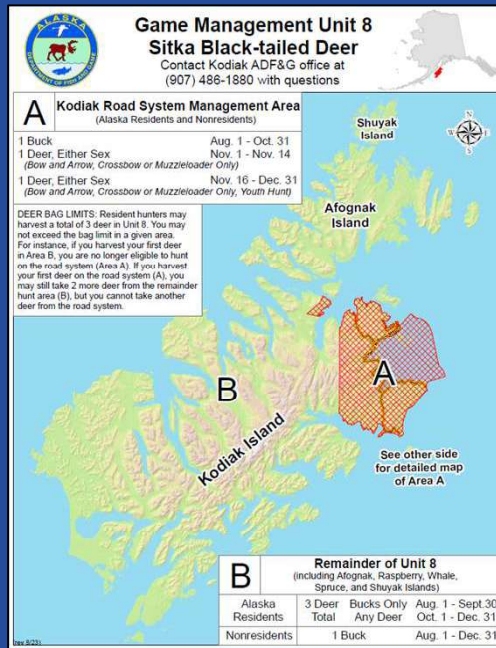
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Proposal 207

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Remainder
 - Residents
 - Aug. 1 – Sep. 30
 - 3 bucks (only)
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 - Nonresidents
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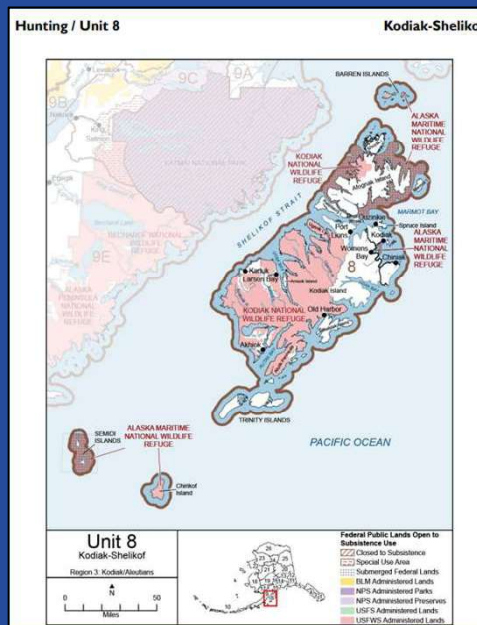
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Proposal 207

Federal Subsistence Regulations

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- Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
 - 4 deer
 - Antlerless deer may only be taken Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- Designated Hunter Program



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Proposal 207

- Winter severity; primary factor influencing deer abundance
 - Lack of coniferous forests (thermal cover, reduced snow depth)
- Harvest is not major limiting factor at the population level
 - Intensive harvest at smaller spatial scales (e.g., beaches)
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Proposal 207

Effect of Proposal:

- Decrease the size of the Road System Management Area
- Create a new deer management area
- May reduce harvest of younger age class bucks
- Change the bag limit:
 - Bucks must have a fork on at least one side
 - No other bag limit changes

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Proposal 207

Deer Harvest

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Harvest estimate for Areas 814, 830 and 835 for RY15 – RY24:

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Proposal 207

Average harvest for Areas 814, 830 and 835 for RY15 – RY24:

- 814: 392 deer/year
73% bucks, 27% does
- 835: 85 deer/year
78% bucks, 22% does
- 830: 41 deer/year
74% bucks, 26% does

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Proposal 207

Considerations:

- Increase in regulation complexity
- Only deer hunt in GMU 8 and Alaska with antler restrictions
- No biological concern with deer population
- Creates unique hunt area with specific antler restrictions
- Does not occur anywhere else in AK.

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Proposal 207

Unit 8/deer

Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 Guide Use Area 08-01, 02, 26, 27 and 28, to require a fork on at least one side

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would create a new hunt area for deer adjacent to the Kodiak Road System Management Area comprising guide use areas 01, 02, 26, 27, and 28 with unique antler restrictions.

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 208

Unit 8/deer

Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8. The proposal would reduce the opportunity for hunters to harvest female deer during the late season hunts when juvenile deer are no longer dependent on does

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 208

Current Regulations:

- **Unit 8 Road System**
 - Residents & Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Oct. 31
 - 1 buck only
 - Any weapon
 - Nov. 1 – Nov. 14
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader
 - Nov. 16 – Dec. 31
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Youth Hunt
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader

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Proposal 208

Current Regulations:

- **Unit 8 Remainder**
 - Residents
 - Aug. 1 – Sep. 30
 - 3 bucks (only)
 - Any weapon
 - Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 3 deer (any sex)
 - Any weapon
 - Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 1 buck
 - Any weapon

Game Management Unit 8 Sitka Black-tailed Deer
Contact Kodiak ADF&G office at (907) 486-1880 with questions

A Kodiak Road System Management Area (Alaska Residents and Nonresidents)			
1 Buck	Aug 1 - Oct 31		
1 Deer, Either Sex	Nov. 1 - Nov. 14		
<i>(Bow and Arrow, Crossbow or Muzzleloader Only)</i>			
1 Deer, Either Sex	Nov. 16 - Dec. 31		
<i>(Bow and Arrow, Crossbow or Muzzleloader Only, Youth Hunt)</i>			

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B Remainder of Unit 8 (including Afognak, Ragsperry, Whale, Spruce, and Shuyak Islands)			
Alaska Residents	3 Deer Total	Bucks Only	Aug. 1 - Sept. 30
		Any Deer	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31
Nonresidents	1 Buck		Aug. 1 - Dec. 31

132 Deer in GMU 8 have a positive customary and traditional use finding with an ANS of 3,600 – 4,100.

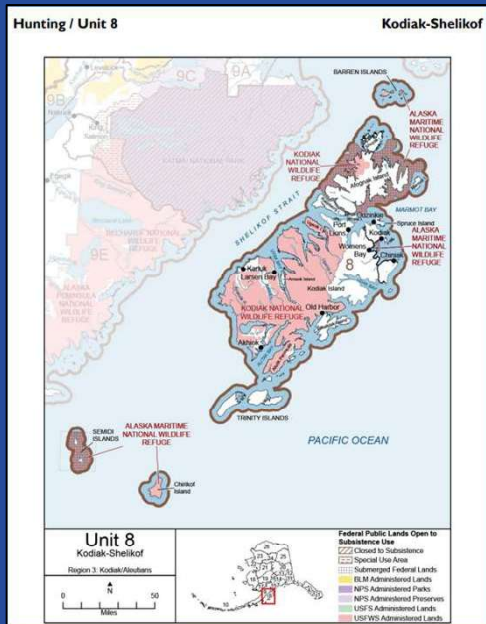
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Proposal 208

Federal Subsistence Regulations

- FQSU's of Unit 8 can harvest deer within the KNWR under Federal Subsistence Regulations
- Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
 - 4 deer
 - Antlerless deer may only be taken Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- Designated Hunter Program

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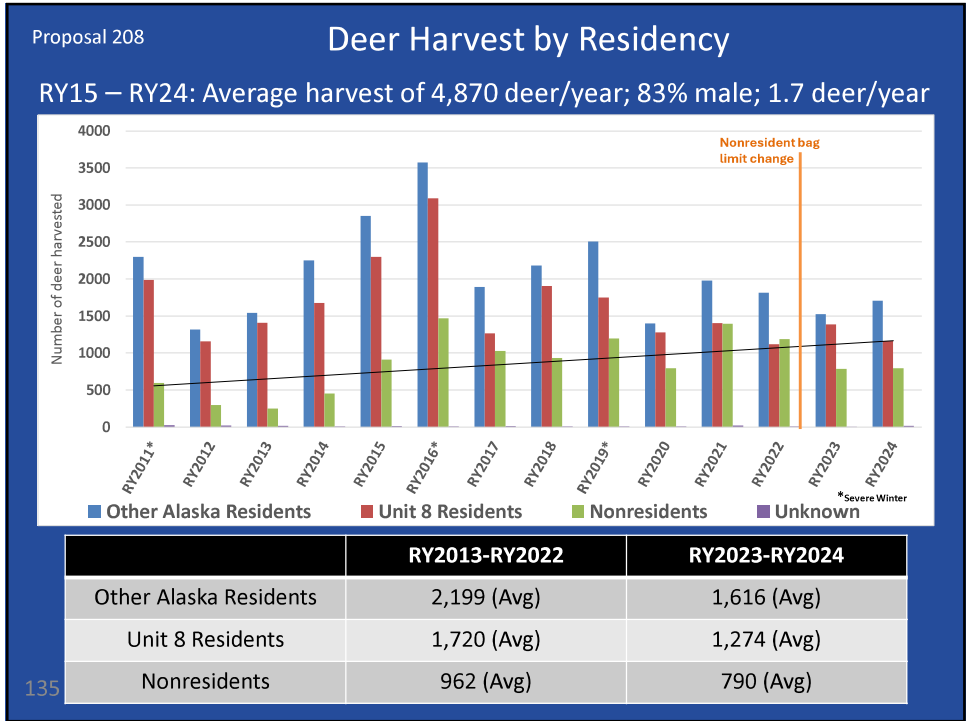
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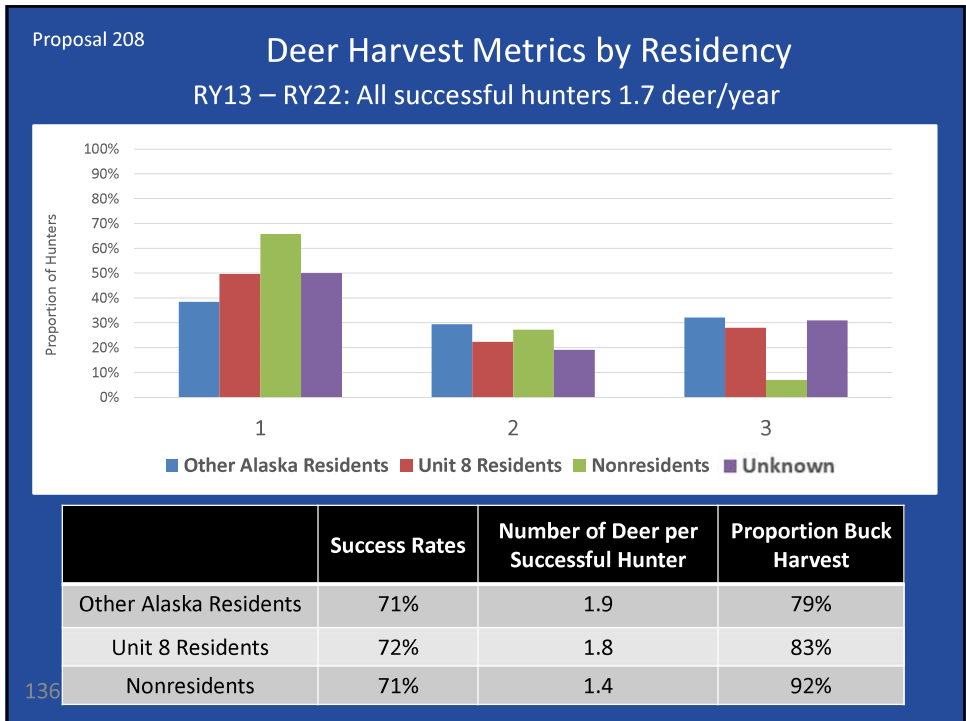
- Winter severity; primary factor influencing deer abundance
 - Lack of coniferous forests (thermal cover, reduced snow depth)
- Harvest is not major limiting factor at the population level
 - Intensive harvest at smaller spatial scales (e.g., beaches)
- Recent Weather History: RY2015 – RY2024
 - 2 severe winters: 2016 – 2017; 2019 – 2020
 - High overwinter mortality
 - 2019 – 2020
 - 25 – 30% loss of overall population
 - 60 – 70% reduction in harder hit areas
 - 2020 – 2024
 - Population has largely recovered

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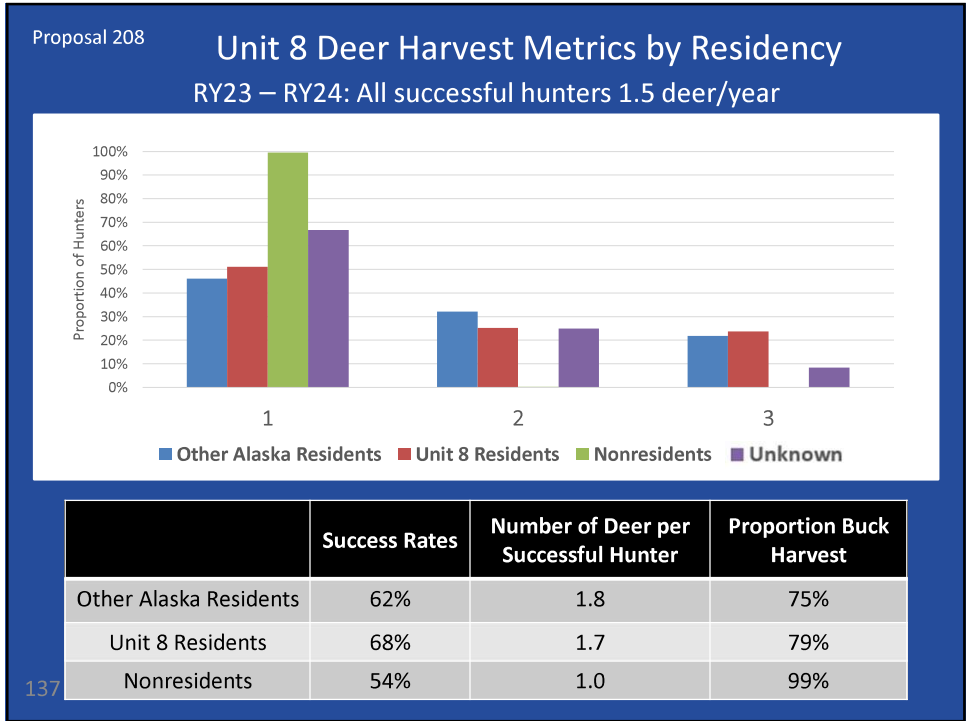
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- Proposal 208
- Considerations:
- Parturition typically occurs in May; late parturition mid-late-June
 - Fawn dependence on females is greatest up to ~37 days post-parturition
 - Past 37 days, milk production decreases; juveniles consume more forage
 - Lactation/consumption of milk rarely extends past 120 days (~Oct. 1)
 - Spatial separation of does and fawns may be difficult to discern
 - Currently, females are not available for harvest until Oct. 1 (Remainder) and Nov 1. (Road System; restricted weapons)
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Proposal 208

Considerations:

- Limiting harvest of female deer in late season; minimal impact on “fawn” survival; juveniles no longer dependent
- No biological concern with deer population
- Reduce female harvest and increase female survival; likely to have minimal impact on population
- Reduction in female harvest in high pressure areas may result in localized increases in female survival and fawn recruitment
- Does not occur anywhere else in Alaska

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Proposal 208

Unit 8/deer

Prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would prohibit the take of fawns or does with fawns in Unit 8. The proposal would reduce the opportunity for hunters to harvest female deer during the late season hunts when juvenile deer are no longer dependent on does

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 205

Unit 8/deer

Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Sallery Cove and Rough Creek

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would create a new hunt area for deer adjacent to the Kodiak Road System Management Area with unique season dates and bag limits.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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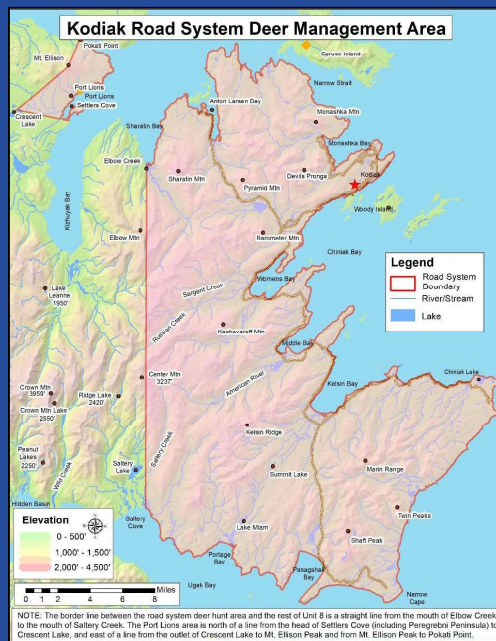
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Proposal 205

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Road System
 - Residents & Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Oct. 31
 - 1 buck only
 - Any weapon
 - Nov. 1 – Nov. 14
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader
 - Nov. 16 – Dec. 31
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Youth Hunt
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader

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Proposal 205

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Remainder
 - Residents
 - Aug. 1 – Sep. 30
 - 3 bucks (only)
 - Any weapon
 - Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 3 deer (any sex)
 - Any weapon
 - Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 1 buck
 - Any weapon

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Sitka Black-tailed Deer
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1 Deer, Either Sex <i>(Bow and Arrow, Crossbow or Muzzleloader Only)</i>	Nov. 1 - Nov. 14	
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See other side for detailed map of Area A

Remainder of Unit 8 (including Afognak, Raspberry, Whale, Spruce, and Shuyak Islands)			
	Alaska Residents	3 Deer Total	Bucks Only Aug. 1 - Sept. 30
	Nonresidents	1 Buck	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31

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Proposal 205

Federal Subsistence Regulations

- FQSU's of Unit 8 can harvest deer within the KNWR under Federal Subsistence Regulations
- Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
 - 4 deer
 - Antlerless deer may only be taken Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- Designated Hunter Program

Hunting / Unit 8

Kodiak-Shelikof

Unit 8
Kodiak-Shelikof

Region 3 Kodiak/Neulans

Federal Public Lands Open to Subsistence Use

- Closed to Subsistence
- Special Use Area
- Submerged Federal Lands
- BLM Administered Lands
- NPS Administered Parks
- NPS Administered Preserves
- USFS Administered Lands
- USFWS Administered Lands

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Proposal 205

- Winter severity; primary factor influencing deer abundance
 - Lack of coniferous forests (thermal cover, reduced snow depth)
- Harvest is not major limiting factor at the population level
 - Intensive harvest at smaller spatial scales (e.g., beaches)
- Recent Weather History: RY2015 – RY2024
 - 2 severe winters: 2016 – 2017; 2019 – 2020
 - High overwinter mortality
 - 2019 – 2020
 - 25 – 30% loss of overall population
 - 60 – 70% reduction in harder hit areas
 - 2020 – 2024
 - Population has largely recovered

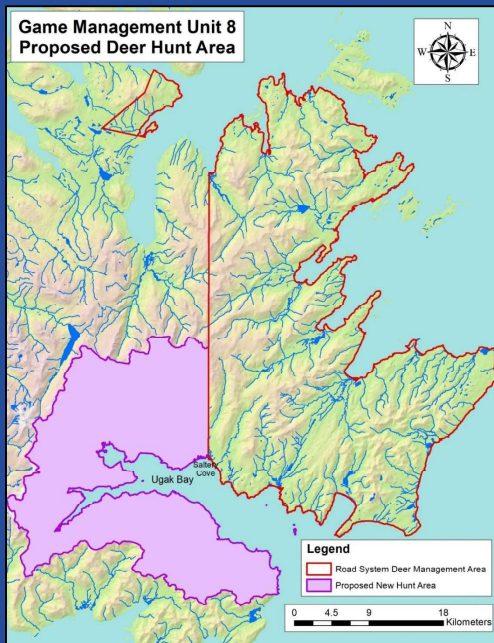
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Proposal 205

Effect of Proposal:

- Create new deer management area adjacent to Road System
- New season dates and bag limits in new area
- Implement antler restrictions during certain hunts
- Create youth and disabled hunter season
- Unclear if applies to both residents and NR



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Proposal 205

Proposed season dates and bag limits in new area:

Aug 1 – Oct 31

- 3 bucks
- No antler restriction
- No weapon restriction

Nov 1 – Nov 30

- 3 adult deer
- Bucks minimum spike length of 3"
- No weapon restriction
- Nursing does and fawns prohibited

Dec 1 – Dec 31

- 3 adult deer
- Bucks minimum spike length of 3"
- Muzzle loader and primitive weapons only

Youth and Disabled Hunters

Aug 1 – Dec 31

- 3 deer, any sex and age
- No antler restriction
- No weapon restriction

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Proposal 205

Deer Harvest

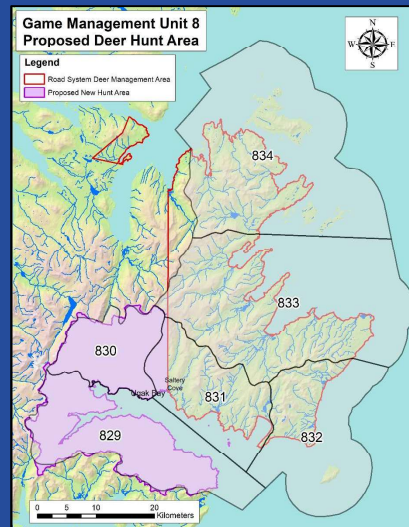
- Summarized by deer survey area (DSA)
- Boundaries don't align with hunt area
- DSAs 831 – 834 are partially or entirely included within the Road System Management Area

Harvest estimate for DSAs 831 – 834 for RY15 – RY24:

- Average 580 deer/year
- 11% does; 89% bucks
- 35% harvest occurs in Nov. and Dec. (weapons restricted youth hunt)

Harvest Estimate for DSAs 829 – 830 for RY15 – RY24:

- Average 190 deer/year



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Proposal 205

Considerations:

- Increase in regulation complexity
- Only deer hunt in GMU 8 and Alaska with antler restrictions
- No biological concern with deer population
- Spatial separation of does and fawns as season progresses may be difficult to discern
- Creates unique hunt area with unique seasons, bag limits, and antler restrictions
- The Board would need to determine which weapons are legal for use
- Does not occur anywhere else in AK

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Proposal 205

Unit 8/deer

Change the season dates and bag limits for deer hunting in Unit 8, Ugak Bay, Saltery Cove and Rough Creek

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would create a new hunt area for deer adjacent to the Kodiak Road System Management Area with unique season dates and bag limits.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 206

Unit 8/deer

Change the boundary of the Kodiak Road System Management Area from the mouth of the Saltery Creek to the mouth of Wild Creek

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would move the southern terminus of the western boundary of the Kodiak Road System Management Area from the mouth of Saltery Creek to the mouth of Wild Creek. The northern terminus of the western boundary of the Kodiak Road System Management Area (mouth of Elbow Creek) would remain unchanged. This proposal would increase the size of the Kodiak Road System Management Area

Department Recommendation: Neutral

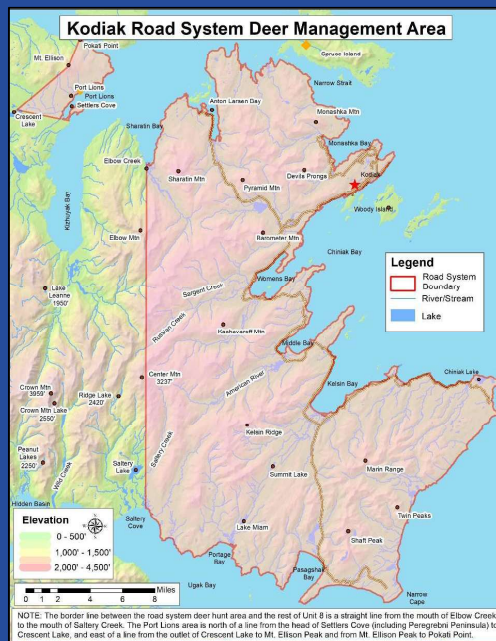
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Proposal 206

Current Regulations:

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 - Residents & Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Oct. 31
 - 1 buck only
 - Any weapon
 - Nov. 1 – Nov. 14
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader
 - Nov. 16 – Dec. 31
 - 1 deer (any sex)
 - Youth Hunt
 - Archery, crossbow, muzzleloader



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Proposal 206

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Remainder
 - Residents
 - Aug. 1 – Sep. 30
 - 3 bucks (only)
 - Any weapon
 - Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 3 deer (any sex)
 - Any weapon
 - Nonresidents
 - Aug. 1 – Dec. 31
 - 1 buck
 - Any weapon

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Sitka Black-tailed Deer**
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1 Deer, Either Sex (Bow and Arrow, Crossbow or Muzzleloader Only, Youth Hunt)	Nov. 16 - Dec. 31

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B Remainder of Unit 8
(including Afognak, Raspberry, Whale, Spruce, and Shuyak Islands)

Alaska Residents	3 Deer Total	Bucks Only	Aug. 1 - Sept. 30
Nonresidents	1 Buck	Any Deer	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

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Proposal 206

Federal Subsistence Regulations

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- Aug. 1 – Jan. 31
 - 4 deer
 - Antlerless deer may only be taken Oct. 1 – Jan. 31
- Designated Hunter Program

Hunting / Unit 8 Kodiak-Shelikof

Unit 8 Kodiak-Shelikof
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Proposal 206

- Winter severity; primary factor influencing deer abundance
 - Lack of coniferous forests (thermal cover, reduced snow depth)
- Harvest is not major limiting factor at the population level
 - Intensive harvest at smaller spatial scales (e.g., beaches)
- Recent Weather History: RY2015 – RY2024
 - 2 severe winters: 2016 – 2017; 2019 – 2020
 - High overwinter mortality
 - 2019 – 2020
 - 25 – 30% loss of overall population
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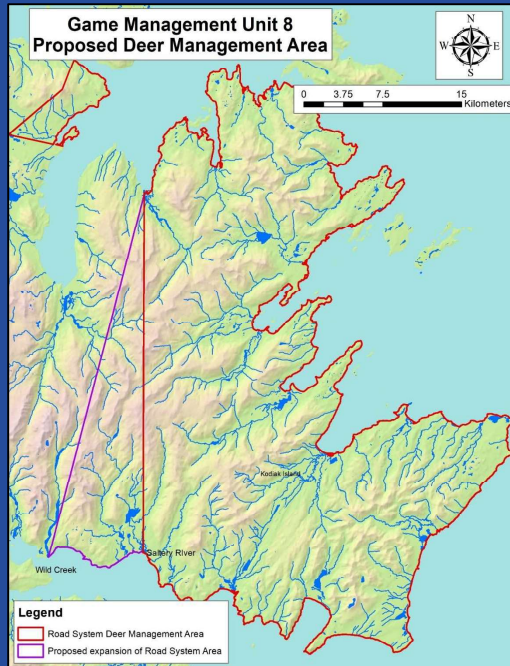
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Effect of Proposal:

- Extend the current Road System Deer Management Area
- Move southern terminus from mouth of Saltery Creek to mouth of Wild Creek
- Northern terminus would remain unchanged (mouth of Elbow Creek)
- Season dates and bag limits would remain unchanged

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Proposal 206

Deer Harvest

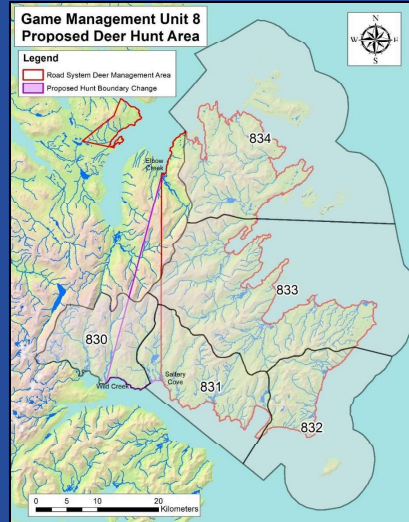
- Summarized by deer survey area (DSA)
- Boundaries don't align with hunt area
- DSAs 831 – 834 are partially or entirely included within the Kodiak Road System Management Area

Harvest estimate for DSAs 831 – 834 for RY15 – RY19:

- Average 725 deer/year
- Hunter participation = Avg. 1,028/year

RY20 – RY24:

- Average 435 deer/year
- Hunter participation = average 764/year



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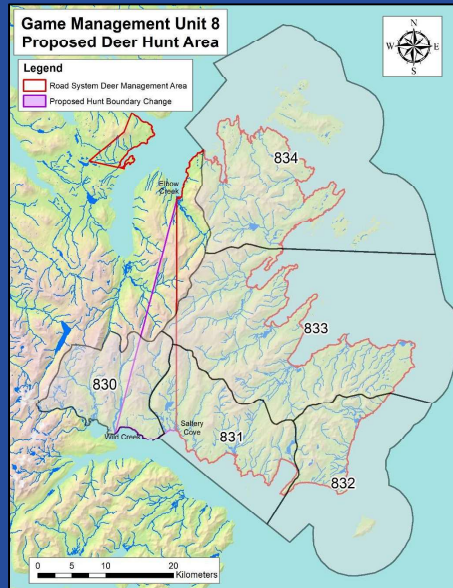
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Harvest estimate for DSA 830: RY15 – RY19:

- Average 55 deer/year
- Hunter participation = Avg. 60/year

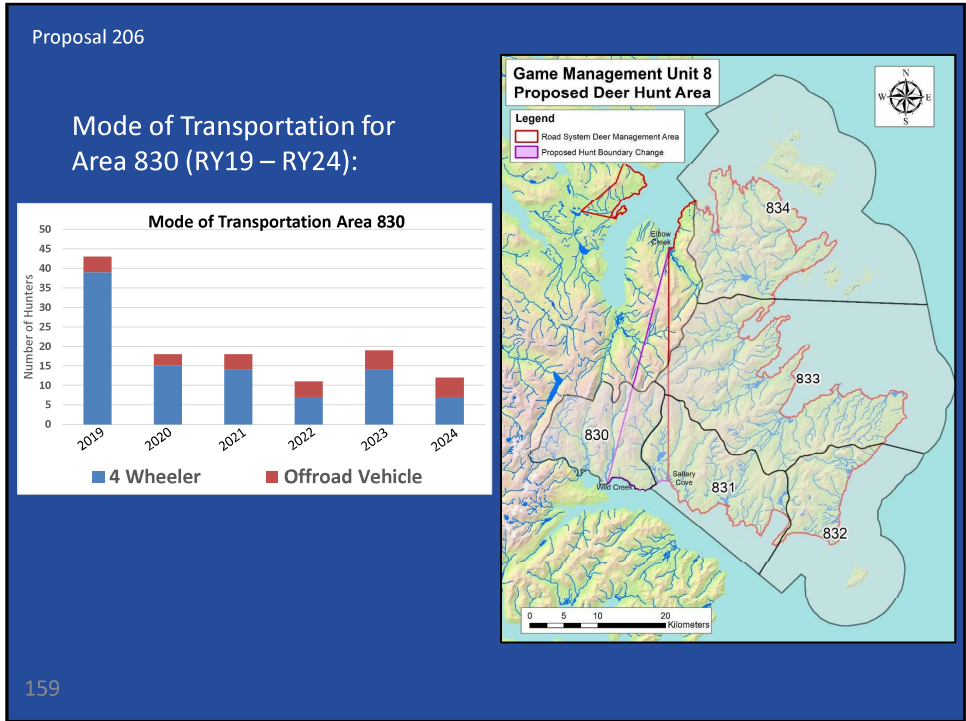
RY20 – RY24:

- Average 28 deer/year
- Hunter participation = average 25/year



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Proposal 206

Unit 8/deer

Change the boundary of the Kodiak Road System Management Area from the mouth of the Saltery River to the mouth of Wild Creek

Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 209

Unit 8/elk

Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 209

Current Regulations:

AK Stat 16.05.407. Nonresident hunting big game animals must be accompanied.

(a) It is unlawful for a nonresident to hunt, pursue, or take *brown bear*, grizzly bear, *mountain goat*, or sheep in this state, unless personally accompanied by

(1) a person who is licensed as

(A) a registered guide-outfitter or a master guide-outfitter under AS 08.54 and who is providing big game hunting services to the nonresident under a contract with the nonresident; or

(B) a class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide under AS 08.54 and who is employed by a registered guide-outfitter or a master guide-outfitter who has a contract to provide big game hunting services to the nonresident; or

(2) a resident over 19 years of age who is

(A) the spouse of the nonresident; or

(B) related to the nonresident, within and including the second degree of kindred, by marriage or blood.

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Proposal 209

Current Regulations:

- 5 AAC 92.061 Special Provisions for brown bear drawing permits
 - Maximum 40% draw permits to Nonresidents (NR)
 - Minimum 60% draw permits to Residents (R)
 - DB101-DB128, DB131-DB158, DB161-DB163, DB191-DB193.
 - “DB100 Series Permit”
 - NR accompanied by a Guide
 - DB201-DB228, DB231-DB258, DB261-DB263, DB291-DB293
 - “DB200 Series Permits”
 - Residents and Nonresidents accompanied by a Resident Relative within the second degree of kindred (2DK NR)

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Proposal 209

Current Regulations:

- 5 AAC 92.061 Special Provisions for brown bear drawing permits
 - DB200 Series permits issued to 2DK NR
 - Up to 1 permit per hunt
 - Up to 4 permits per season
 - Up to 8 permits per regulatory year

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Proposal 209

Board Authority:

- Guide Required Species are dictated by statute
 - Legislative action is required to modify statute
 - Include elk as a guide required species
 - Prohibit hunting a guide required species with a 2DK Resident Relative
- Allocation
 - Within the limits of the statute the board may;
 - Establish an allocation for NR
 - Establish an allocation for Guided NR
 - Establish an Allocation for 2DK NR

Unit 8	NR	Guided NR	2DK NR
Brown Bears (DB)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown Bears (RB)	No	No	No
Goats	No	No	No
Elk	No	No	No

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Proposal 209

Proposed Regulations:

- Modify the NR allocation for Unit 8 brown bears drawing permits
 - DB: 100% Guided NR, 0% 2DK NR
- Create a NR allocation for Unit 8 brown bear registration permits
 - RB: 100% Guided NR, 0% 2DK NR
- Create a NR allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing and registration permits, for hunts open to NR
 - DG and RG: 100% Guided NR, 0% 2DK NR
- Create a NR allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing and registration permits, for hunts open to NR
 - DE and RE: 100% Guided, 0% Unguided or 2DK NR

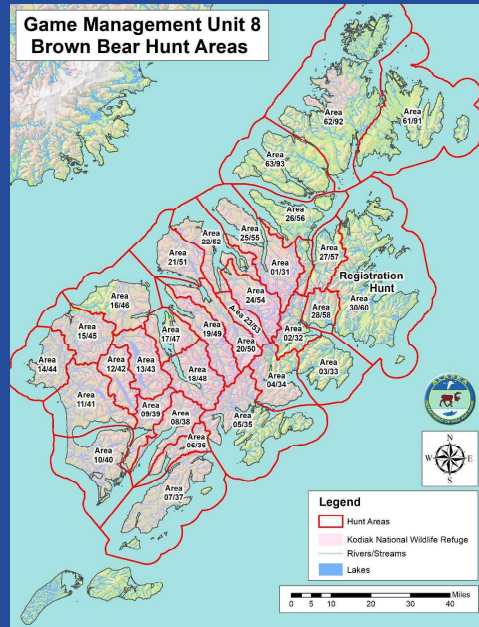
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Proposal 209

Background:
Unit 8 Brown Bear

- 2DK Nonresident hunters RY15-RY24
 - Avg 9 2DK NR Hunters per year (range 5-14)
 - Average Annual Harvest 3 bears
 - 71% male



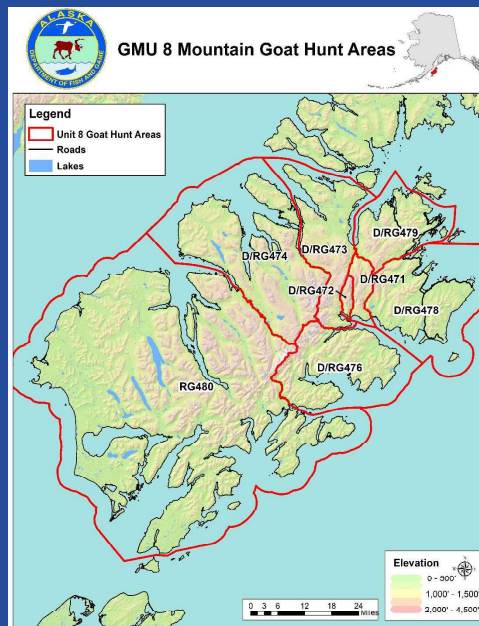
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Proposal 209

Background:
Unit 8 Goat

- Hunts with NR Seasons
 - Draw permits
 - RG480
- NR permits (RY15-RY24)
 - Avg 177 per year (range 150-235)
 - 18% of Hunters
 - 29% Harvest
 - 73% Guided



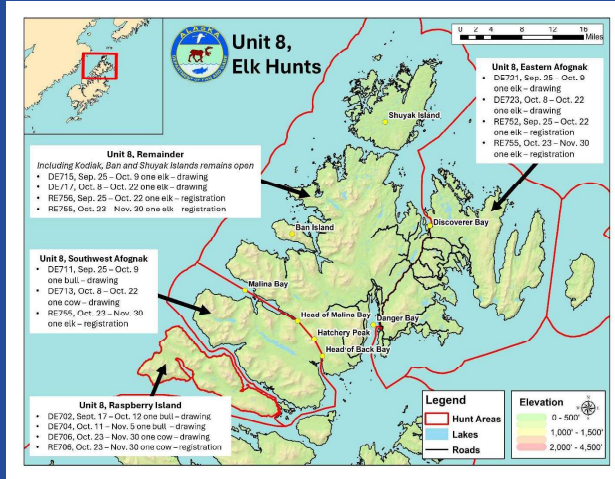
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Proposal 209

Background:
Unit 8 Elk

- Hunts with NR Seasons
 - Draw permits
 - RE755
- NR permits (RY15-RY24)
 - Avg 34 per year (range 19-46)
 - 6% of Hunters
 - 9% Harvest
 - 18% Guided



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Proposal 209

Unit 8/elk

Require nonresidents to hunt elk with a guide in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 210

Unit 8/elk

Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 permits issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to 1 permit per household

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 210

Proposed Regulations:

- Eliminate RE752 and RE756
 - Hunting opportunity would be administered through Unit 8 Remainder and Eastern Afognak DE hunts
 - 4 permits per hunt: DE715, DE717, DE721 and DE723
- 8 RE706 permits would be made available for in person registration
 - Port Lions: 4 Permits
 - Ouzinkie: 4 Permits
 - Limit permit issuance to 1 permit per household

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Proposal 210

Current Regulations:

5AAC 92.050. Required permit hunt conditions and procedures

- Adopted by the BOG at the 2023 Southcentral BOG meeting
- Allocate a portion of the opportunity in Unit 8 Remainder and Eastern Afognak to RE752 and RE756
 - Requires a corresponding reduction in DE permits in these areas
 - 4 permits per hunt: DE715, DE717, DE721 and DE723
- Permits available for in person registration
 - Port Lions: 4 RE752 and 4 RE756
 - Ouzinkie: 4 RE752 and 4 RE756
- 3 Business day prior to the start of the hunt (Sept. 25 – Oct. 22)
- Hunters may possess RE752 or RE756, but not both, only one permit may be issued per hunter

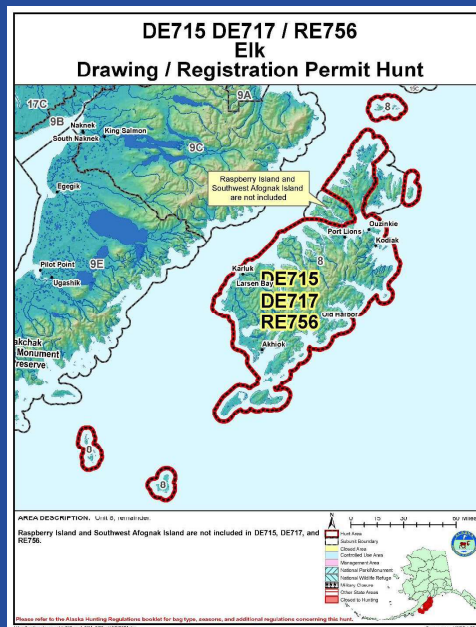
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Proposal 210

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8, Remainder
- DE715
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Sep. 25 – Oct. 9
 - 1 Elk
- DE717
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Oct. 8 – Oct. 22
 - 1 Elk
- RE756
 - Residents Only
 - Sep. 25 – Oct. 22
 - 1 Elk



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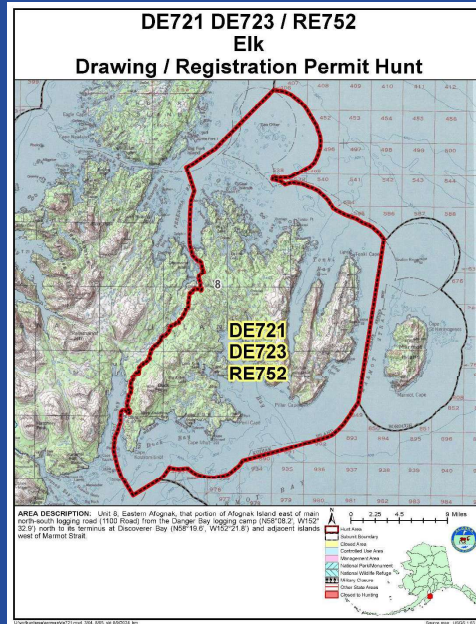
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Proposal 210

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8, Eastern Afognak
- DE721
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Sep. 25 – Oct. 9
 - 1 Elk
- DE723
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Oct. 8 – Oct. 22
 - 1 Elk
- RE752
 - Residents Only
 - Sep. 25 – Oct. 22
 - 1 Elk

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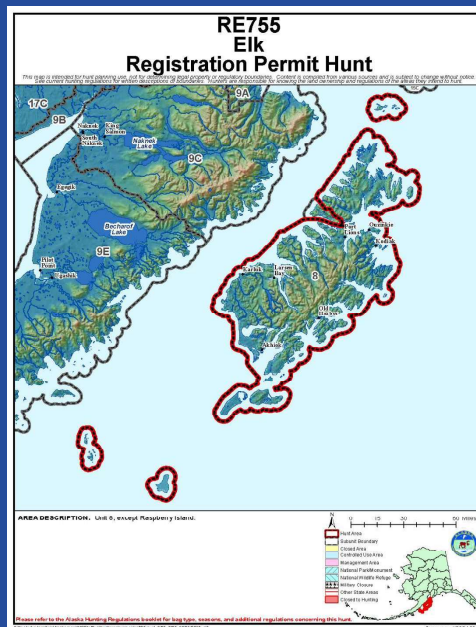
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Proposal 210

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8, Remainder
 - Excludes Raspberry Island
- RE755
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Oct. 23 – Nov. 31
 - 1 Elk
- Subject to EO closures as harvest objectives in portions of the populations range are met.

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Proposal 210

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8, Raspberry Island
- DE702 and DE704
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Oct. 1 – Oct 12, Oct. 11 – Oct. 22
 - 1 Bull
- DE706
 - Nonresidents
 - Oct. 23 – Nov. 30
 - 1 cow
- RE706
 - Residents
 - Oct. 23 – Nov. 30
 - 1 cow
 - 25 Permits, available online only (RY24 and RY25)

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Proposal 210

Background:

- Management Objectives:
 - Minimum Population: 1,200-1,500 elk (Including Raspberry)
 - Minimum Sex Ratio: 15 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 1,000-1,200 elk, 33 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- The existing hunt structures allows for harvest to reach established harvest objectives annually

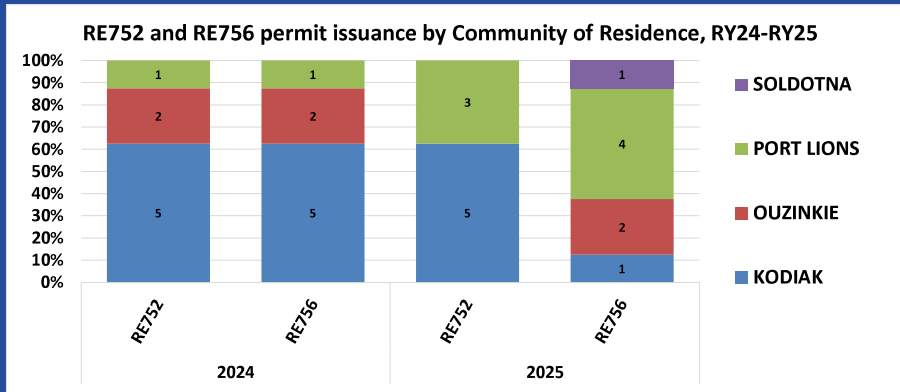
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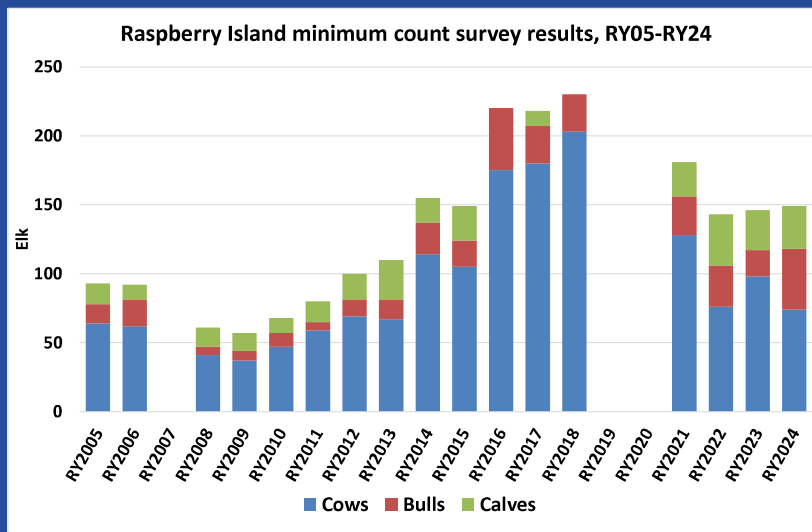
RY2024	Permits	Hunted	Harvest	RY2025	Permits	Hunted	Harvest
RE752	8	8 (100%)	2 (25%)	RE752	8	7 (88%)	2 (29%)
RE756	8	8 (100%)	5 (63%)	RE756	8	7 (88%)	6 (86%)



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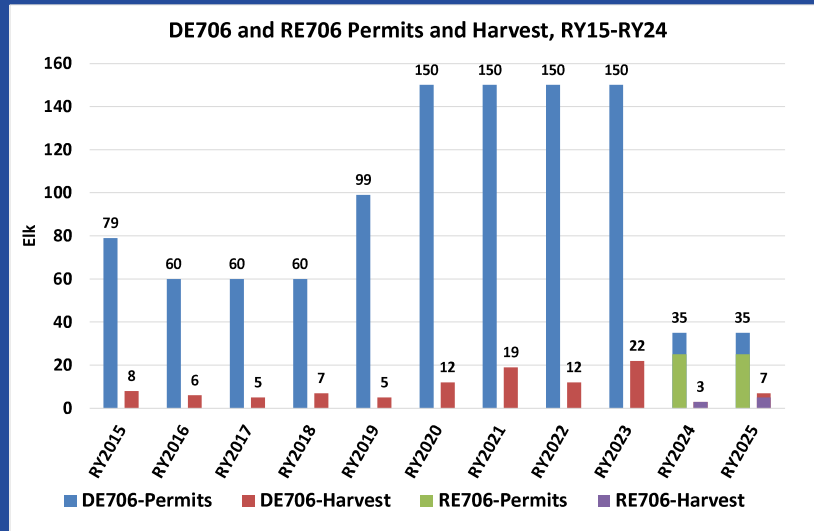
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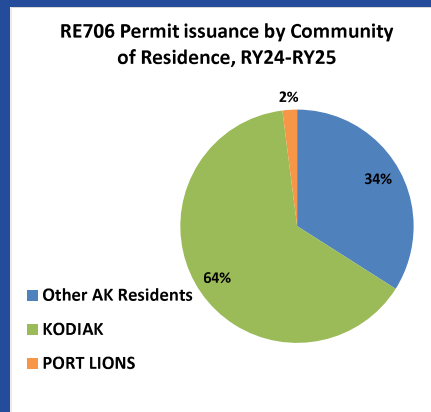
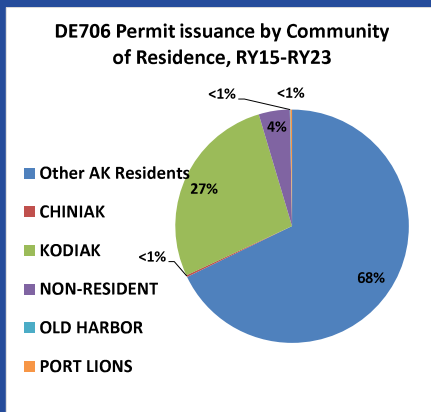
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Unit 8/elk

Reallocate elk permits in hunt areas DE715, DE717, DE721, DE723 and RE706 and limit RE706 permits issued in Port Lions and Ouzinkie to 1 permit per household

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 211

Unit 8/elk

Extend the season closure for RE755 31 Days from November 30 to December 31

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Support

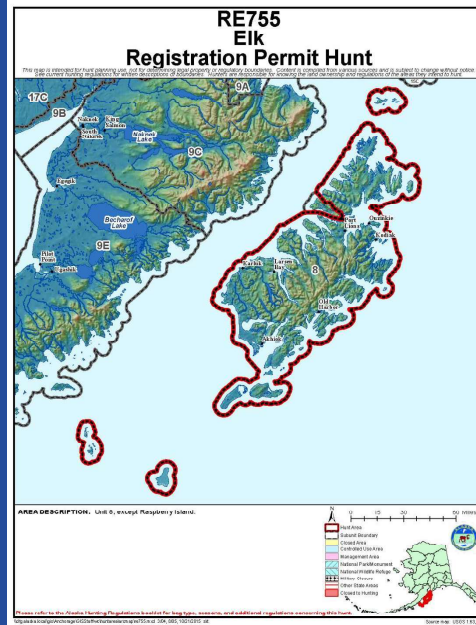
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Proposal 211

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8, Remainder
 - Excludes Raspberry Island
- RE755
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Oct. 23 – Nov. 30
 - 1 Elk
- Subject to EO closures as harvest objectives in portions of the populations range are met.



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Proposal 211

Proposed Regulations:

- Extend the season closing date for RE755
 - Open Season Oct. 23 – **Dec. 31**

Effect of the proposal

- Additional opportunity to harvest elk
 - Afognak Island
 - Emergency Order Closure
 - Kodiak Island
 - Limit establishment of Roosevelt elk population on Kodiak Island
 - Avoid interactions with population of domesticated Rocky Mountain Elk

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Proposal 211

Background:

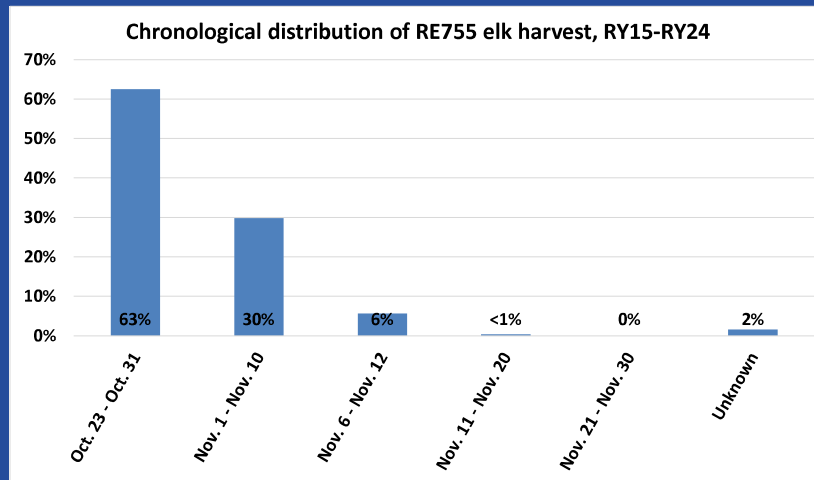
- Roosevelt elk primarily exist on Afognak and Raspberry Islands
- Elk are powerful and proficient swimmers that occasionally swim to Kodiak Island
- Reports on Kodiak Island are uncommon, frequency is unknown
- Domestic Rocky Mountain elk exist on grazing lease on Kodiak Island
- Kodiak Archipelago is one of last places hunters can hunt genetically "pure" Roosevelt elk, the largest elk species in the world
- Disease transmission and hybridization are concerns
- Jeopardize health and genetic integrity of Roosevelt elk



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Proposal 211



- Average Annual RE755 Harvest (RY15-RY24):
 - 25 elk (60% bulls)

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Proposal 211

Unit 8/elk

Extend the season closure for RE755 31 Days from November 30 to December 31

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 212

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to "up to" 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 212



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Proposal 212

Background:

- Roosevelt Elk introduced to Afognak Island 1929
- Raspberry Island Management Objectives:
 - 150-200 elk
 - 20-25 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 175 elk, 35 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- DE702: Oct. 1 – Oct. 12
 - Bulls only
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 4 Bulls (28% NR)

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Proposal 212

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE702 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	1	7	8
2016	4	8	12
2017	5	7	12
2018	3	9	12
2019	2	10	12
2020	0	12	12
2021	1	5	6
2022	0	6	6
2023	2	4	6
2024	0	6	6

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 18%

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Proposal 212

Considerations:

- Small hunt with few permits
- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 212

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE702, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 213

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 213

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE704 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	2	6	8
2016	1	11	12
2017	1	11	12
2018	1	11	12
2019	2	10	12
2020	0	12	12
2021	2	4	6
2022	0	6	6
2023	0	6	6
2024	2	4	6

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 13%

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Proposal 213

Considerations:

- Small hunt with few permits
- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 213

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE704, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 214

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

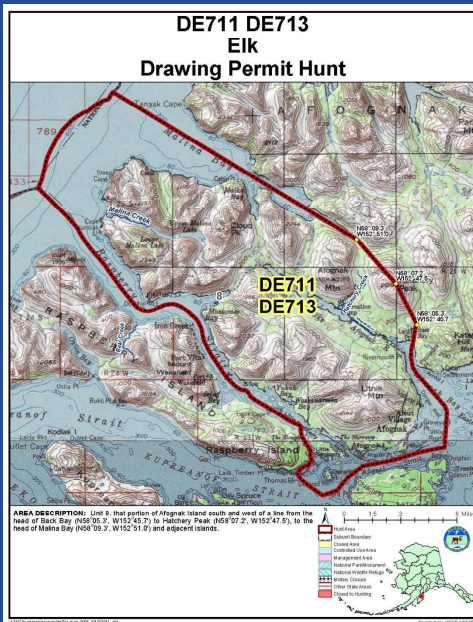
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 214



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Proposal 214

Background:

- Roosevelt Elk introduced to Afognak Island 1929
- Management Objectives:
 - Minimum Population: 1,200-15,00 elk (Including Raspberry)
 - Minimum Sex Ratio: 15 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 1,000-1,200 elk, 33 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- DE711: Sep. 25 – Oct. 9
 - Bulls Only
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 5 Bulls (16% NR)

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Proposal 214

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE711 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	0	10	10
2016	1	14	15
2017	3	12	15
2018	2	13	15
2019	0	15	15
2020	1	14	15
2021	3	12	15
2022	1	14	15
2023	3	12	15
2024	0	15	15

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 9%

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Proposal 214

Considerations:

- Small hunt with few permits
- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 214

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE711, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 215

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

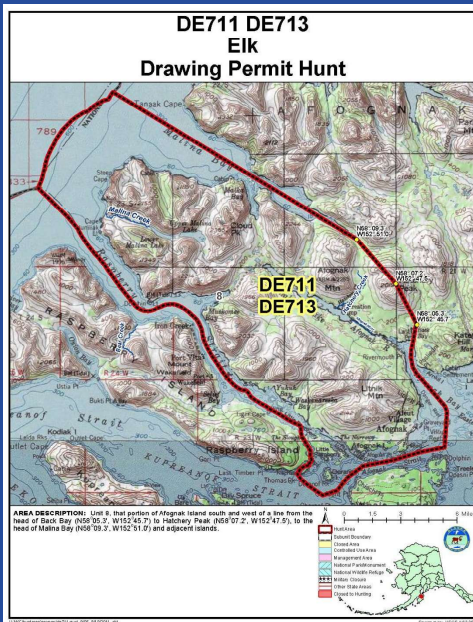
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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 215



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Proposal 215

Background:

- Roosevelt Elk introduced to Afognak Island 1929
- Management Objectives:
 - Minimum Population: 1,200-1,500 elk (Including Raspberry)
 - Minimum Sex Ratio: 15 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 1,000-1,200 elk, 33 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- DE713: Oct. 8 – Oct. 22
 - Cows Only
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 11 cows (1% NR)

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Proposal 215

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE713 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	0	95	95
2016	2	98	100
2017	2	98	100
2018	5	95	100
2019	11	109	120
2020	8	112	120
2021	3	117	120
2022	9	111	120
2023	5	115	120
2024	7	113	120

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 4%

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Proposal 215

Considerations:

- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 215

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE713, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 216

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

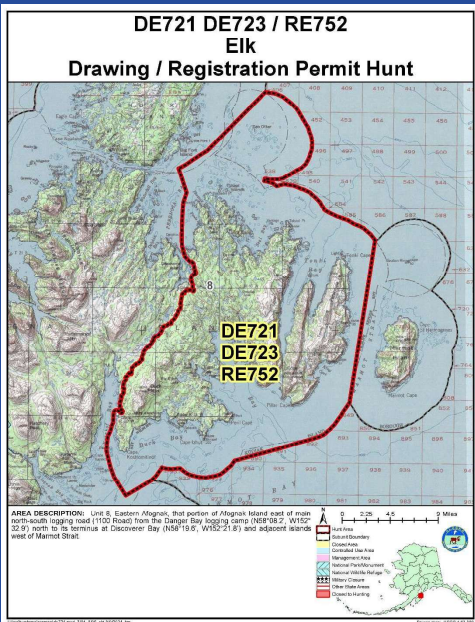
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 216



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Proposal 216

Background:

- Roosevelt Elk introduced to Afognak Island 1929
- Management Objectives:
 - Minimum Population: 1,200-1,500 elk (Including Raspberry)
 - Minimum Sex Ratio: 15 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 1,000-1,200 elk, 33 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- DE721: Sep. 25 – Oct. 9
 - Either Sex
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 4 elk (9% NR)

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Proposal 216

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE721 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	3	37	40
2016	5	35	40
2017	2	38	40
2018	6	34	40
2019	1	39	40
2020	4	36	40
2021	4	31	35
2022	2	33	35
2023	3	33	36
2024	2	29	31

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 8%

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Proposal 216

Considerations:

- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 216

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE721, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 217

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

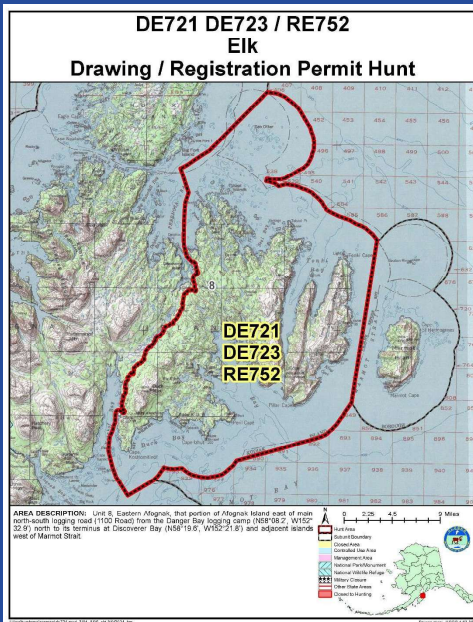
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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 217



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Proposal 217

Background:

- Roosevelt Elk introduced to Afognak Island 1929
- Management Objectives:
 - Minimum Population: 1,200-1,500 elk (Including Raspberry)
 - Minimum Sex Ratio: 15 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 1,000-1,200 elk, 33 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- DE723: Oct. 8 – Oct. 22
 - Either Sex
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 4 elk (13% NR)

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Proposal 217

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE723 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	1	38	39
2016	2	37	39
2017	1	39	40
2018	1	39	40
2019	1	39	40
2020	2	38	40
2021	3	32	35
2022	1	34	35
2023	2	33	35
2024	2	29	31

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 4%

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Proposal 217

Considerations:

- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 217

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE723, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 218

Unit 8/elk

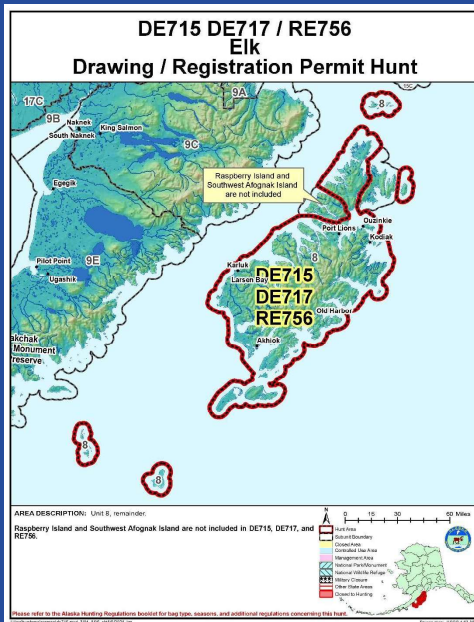
Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 218



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Proposal 218

Background:

- Roosevelt Elk introduced to Afognak Island 1929
- Management Objectives:
 - Minimum Population: 1,200-1,500 elk (Including Raspberry)
 - Minimum Sex Ratio: 15 bulls:100 cows
- Current estimate: 1,000-1,200 elk, 33 bulls:100 cows
- Negative C&T determination
- DE715: Sep. 25 – Oct. 9
 - Either Sex
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 17 elk (9% NR)

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Proposal 218

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE715 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	1	39	40
2016	4	36	40
2017	1	39	40
2018	3	37	40
2019	1	49	50
2020	5	45	50
2021	13	36	49
2022	4	46	50
2023	12	38	50
2024	2	44	46

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 10%

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Proposal 218

Considerations:

- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 218

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE715, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 219

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 219

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DE717 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	1	48	49
2016	5	45	50
2017	3	47	50
2018	3	47	50
2019	7	43	50
2020	6	44	50
2021	6	44	50
2022	5	45	50
2023	10	40	50
2024	10	36	46

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 11%

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Proposal 219

Considerations:

- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.

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Proposal 219

Unit 8/elk

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 elk drawing hunt DE717, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 220

Unit 8/goat

Extend the season closure for RG471-474 and 476 from Jan 31 to March 31

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

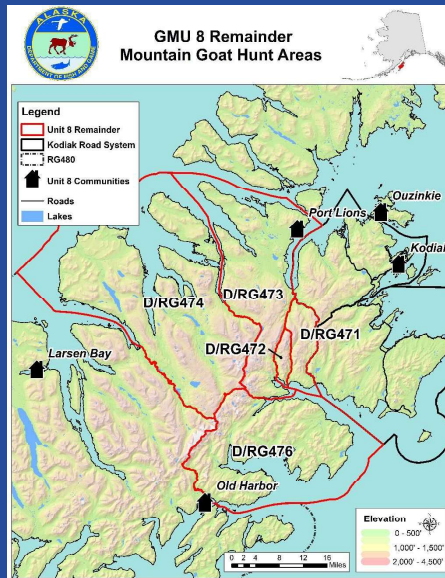
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Proposal 220

Current Regulations:

- Unit 8 Remainder
 - Divided into 5 hunt areas
 - D/RG471 Wild Creek-Center Mtn.
 - D/RG472 Crown Mtn.
 - D/RG473 Hidden Basin-E Terror Lk
 - D/RG474 Uganik River
 - D/RG476 Kiliuda Bay
- Drawing permit hunts
 - Resident and Nonresidents
 - Open Season: Aug. 10 – Oct. 25
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited



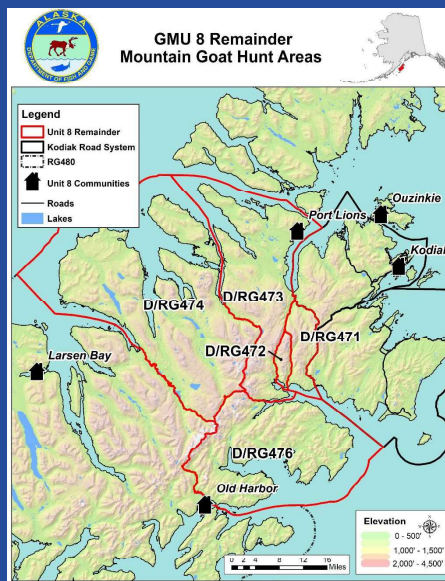
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Proposal 220

Current Regulations:

- Registration permit hunts
 - Take remaining harvestable surplus
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents Only
 - Open Season: Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
 - Subject to EO closure
 - Permits available for in person registration
 - Port Lions: RG471-RG474
 - Old Harbor: RG476
 - Aircraft access restrictions
 - State maintained runways
 - Float equipped aircraft landing in saltwater



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Proposal 220

Current Regulations:

- Negative C&T determination
 - State and Federal Regulations
 - Developed by the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee-Kodiak/Aleutians Federal Advisory Council working group in 2003
 - BOG and FSB implemented recommendations of the working group
 - Provided the framework for the current hunt structure

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Proposal 220

Proposed Regulations:

5AAC 85.040. Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat.

Units and Bag Limits	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Remainder of Unit 8		
1 goat by drawing permit only; up to 500 permits may be issued; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited; or	Aug 20 — Oct. 25 (General hunt only)	Aug 20 — Oct. 25
1 goat by registration permit only; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited	Nov. 1 — Mar. 31 (General hunt only)	No Open Season
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Proposal 220

Back Round:

RG471-RG474, RG476 Season closure date, RY15-RY24										
	RY15	RY16	RY17	RY18	RY19	RY20	RY21	RY22	RY23	RY24
RG471	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	No Open Season	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31
RG472	Jan 31	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	Jan 31	Jan 31	No Open Season	No Open Season
RG473	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	No Open Season	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31
RG474	Jan 31	No Open Season	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31
RG476	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	No Open Season	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31	Jan 31

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Proposal 220

Background:

- Draw Permit Holders account for 96% of the harvest from these areas (RY20-RY24)
- Current hunt structure allows harvest to reach established harvest objectives

Average proportion of harvest objective taken annually RY19-RY24				
D/RG471	D/RG472	D/RG473	D/RG474	D/RG476
79%	110%	72%	64%	99%

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Proposal 220

Effect of Proposal:

- Lengthen the season 59 days in a common year and 60 days in a leap year
- Provide opportunity to harvest goats during the late season when animals may be found at lower elevations
- An increase in harvest may require “in season” Emergency Order closures

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Proposal 220

Unit 8/goat

Extend the season closure for RG471-474 and 476 from Jan 31 to March 31

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 221

Unit 8/goat

Extend the season for RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8 to start August 1

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

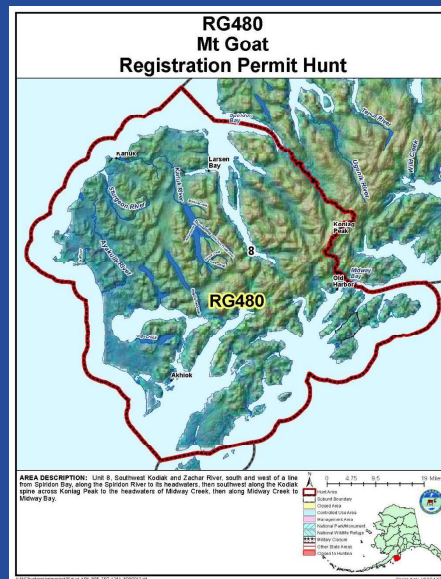
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Proposal 221

Current Regulations:

- RG480
 - Bag limit of 2 goats, only one of which may be a billy, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Open Season:
 - Aug. 20 – Mar. 31
 - Permits available online and select area offices.



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Proposal 221

Proposed Regulations:

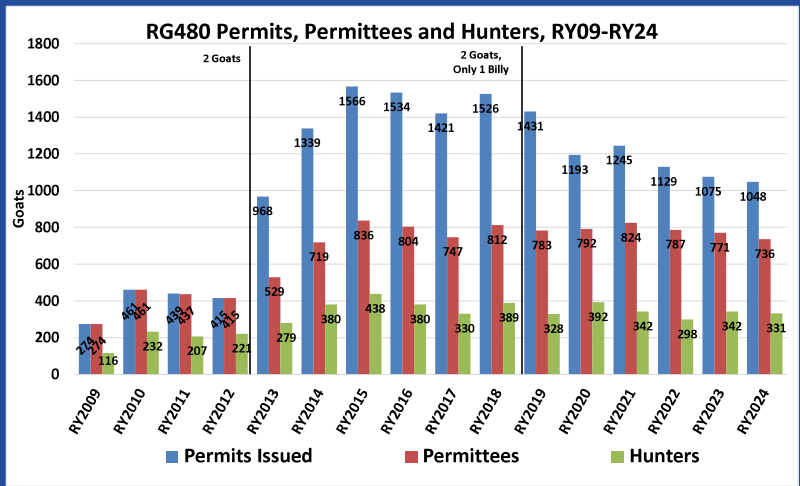
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Units and Bag Limits	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 8, that portion of Kodiak Island south and west of a line extending along the Spiridon River, following the North Fork of the Spiridon to its headwaters, then going southwest following the spine of the island over Koniag peak to the headwaters of the South Fork of Midway Creek, then downstream on Midway Creek to Midway Bay	Aug. 1–Mar. 31 (General hunt only)	Aug. 20–Mar. 31,
2 goats by registration permit only 1 of which may be a billy; the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited		
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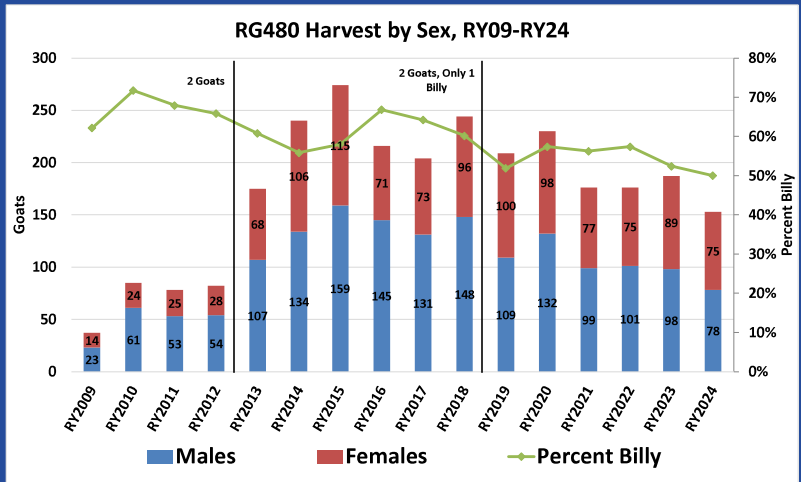
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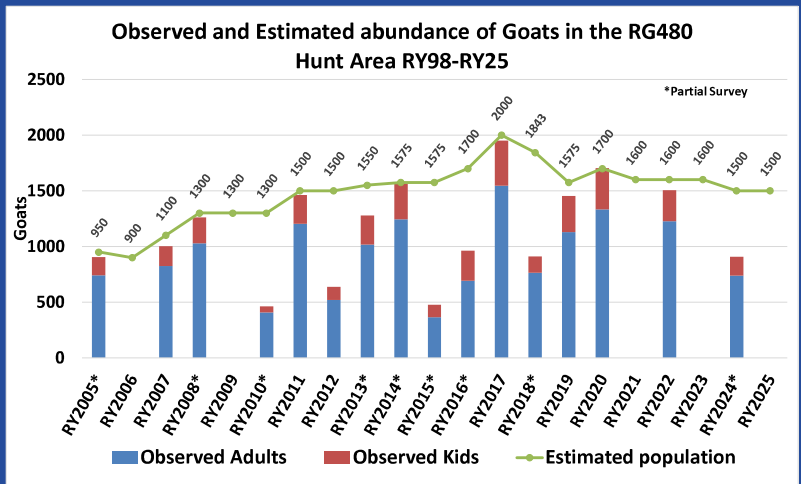
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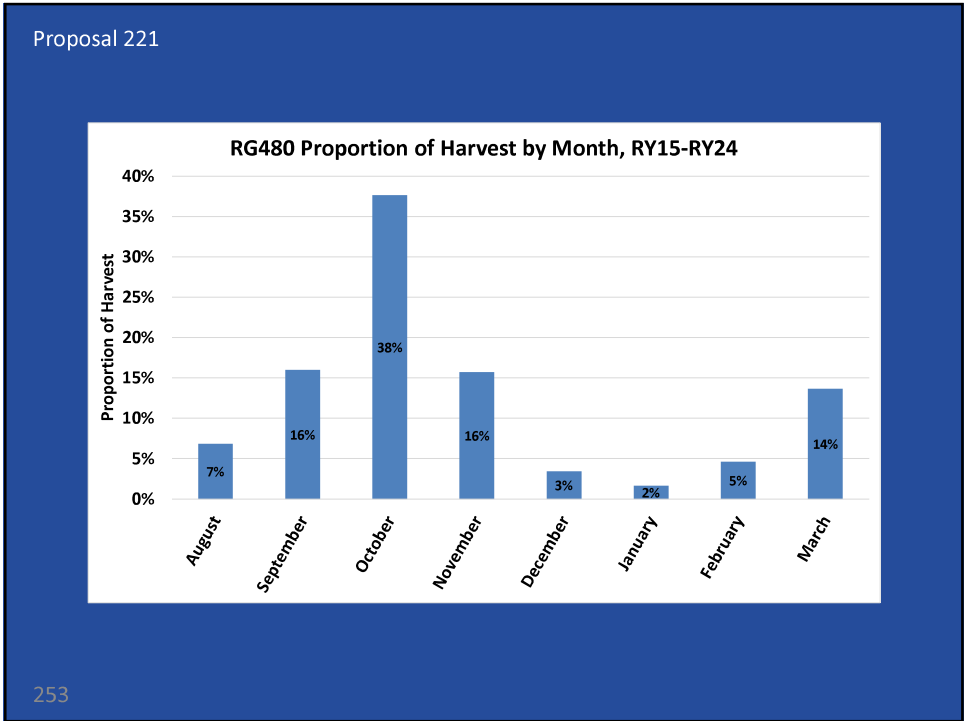
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- Proposal 221
- Effect of Proposal:**
- Population stable at the current level of harvest
 - Lengthen the season 19 days
 - Provide opportunity to harvest goats in early August
 - May result in an increase in harvest
 - Conflict with S&I activities
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Proposal 221

Unit 8/goat

Extend the season for RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8 to start August 1

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 230

Unit 8/goat

Extend the season for RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8 to start August 1

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

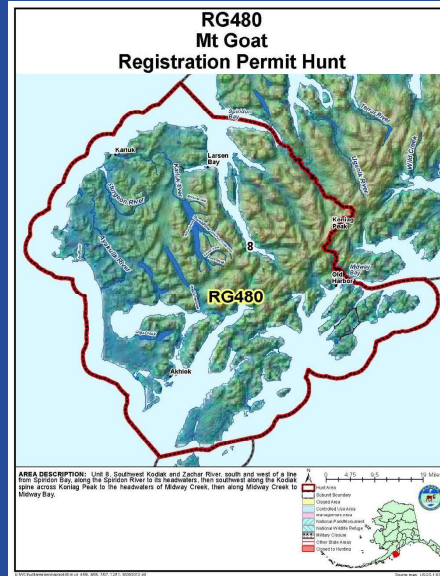
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Proposal 230

Current Regulations:

- RG480
 - Bag limit of 2 goats, only one of which may be a billy, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents and Nonresidents
 - Open Season:
 - Aug. 20 – Mar. 31
 - Permits available online and select area offices.



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Proposal 230

Proposed Regulations:

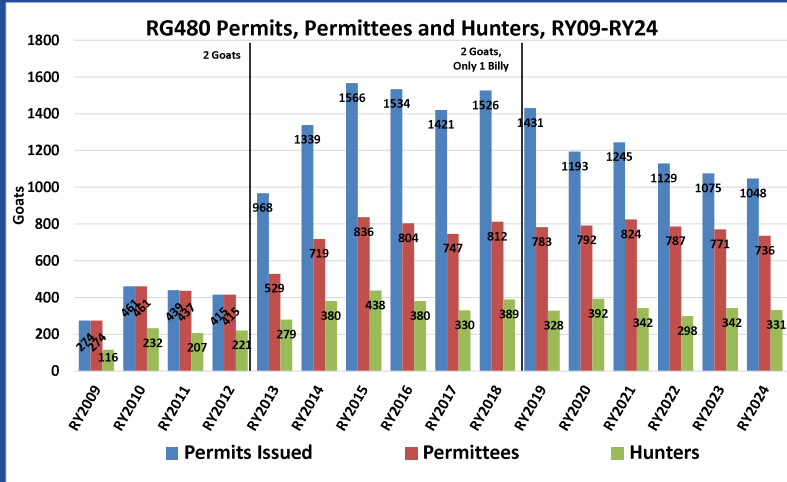
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2 goats by registration permit only 1 of which may be a billy, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited	Aug. 1–Mar. 31 (General hunt only)	Aug. 20–Mar. 31,
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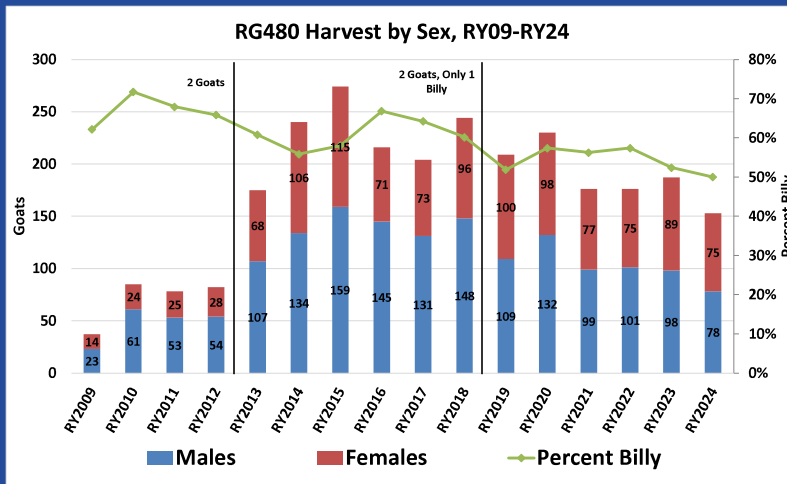
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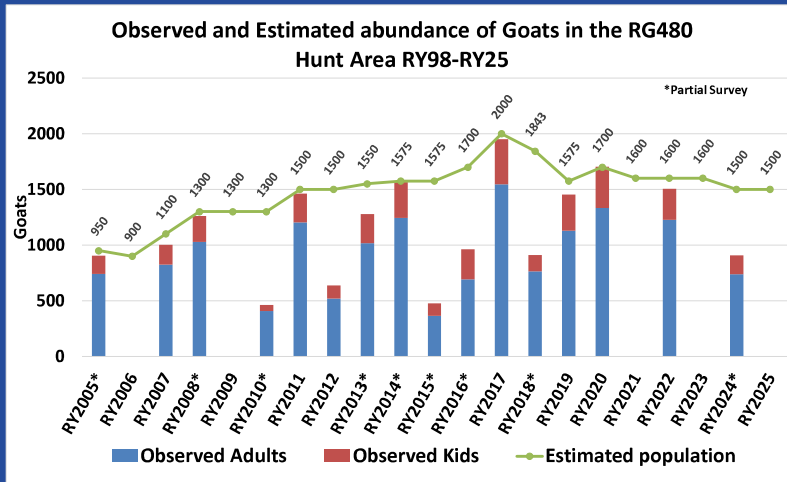
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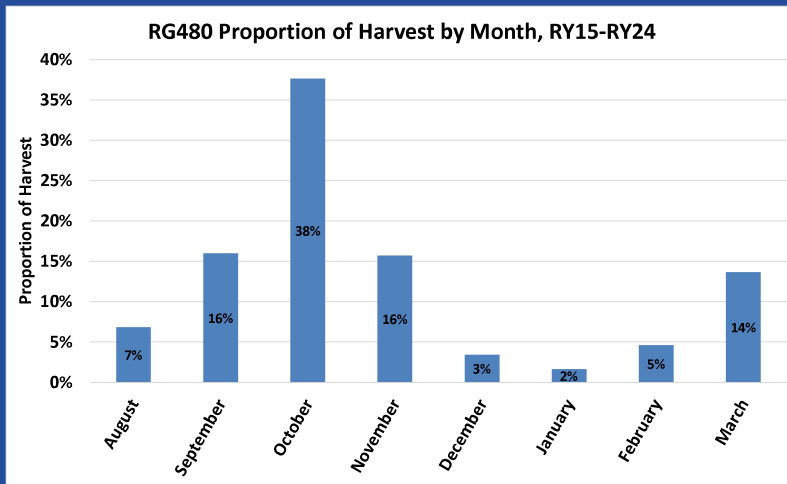
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Effect of Proposal:

- Population stable at the current level of harvest
- Lengthen the season 19 days
- Provide opportunity to harvest goats in early August
 - May result in an increase in harvest
- Conflict with S&I activities

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Proposal 230

Unit 8/goat

Extend the season for RG480 goat hunt in Unit 8 to start August 1

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 222

Unit 8/goat

Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy, and require horns to be sealed

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed to bag limit change, Neutral specimen requirement

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Proposal 222

Current Regulations:

- Draw Permit Areas
 - 1 Goat, the take of nannies accompanied by kids is prohibited
- RG480
 - 2 Goats, only one of which may be a billy, the take of nannies accompanied by kids is prohibited.
- No Specimens Required



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Proposal 222

Current Regulations:

- 5AAC 92.171. Sealing of horns and antlers.
 - Sheep taken in Units 7, 9, 11-16, 19-20, and 24.
 - Sheep rams with horn restrictions in Units 23, and 25-26 (except RS595).

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Proposal 222

Current Regulations:

- “Sealing” not required for Mountain Goat
 - Specimens Required: Horns for Measuring and Aging
 - Occasionally Tissue collection
 - Varies by Region: RY24
 - Region 1: 100% Drawing permits, 58% Registration permits
 - Region 2: 57% Drawing permits, 6% Registration permits
 - Region 4: No Specimens Required

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Proposal 222

Proposed Regulations:

- Draw Permit Areas
 - 1 Billy
- RG480
 - 1 Billy
- Specimens Required:
 - Horns for aging and measuring



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Proposal 222

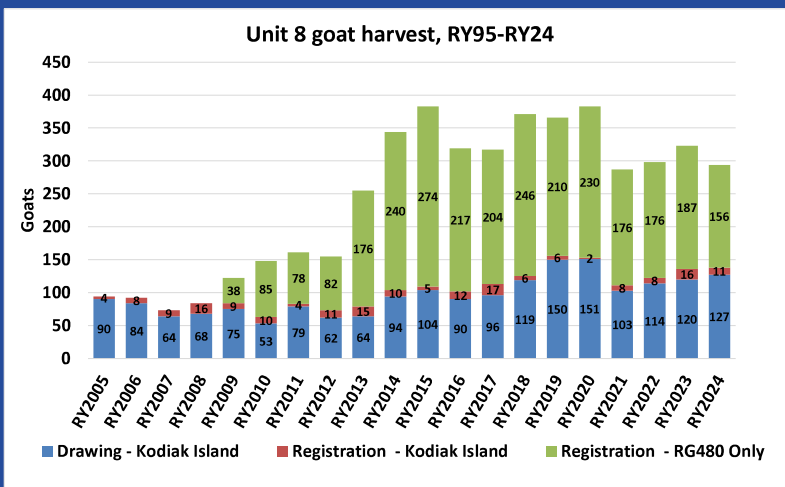
Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 3000 goats, Stable
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 331 goats
 - 60% male harvest (Range 53-68%)

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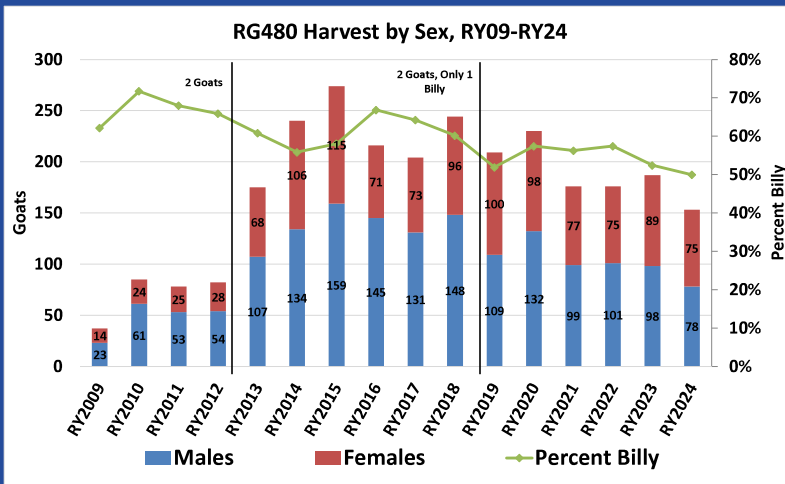


- Avg % Billies RY15-RY24: 60%

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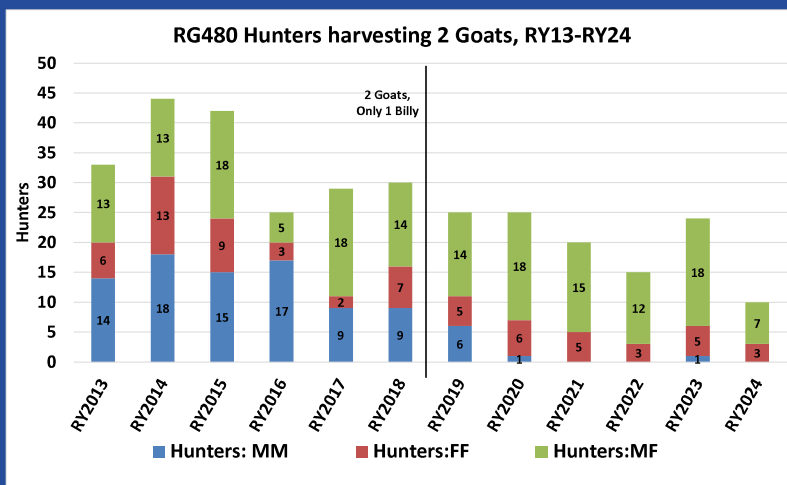
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Proposal 222

Background:

- Sex specific bag limits for goats are rare
 - Trophy populations
 - Nonresident hunts
 - Accompanied by a guide
- Management Approach
 - Education
 - Mandatory Goat ID Quiz
 - Intended to reduce female harvest
 - “Goat Points”
 - Billy = 1 goat point
 - Nanny = 2 goat points
 - Season closed by EO



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Proposal 222

Effect of Proposal:

- Bag Limit Change:
 - Reduced Harvest
 - Population stable at the current level of harvest
 - 100% male harvest composition hamper continued efforts to stabilize and reduce population
 - Reduced from 2 goats to 1 = minimal reduction
 - Billies only = substantial reduction
 - Require Evidence of Sex
- Required Specimens
 - Provide useful information for management
 - Age and Sex composition
 - Index of nutrition
 - Hunter observations; reproductive status, disease

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Proposal 222

Unit 8/goat

Change the bag limit for hunting goat in Unit 8 to one billy, and require horns to be sealed

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed to bag limit change, Neutral specimen requirement

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Proposal 231

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471-474, DG476, DG478-479, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 231

Current Regulations:

- Northern Kodiak Island:
 - D/RG471 Wild Creek-Center Mtn.
 - D/RG472 Crown Mtn.
 - D/RG473 Hidden Basin-E Terror Lk
 - D/RG474 Uganik River
 - D/RG476 Kiliuda Bay
 - D/RG478 South Road System
 - D/RG479 North Road System



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Proposal 231

Current Regulations:

- Drawing permit hunts
 - Resident and Nonresidents
 - No Nonresident Allocation
 - Open Season: Aug. 10 – Oct. 25
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited



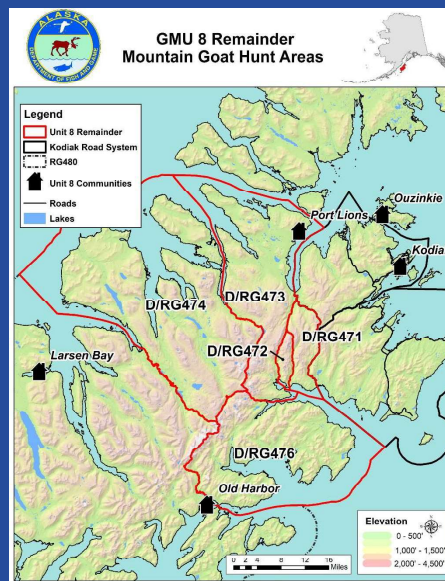
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Proposal 231

Current Regulations:

- Remainder RG Hunts
 - Take remaining harvestable surplus
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents Only
 - Open Season: Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
 - Subject to EO closure
 - Permits available for in person registration
 - Port Lions: RG471-RG474
 - Old Harbor: RG476
 - Aircraft access restrictions
 - State maintained runways
 - Float equipped aircraft landing in saltwater



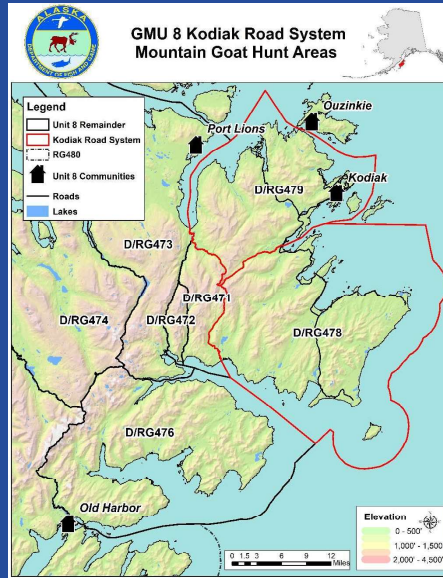
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Proposal 231

Current Regulations:

- Kodiak Road System RG Hunts
 - Take remaining harvestable surplus
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents Only
 - Open Season:
 - RG478/RG479: Nov. 1 – Dec. 15
 - RG488/RG489: Dec. 16 – Jan. 31
 - Subject to EO closure
 - Permits available Online and Kodiak ADF&G
 - Weapons Restrictions
 - RG478 and RG479: Archery Only
 - RG488 and RG489: Archery, Muzzleloader or Crossbow only



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Proposal 231

Proposed Regulations:

- Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471-474, DG476, DG478-479, to “up to” 10% of the available

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Proposal 231

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 3000 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- Combined Harvest from DG471-474, DG476, DG478 and DG479
 - Avg RY15-RY24: 117 goats (35% NR)

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Proposal 231

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG471-474, DG476, DG478 and DG479 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	38	256	294
2016	37	212	249
2017	42	207	249
2018	66	183	249
2019	92	246	338
2020	91	247	338
2021	66	242	308
2022	59	249	308
2023	69	241	310
2024	71	240	311

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 21%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 86%

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Proposal 231

Considerations:

- If available permits < 10
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 10% of permits.
- 2DK nonresident hunters

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Proposal 231

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471-474, DG476, DG478-479, to “up to” 10% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 232

Unit 8/goat

Establish a nonresident allocation for goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG478 and DG479

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

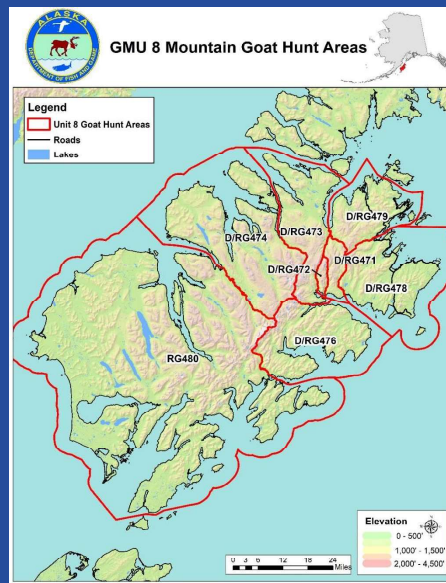
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Proposal 232

Current Regulations:

- Northern Kodiak Island:
 - Remote Access
 - D/RG473 Hidden Basin-E Terror Lk
 - D/RG474 Uganik River
 - D/RG476 Kiliuda Bay
 - Road System Access
 - D/RG471 Wild Creek-Center Mtn.
 - D/RG472 Crown Mtn.
 - D/RG478 South Road System
 - D/RG479 North Road System



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Proposal 232

Current Regulations:

- Drawing permit hunts
 - Resident and Nonresidents
 - No Nonresident Allocation
 - Open Season: Aug. 10 – Oct. 25
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited



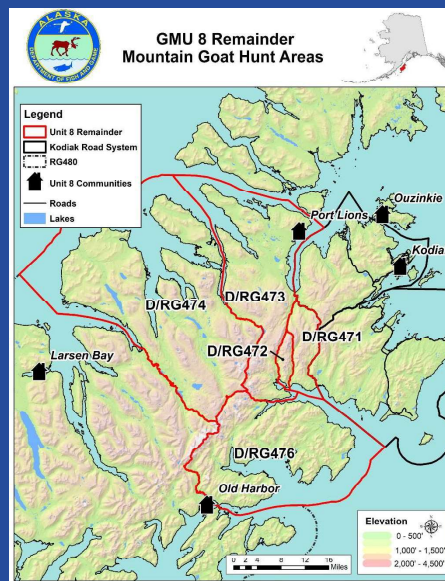
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Proposal 232

Current Regulations:

- Remainder Registration Hunts
 - Take remaining harvestable surplus
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents Only
 - Open Season: Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
 - Subject to EO closure
 - Permits available for in person registration
 - Port Lions: RG471-RG474
 - Old Harbor: RG476
 - Aircraft access restrictions
 - State maintained runways
 - Float equipped aircraft landing in saltwater



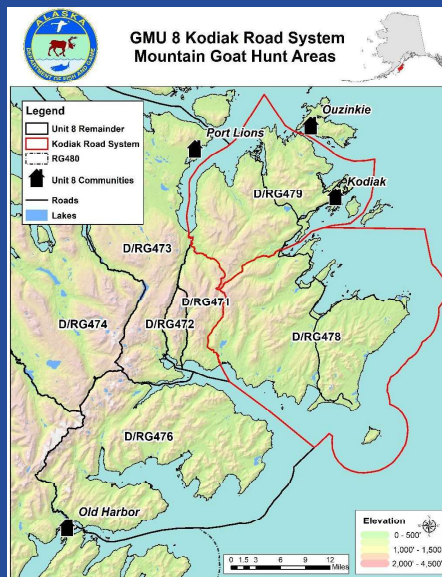
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Proposal 232

Current Regulations:

- Kodiak Road System Hunts
 - Take remaining harvestable surplus
 - Bag limit of 1 goat, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - Residents Only
 - Open Season:
 - RG478/RG479: Nov. 1 – Dec. 15
 - RG488/RG489: Dec. 16 – Jan. 31
 - Subject to EO closure
 - Permits available Online and Kodiak ADF&G
 - Weapons Restrictions
 - RG478 and RG479: Archery Only
 - RG488 and RG489: Archery, Muzzleloader or Crossbow only



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Proposal 232

Proposed Regulations:

- Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunts DG471, DG472, DG478 and DG479.
 - Did not specify an “up to” allocation

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Proposal 232

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 3000 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- Combined Harvest
 - Road Accessible: Avg RY15-RY24: 74 goats (32% NR)
 - Remote: Avg RY15-RY24: 43 goats (41% NR)

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Proposal 232

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, Road Accessible Hunts DG471, DG472, DG478 and DG479, RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	16	186	202
2016	18	139	157
2017	22	135	157
2018	44	113	157
2019	51	155	206
2020	51	155	206
2021	34	142	176
2022	27	149	176
2023	38	139	177
2024	32	146	178

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 19%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 89%

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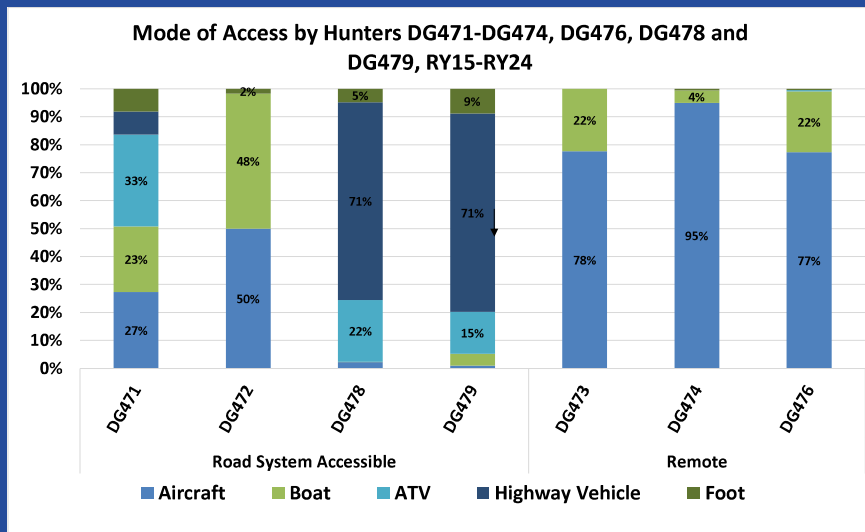
Resident and Nonresident permit holders, Remote Hunts DG473, DG474 and DG476, RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	22	70	92
2016	19	73	92
2017	20	72	92
2018	22	70	92
2019	41	91	132
2020	40	92	132
2021	32	100	132
2022	32	100	132
2023	31	102	133
2024	39	94	133

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 26%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 82%

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Proposal 232



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Proposal 232

Considerations:

- If the established nonresident allocation results in <1 permit allocated to nonresidents
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with XX% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 232

Unit 8/goat

Establish a nonresident allocation for goat drawing permit hunts DG471, DG472, DG478 and DG479

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 223

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

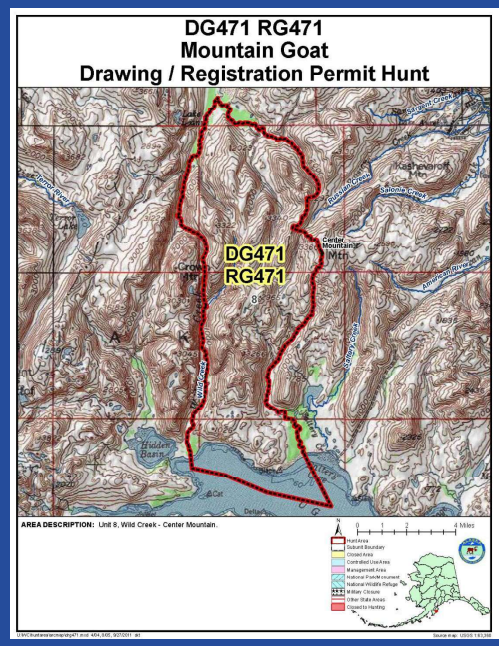
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 223



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Proposal 223

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 130 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- DG471: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG471, Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 13 goats (52% NR)

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Proposal 223

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG471 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	2	33	35
2016	8	27	35
2017	5	30	35
2018	19	16	35
2019	14	21	35
2020	10	24	34
2021	13	22	35
2022	13	22	35
2023	19	16	35
2024	9	26	35

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 32%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 93%

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Proposal 223

Considerations:

- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 223

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG471, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 224

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

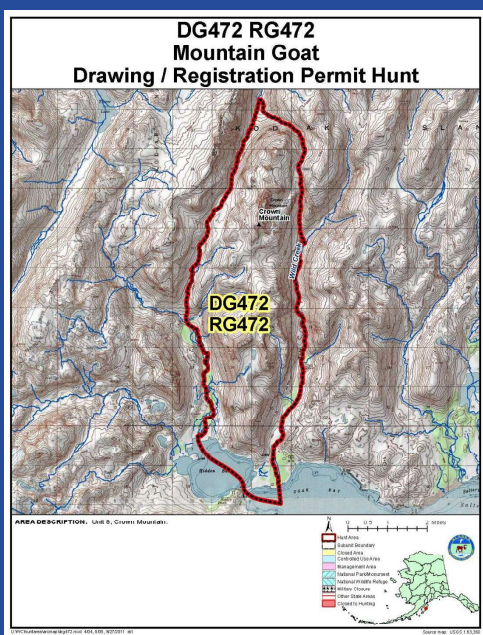
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 224



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Proposal 224

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 40 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- DG472: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG472, Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 5 goats (50% NR)

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Proposal 224

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG472 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	2	10	12
2016	1	11	12
2017	4	8	12
2018	4	8	12
2019	2	10	12
2020	2	10	12
2021	4	8	12
2022	2	10	12
2023	5	7	12
2024	6	6	12

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 27%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 96%

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Proposal 224

Considerations:

- Small Number of permits
- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 224

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG472, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 225

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 100 goats, Stable/Increasing
- Negative C&T determination
- DG473: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG473, Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 5 goats (45% NR)

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Proposal 225

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG473 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	7	5	12
2016	1	11	12
2017	1	11	12
2018	4	8	12
2019	6	6	12
2020	0	12	12
2021	6	6	12
2022	6	6	12
2023	3	10	13
2024	5	8	13

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 32%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 88%

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Proposal 225

Considerations:

- Small Number of permits
- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 225

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG473, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 226

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

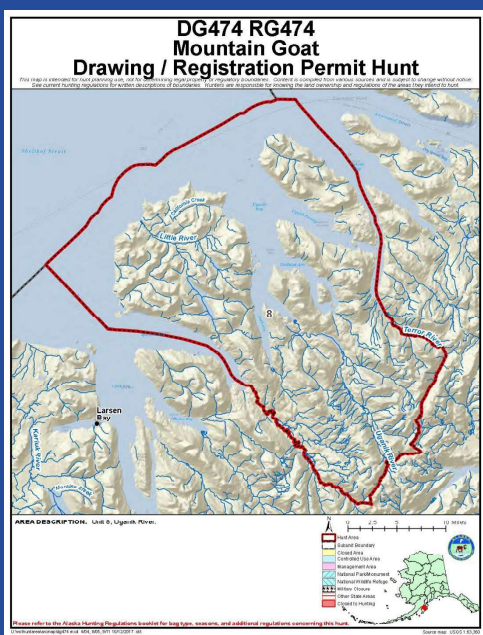
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 226



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Proposal 226

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 275 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- DG474: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG474, Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 25 goats (24% NR)

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Proposal 226

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG474 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	5	45	50
2016	10	40	50
2017	7	43	50
2018	10	40	50
2019	10	60	70
2020	8	62	70
2021	11	59	70
2022	10	60	70
2023	9	61	70
2024	11	59	70

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 15%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 64%

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Proposal 226

Considerations:

- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 226

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG474, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 227

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

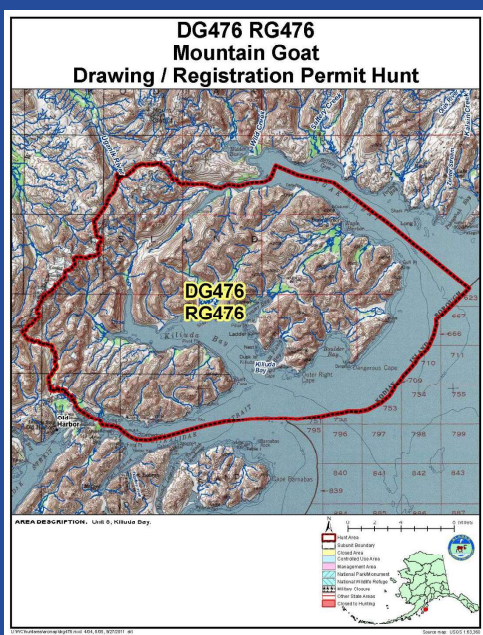
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 227



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Proposal 227

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 215 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- DG476: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG476, Nov. 1 – Jan. 31
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 14 goats (72% NR)

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Proposal 227

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG476 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	10	20	30
2016	8	22	30
2017	12	18	30
2018	8	22	30
2019	25	25	50
2020	32	18	50
2021	15	35	50
2022	16	34	50
2023	19	31	50
2024	23	27	50

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 39%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 89%

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Proposal 227

Considerations:

- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 227

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG476, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 228

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

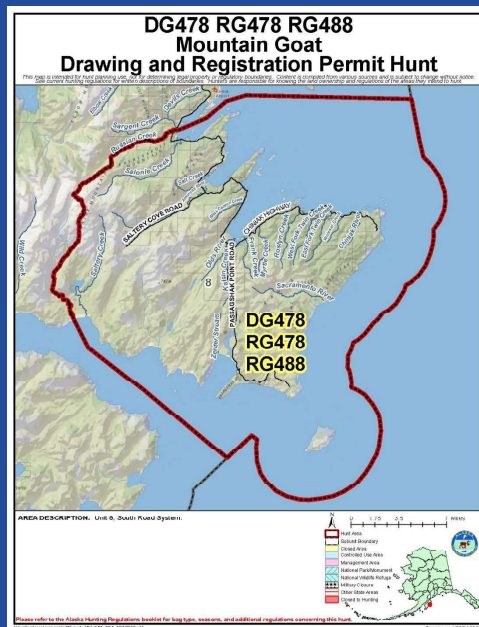
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 228



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Proposal 228

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 300 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- DG478: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG478/488
 - Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 (Archery Only)
 - Dec. 16 – Jan. 31 (Archery, Muzzleloader or Crossbow)
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 38 goats (26% NR)

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Proposal 228

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG478 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	5	85	90
2016	7	68	75
2017	8	67	75
2018	15	60	75
2019	26	73	99
2020	23	77	100
2021	11	69	80
2022	9	70	79
2023	8	72	80
2024	13	68	81

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 15%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 90%

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Proposal 228

Considerations:

- Accessible along the Kodiak Road System
- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 228

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG478, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 229

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to "up to" 20% of the available permits

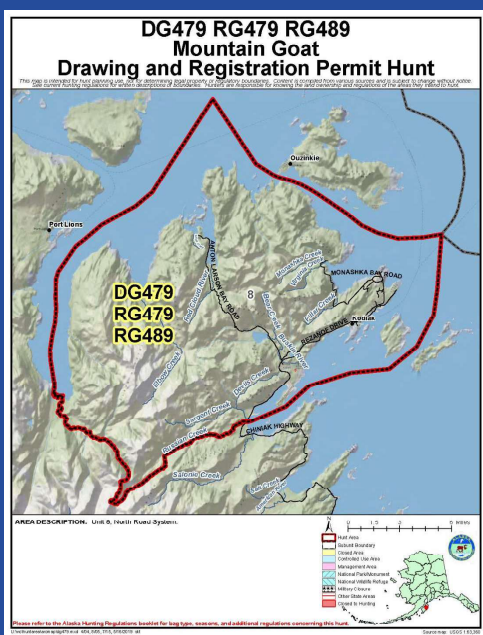
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 229



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Proposal 229

Background:

- Goats introduced to Kodiak Island 1952
 - Managed for range expansion and population growth
- Currently managed to limit population growth
 - Estimated abundance 200 goats, Stable
- Negative C&T determination
- DG479: Aug. 20 – Oct. 25
 - Resident only RG479/489
 - Nov. 1 – Dec. 15 (Archery Only)
 - Dec. 16 – Jan. 31 (Archery, Muzzleloader or Crossbow)
- Avg Harvest RY15-RY24: 19 goats (22% NR)

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Proposal 229

Resident and Nonresident permit holders, DG479 RY15-RY24			
Regulatory Year	Nonresidents	Residents	Total Permits
2015	7	58	65
2016	2	33	35
2017	5	30	35
2018	6	29	35
2019	9	51	60
2020	16	44	60
2021	6	43	49
2022	3	47	50
2023	6	44	50
2024	4	46	50

- Avg % Nonresident Permit Holders RY15-RY24: 13%
- Avg % Nonresident accompanied by a guide: 85%

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Proposal 229

Considerations:

- Accessible along the Kodiak Road System
- If available permits < 5
 - Nonresident hunters would not receive any permits
- If adopted, a nonresident only draw hunt would be created with 20% of permits.
- 2DK non-resident hunters

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Proposal 229

Unit 8/goat

Limit the nonresident permit allocation for Unit 8 goat drawing hunt DG479, to “up to” 20% of the available permits

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 233

Unit 8/brown bear

Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts
DB106/206/136/236

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would move the northeast boundary of hunt unit 06 which would reduce the size of adjacent hunt area 05 and expand hunt area 06. If adopted, the state delineated hunt boundaries would no longer align with the delineation of federal guide use areas 05 and 06.

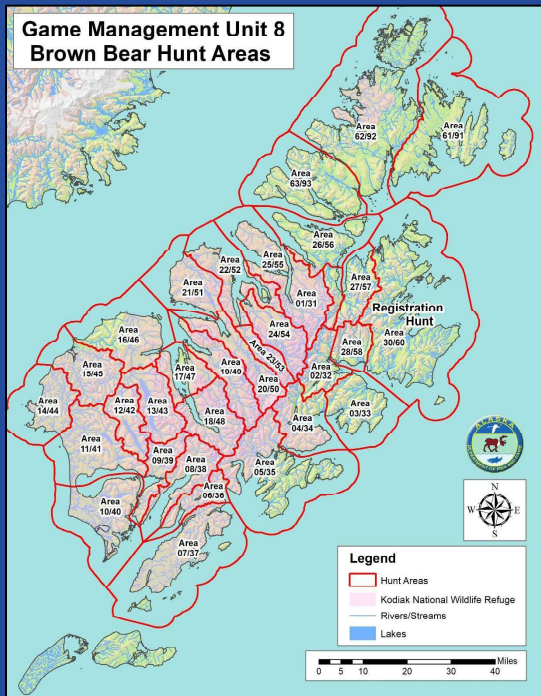
Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 233

- GMU 8: 31 drawing hunt areas open to resident and NR hunters
- 21 classified as Exclusive Guide Use Areas (EGUAs)
- EGUAs: single guide is granted sole guide access for 5 years
- Guides selected through USFWS application process
- Alaska guides can register in 3 guide use areas statewide
- Guide use areas align with brown bear hunt areas

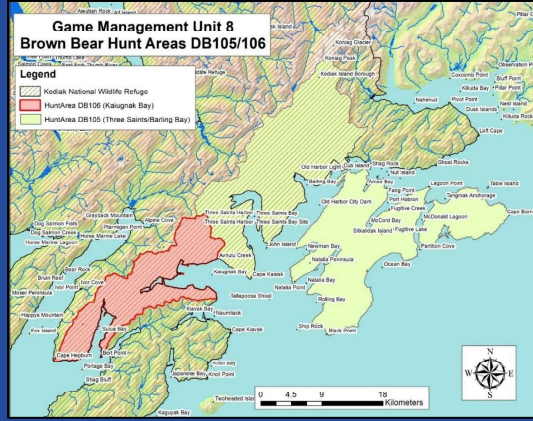


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Proposal 233

- Hunt Area 05 (yellow): comprises both federal and private land
 - Current guide has exclusive guide use privileges for both federal and private land.
 - 8 permits in spring (5 R, 3 NR)
 - 7 permits in fall (4 R, 3 NR)
- Hunt Area 06 (pink) is EGUA and has 1 registered guide
 - 8 permits in spring (5 R, 3 NR)
 - 5 permits in fall (3 R, 2 NR).



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Proposal 233

- Proposal would move the northeast boundary of hunt unit 06; expand area 06 and reduce area 05 (orange)
- State delineated hunt boundaries would not align with state or federal guide use areas boundaries 05 and 06.

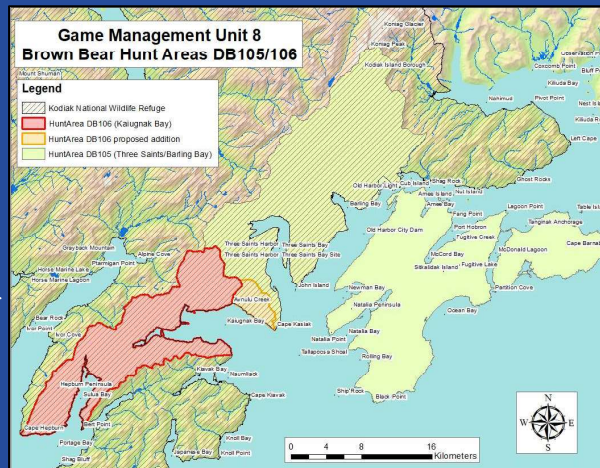
Harvest RY20 – RY24:

Hunt Area 06

- Residents: 2 bears/year
- NR: 4.8 bears/year

Hunt Area 05

- Residents: 3.4 bears/year
- NR: 5 bears/year



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Proposal 233

Unit 8/brown bear

Change the boundary for the Unit 8 brown bear drawing hunts
DB106/206/136/236

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would move the northeast boundary of hunt unit 06 which would reduce the size of adjacent hunt area 05 and expand hunt area 06. If adopted, the state delineated hunt boundaries would no longer align with the delineation of federal guide use areas 05 and 06.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 234

Unit 8/brown bear

Shorten the spring brown bear season in Unit 8 to start April 20

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would shorten the spring bear hunting season. Reducing the spring bear season may result in some hunters hunting later in the season when more female bears are present on the landscape potentially resulting in an increase in female harvest. If adopted, this proposal may also lead to a reduced "hunt experience" with more hunters in the field during a reduced time frame.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 234

Kodiak bear hunts are considered one of the premier hunts in the world and are one of Kodiaks foremost trophy hunts.

- Objectives:
 - Healthy, stable population that produces trophy-quality males and sustained hunting
 - Limit female harvest; maintain annual harvest of at least 60% males



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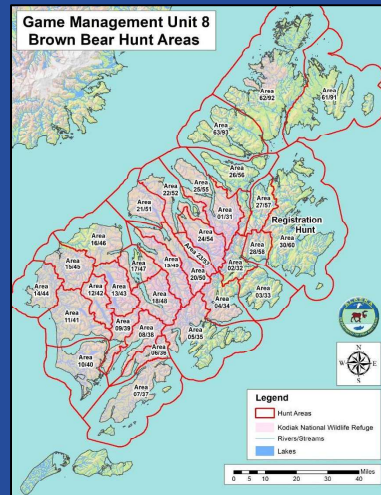
- GMU 8: 31 drawing hunt areas open to residents and nonresidents
- 1 registration hunt area open to residents and nonresidents

Seasons Dates:

- Split into 2 seasons:
 - Spring: April 1 – May 15
 - Fall: October 25 – November 30
 - 15-day consecutive hunt period

Average permits issued last 5 years (RY20–RY24):

- Drawing hunts = 490
 - (316 Spring, 174 Fall)
- Registration hunts = 195
 - (75 Spring, 120 Fall)



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Proposal 234

- On average, 14% of drawing hunt participants start hunting prior to April 20
- No information on hunt start date for registration hunters

Hunters Starting Brown Bear Drawing Hunt Prior to April 20 (RY20 – RY24):

Hunters Starting Hunt Prior to April 20						
	RY20	RY21	RY22	RY23	RY24	Total
Residents	31	25	19	12	27	114
Nonresidents	25	24	21	14	21	105
Total	56	49	40	26	48	219

- On average, 23 residents and 21 nonresidents enter field prior to April 20
- During RY20 – RY24, 219 hunters entered field prior to April 20

Spring Season Chronological Harvest:

Spring Season Chronological Harvest							
	Apr 1 - Apr15		Apr 16 - Apr 30		May 1 - May 15		Total
	Harvest	%	Harvest	%	Harvest	%	
RY20	7	4.7%	56	37.3%	87	58.0%	150
RY21	7	5.2%	55	40.7%	73	54.1%	135
RY22	4	4.0%	45	45.0%	51	51.0%	100
RY23	5	4.2%	46	38.7%	68	57.1%	119
RY24	2	1.5%	51	39.2%	77	59.2%	130
Average	5	3.9%	50.6	40.2%	71.2	55.9%	126.8
Total	25	---	253	---	356	---	634

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Considerations:

- Male bears are first to emerge from dens
- Lone females followed by females with dependent young
- Females with newborn cubs (COY) are last to emerge
- Later season = hunters hunting later when more females are present
- Reduced “hunt experience”; more hunters in the hunt area during the reduced season dates
- Lost hunting opportunity for hunters only available during early season

Reproductive Class	Mean Den Exit	Range*
Males	April 1	March 8 - April 23
Lone Females	April 30	April 28 - May 2
Females w. Young	May 6	April 27 - May 16
Females w. COY	May 21	May 11 - May 31

*VanDaele, et al. 1990

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 235

Unit 8/brown bear

Require that brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 count against the bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal requiring that a wounded bear count against the hunters "one bear every four regulatory years" bag limit may reduce the number of wounded bears as hunters would be more considerate of shot selection and shot placement and may conduct a more thorough and proper search. However, because Kodiak bear permits are competitive and difficult to obtain, this may also discourage unscrupulous hunters/guides from reporting a wounded animal to avoid losing future hunting opportunities.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 235

Background:

2007 - proposed by Kodiak AC, supported by Kodiak Unified Bear Subcommittee; wounded bear count against bag limit for reg year

- Proposed to maintain a high ethical standard and minimize wounding loss
- Widespread local community support



- A similar proposal was submitted at 2023 BOG meeting; was opposed by majority of board members.

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Proposal 235

Considerations:

- Wounded bears in Unit 8 count against bag limit for current regulatory year only
- RY20 – RY24: 22 bears were reported wounded in GMU 8
- On average during RY20 – RY24, 4.4 bears are wounded per year

	RY24-RY20	RY19-RY15	RY14-RY10	RY09-RY05
Wounded Bears	22	8	12	18
Wounded bears/year	4.4	1.6	2.4	3.6

- Potentially decrease the number of wounded bears
- May discourage unprincipled hunters from reporting wounded bears
- Only applies to GMU 8; not other “1 bear every 4 regulatory years” areas

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Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 236

Unit 8/brown bear

Remove the sow restriction and penalties for resident hunters in Kodiak brown bear hunt areas 8-16, and institute a sow skull size restriction for resident hunters

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would eliminate the hunt condition implemented after the 2023 Southcentral Board of Game meeting requiring that one (1) brown bear permit be removed from the drawing permit hunt for every female bear that was shot in hunt areas 8-16 the preceding year. Elimination of this regulation may result in an increase in female harvest in brown bear hunt areas 8-16.

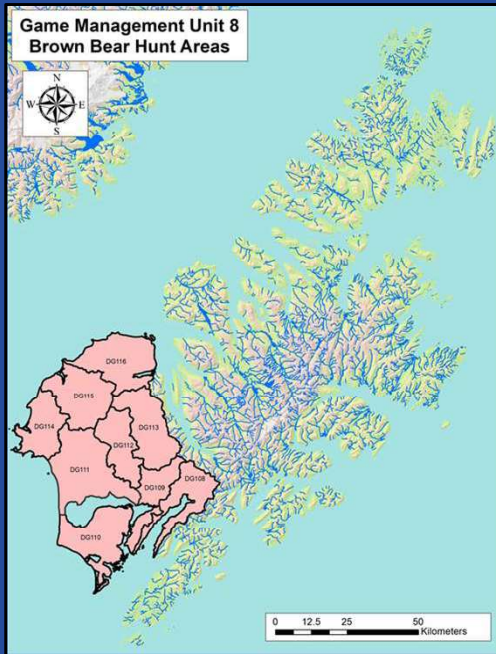
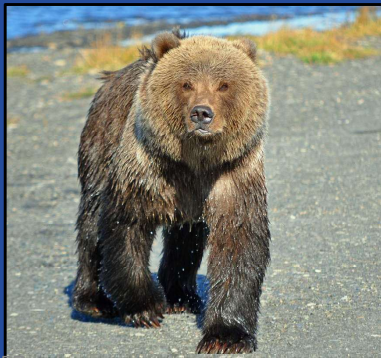
Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 236

Hunt condition was implemented in 2023; intended to discourage and reduce female harvest in southwest Kodiak (hunt areas 8–16) due to population concerns



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Proposal 236

Background

- Surveys in 2018 and 2019 suggest significant decline in SW Kodiak brown bear population

Survey Area	Year	Replicate Surveys	Survey Rate (min/km ²)	Observed Independent Bears/hr	Observed Independent Bears/1000km ²	Sightability	Est Density Ind Bears/1000 km ²	±90% CI	Est # Ind Bears in study area
Sturgeon River	1987	4	1.6	4.3	120	0.41	293	53	77
Sturgeon River	1992	4	1.8	2.6	77	0.41	190	43	50
Sturgeon River	1998	4	1.9	3.0	94	0.41	227	10	60
Sturgeon River	2007	4	1.5	3.9	95	0.41	231	58	61
Sturgeon River	2018	4	1.6	1.7	46	0.41	113	45	30
Sturgeon River	2019	5	1.7	1.4	42	0.41	102	36	27

- Surveys reveal >50% reduction compared to historical surveys
- Estimated density in 2019 was only 58% (102) of the lowest accepted mgmt. target (175 – 263)
- Investigating reasons for decline (e.g., reduced forage, reduced reproductive success, movement)

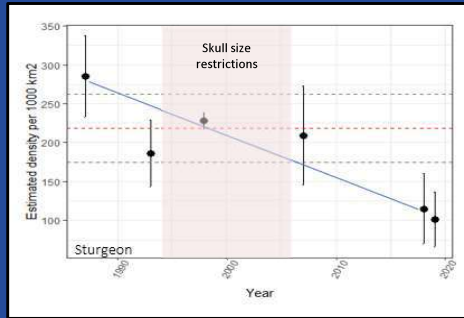
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Proposal 236

Background

- Similar female skull size restriction implemented when population fell below management objective
- Only applied to NR drawing permits from RY94 – RY06 in bear management areas 8–16
- During this period, 37 sows were harvested by NR hunters; 19 did not meet minimum measurements
- During the 13 years prior, 233 sows were harvested in this area
- Difficult to assess full effect of the restrictions, but shown to have a positive impact



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Proposal 236

Considerations:

- Since RY23, NR harvested 1 female; residents harvested 12 in hunt areas 8–16
- No females have met the proposed minimum skull restrictions
- Proposed minimum skull restrictions would not preserve hunting opportunities impacted by this strategy
- Since RY23, the number of females harvested has declined but assessing the full impact is difficult to determine in a short time frame

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Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 237

Unit 8/brown bear

Require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits, pay the application fee, and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would require all nonresident hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits and pay the application fee. This proposal would also require the department to submit the application on behalf of the hunter/guide and reallocate unused nonresident permits to residents. This proposal may increase resident opportunity to hunt brown bears in GMU 8.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 237

- GMU 8: 31 drawing and 1 registration area open to resident and NR hunters
- 21 classified as Exclusive Guide Use Areas (EGUAs)
- EGUAs: single guide is granted sole guide access for 5 years
- Guides selected through USFWS application process
- Alaska guides can register 3 guide use areas statewide

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Proposal 237

- Kodiak brown bear hunting opportunities provided in 2 ways:
 - Drawing permit hunts; statewide drawing application process
 - Kodiak road system registration hunts (RB230/260)
- Nonresidents must meet certain requirements for drawing:
 - Alaska big game hunting license
 - Alaska licensed guide; signed Guide-Client contract
- Alaska Hunt Supplement states hunters “...must apply online...” and “There is NO REFUND of application or license fees.”
- Fee = \$5 / application

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Proposal 237

- Unclear how many NR hunters/guides do not enter drawing or pay fee
- Some guides in EGUAs choose not to submit hunt applications for clients
- 5 AAC 92.061(4)(D): allows permits for “undersubscribed” hunts be available OTC in Kodiak starting on a pre-determined date
- Undersubscribed hunts in EGUAs can only be issued to clients of guides with exclusive guiding privileges

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Proposal 237

- Kodiak brown bear draw permit winners have until a certain date to cancel, in writing, their permit
- No cancellations accepted after deadline
- If NR cancels permit prior to deadline, department will select NR alternate from NR alternate list
- If no NR alternates available; cancelled permits will be issued up to start of season
- No cancelled permits issued after start of the season

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Proposal 237

Considerations

- Most cancelled NR permits reallocated to alternate list; “unused” NR permits are uncommon
- RY20 – RY24: 51 NR permits available for reissuance to another hunter
- Cancellations received late allow little time for reissuance
- NR participation is high limiting the number of NR permits that go unused
- RY15 – RY24: NR participation averaged 85%; residents averaged 53%

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 238

Unit 8/brown bear

Require residents hunting brown bear in Unit 8 to complete an online education course specific to Kodiak Island

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would require residents hunting brown bears in Unit 8 to complete an online education course designed specifically for Kodiak Island brown bears. This proposal would require the department to create an online course that identifies methods to determine age and sex of brown bears. This proposal would promote further educating hunters on methods to identify bear age and gender prior to going hunting and may reduce the number of females harvested each year.

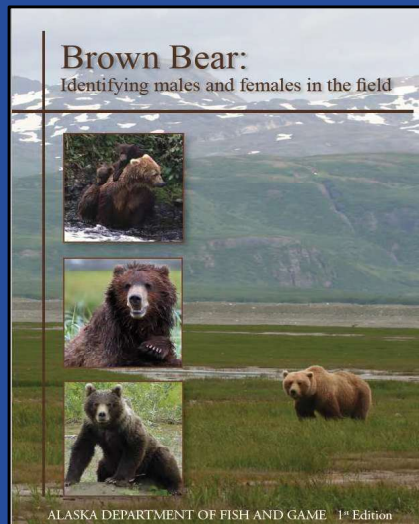
Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 238

- Kodiak bear hunts are closely managed; hunters must pick up permit at Kodiak office
- Hunters attend hunt orientation prior to receiving permit
- All hunters provided: "Brown Bear: Identifying males and females in the field"

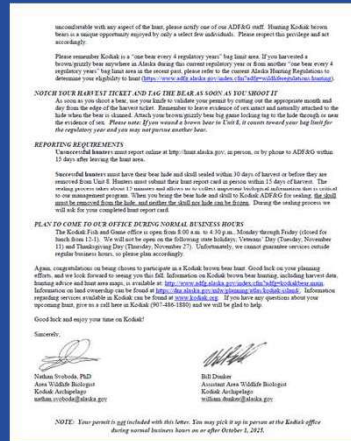
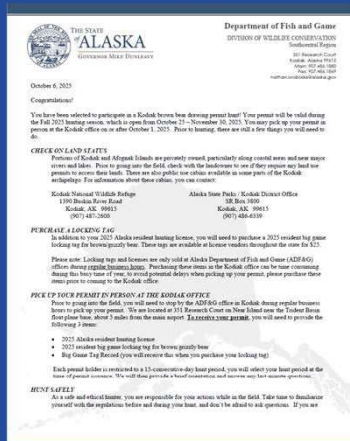


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Proposal 238

- 2–3 months prior to season, hunters emailed letter providing information on obtaining permits, reporting harvest, and safety
- Letter encourages hunters to visit ADFG website to learn how to distinguish between male and female bears



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Proposal 238

- Management Objective: annual harvest of no more than 40% females
- Efforts are successful; average annual female harvest rarely exceeds 40%
- RY15 – RY24: residents averaged a 36% female harvest; NR averaged 17% female harvest
- RY15 – RY24: average annual female harvest for all hunts combined was 26%



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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 239


Sea duck harvest

**REDUCE THE DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR SEA DUCKS AND/OR
REQUIRE ACCURATE HARVEST LOGS ON MULTI-DAY
TRANSPORTER HUNTS IN UNIT 8**


Public Proposal
Department Position: Opposed

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	Proposal 239	Sea duck harvest
CURRENT REGULATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 AAC 92.013 requires a migratory bird game guide in Alaska to register with the department prior to providing services • 5 AAC 92.018. Waterfowl conservation tag. A person required to possess an Alaska waterfowl conservation tag or 'stamp' under AS 16.05.340(a)(17) shall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) register in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program and carry proof of that registration while hunting migratory birds • No current regulations that stipulate mandatory reporting of sea duck harvest in Alaska 		
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	Proposal 239	Sea duck harvest
CURRENT REGULATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 AAC 85.065(a)(4)(B) Sea Ducks Units 8 and 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident hunters: 10 per day, 20 in possession - except no more than 6 per day, 12 in possession may be harlequin or long-tailed ducks Nonresident hunters: 7 per day, 20 in possession - 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 • Positive C&T use finding for migratory game birds in all units, but no ANS 		
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Proposal 239

Sea duck harvest

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

- Reduce the daily bag and possession limits for sea ducks (reduce by half mentioned) on multi-day ‘transporter’ hunts in Unit 8
- Require harvest logs on multi-day ‘transporter’ hunts in Unit 8
 - Department interprets ‘transporter’ as a registered migratory game bird guide*
 - Also recognize that outfitters/lodges supply equipment for self-guided hunts*

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Proposal 239

Sea duck harvest

STATEWIDE SCALE OF MANAGEMENT

In 1999 —

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

In 2001 —

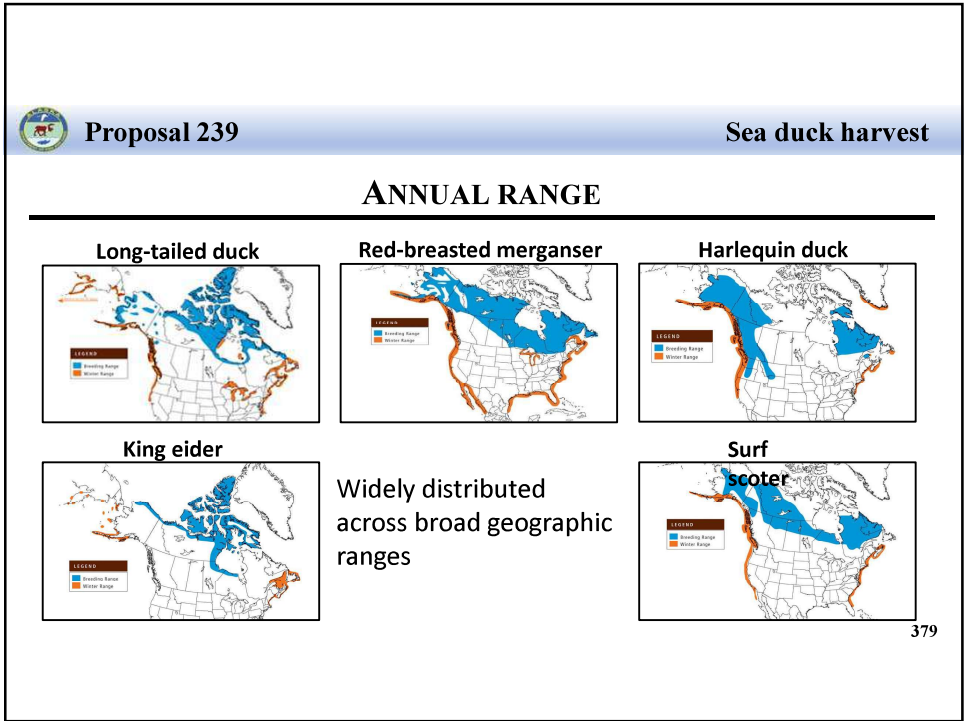
- Residents: no more than 6 each of harlequin ducks or long-tailed ducks

In 2010 and 2023 —

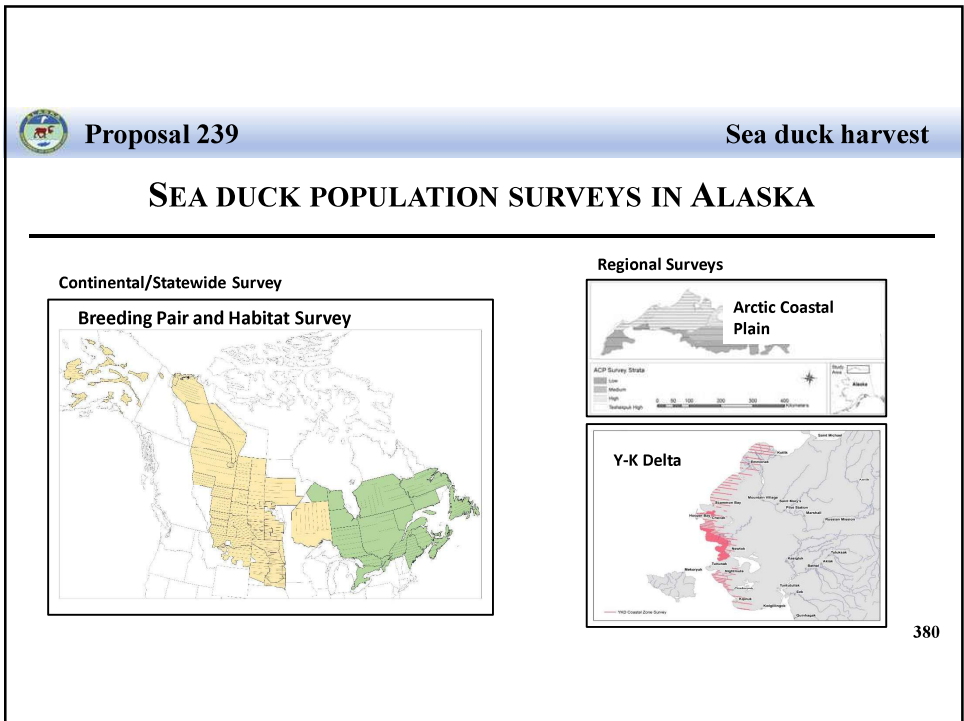
- Units 7, 15 and 15C: restrictive bag limits for harlequin and long-tailed ducks

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Proposal 239
Sea duck harvest


NATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST SURVEY

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 239
Sea duck harvest

SURVEYS AND UNIT 8


- Long-term average population indices - tens of thousands of sea ducks breed in Alaska
 - Eiders: ~30,000 Long-tailed ducks: ~100,000 Harlequin ducks: no survey information
 - Scoters: ~350,000 Mergansers: ~35,000
- Long-term average annual harvest of sea ducks in Alaska is 7,800 (about 13% of total duck harvest)
- The department lacks population and harvest information for Unit 8
- In 2024, 21 of 133 registered guides intended to operate in Unit 8
- For most guides (~70%) migratory game birds are ancillary to guiding for big game or sportfish

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	Proposal 239	Sea duck harvest
CONSIDERATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sea duck monitoring and management is largely at the statewide level • The department has no practical means of monitoring populations or harvest at small geographic scales that may inform regulatory decisions • Sea ducks have large ranges and are harvested at relatively low levels statewide, and although unverified, harvest from guide services in Unit 8 is also likely low • Restrictions to a segment of hunters in Unit 8 are unlikely to provide conservation benefit to sea duck populations in Alaska 		
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	Proposal 239	Sea duck harvest
CONSIDERATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Harvest Survey provides statewide species-specific harvest estimates for sea ducks, and guided hunters may be selected to participate • Secondary harvest reporting for a segment of the hunting community lacks context from local population surveys and accounts only part of the harvest • A secondary reporting system would require independent validation from a Parts Collection Survey to reduce misidentification bias • Implementing a small-scale harvest reporting system for guided hunts in Unit 8 would burden limited resources and yield information with limited/no management utility • Subsistence considerations 		
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	Proposal 239	Sea duck harvest
REDUCE THE DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR SEA DUCKS AND/OR REQUIRE ACCURATE HARVEST LOGS ON MULTI-DAY TRANSPORTER HUNTS IN UNIT 8		
Public Proposal Department Position: Opposed		
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Proposal 241	Unit 8/furbearers
Open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8	
Public Proposal	
Effect of Proposal: This proposal would open a year-round season for trapping mink in Unit 8. Although the impacts of mink on Kodiaks local bird colonies remain unknown, mink have been shown to be detrimental to many bird populations, particularly some of the rare seabirds found on Kodiak Island. If adopted, Unit 8 will be the only place in Alaska in which mink and weasel have different seasons.	
Department Recommendation: <u>Neutral</u>	
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Proposal 241

Current Regulations:

- 5AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.
 - Mink and Weasel
 - Open Season: Nov. 10 – Jan. 31
 - Bag Limit: No limit

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Proposal 241

Proposed Regulations:

- 5AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.
 - Weasel
 - Open Season: Nov. 10 – Jan. 31
 - Bag Limit: No limit
 - Mink
 - No Closed Season
 - Bag Limit: No limit

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Proposal 241

Background:

- Mink are not native to the Kodiak Archipelago
- In 1952, 16 female and 8 male mink were released near Karluk Lake
 - Introduction effort was considered a failure
- Since the mid 2000's mink observations along the Kodiak road system have become increasingly common
 - Origin of these animals is unknown



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Proposal 241

Background:

- Mink may impact populations of ground/shore nesting birds
 - Aleutian terns
 - Kittlitz's murrelets
- Additional opportunity to trap mink allows harvest to be used to address human wildlife conflicts



Jermi and John Holmes

Aleutian Tern



Kittlitz's murrelet

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 242

Unit 8/furbearers

Extend the trapping season for river/land otter in Unit 8 by 2.5 months to end on April 15

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would extend the trapping season for river/land otter in Unit 8 by 2.5 months to end April 15. Extending the trapping season until April 15 may result in abandonment of newborn river otter pups if females are harvested during the late season. Further, extending the trapping season into mid-April will likely increase the harvest of parturient females.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 242

Current Regulations:

- 5AAC 84.270. Furbearer trapping.
 - River/Land Otter
 - Open Season: Nov. 10 – Jan. 31
 - Bag Limit: No limit
 - Beaver
 - Open Season: Nov. 10 – April 30
 - Bag Limit: 30 Beavers

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Proposal 242

Proposed Regulations:

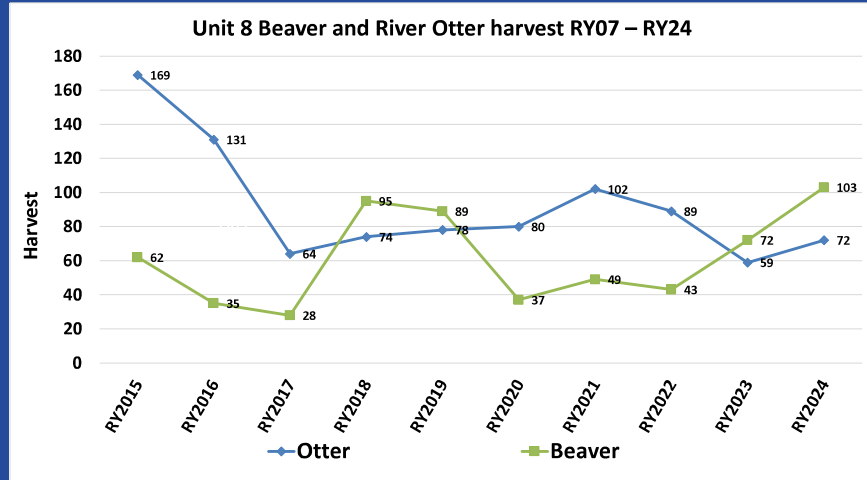
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 - River/Land Otter
 - Open Season: *Nov. 10 – April 15*
 - Bag Limit: No limit



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Effect of Proposal:

- Increased opportunity
- Allow that take of otters harvested incidentally while targeting beavers
- Potential harvest of parturient females if season extended into April

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 243

Unit 8/methods and means

Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would require all snares set on the Kodiak road system be outfitted with a breakaway mechanism attached on the loop end of the snare. Trappers would be required to outfit all snares with breakaway mechanisms which may be time consuming and require additional costs, although presumed costs are anticipated to be minimal as most breakaway mechanisms are relatively inexpensive.

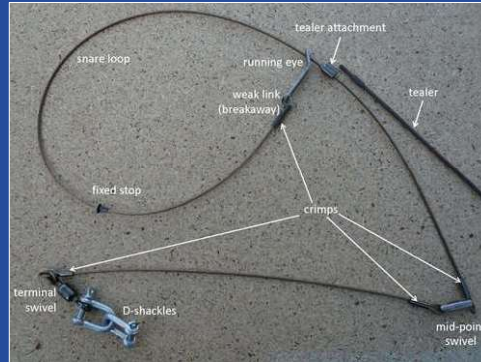
Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 243

- Snaring is one of oldest methods to capture wild animals
- In many areas, snares are restricted due to concern over capture of non-target species
- There is a recognized need to improve breakaway mechanisms to avoid injury to non-targets

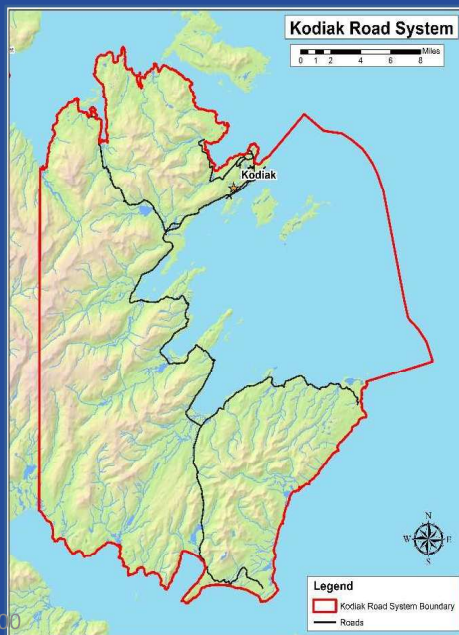


Anatomy of a common snare set-up

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Proposal 243



- On Kodiak most snaring occurs in Nov, Dec, and Jan when fox, beaver, and otter seasons are open
- 2016 and 2017: 4 brown bears captured in snares; 2 released, 2 dispatched
- Occasional complaints regarding domestic animals snared in areas along road system

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Proposal 243

Unit 8/methods and means

Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would require all snares set on the Kodiak road system be outfitted with a breakaway mechanism attached on the loop end of the snare. Trappers would be required to outfit all snares with breakaway mechanisms which may be time consuming and require additional costs, although presumed costs are anticipated to be minimal as most breakaway mechanisms are relatively inexpensive.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 244

Unit 8/methods and means

Require all traps and snares set on the Kodiak road system to be marked with an identification tag

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would require trappers to mark traps and snares with ID tags and may result in a nominal expense to refit traps and snares with ID tags. Adoption of this proposal will provide a method for the department and AWT to identify trappers.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 244

Background:

- BOG previously adopted trap and snare marking requirements in other GMUs
- Intended to address local law enforcement issues
- No such requirement currently exists

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Proposal 244

Background:

Pros

- Aids enforcement
- Trappers can be contacted
- Consistent with some fisheries (e.g., crab and subsistence gillnetting)

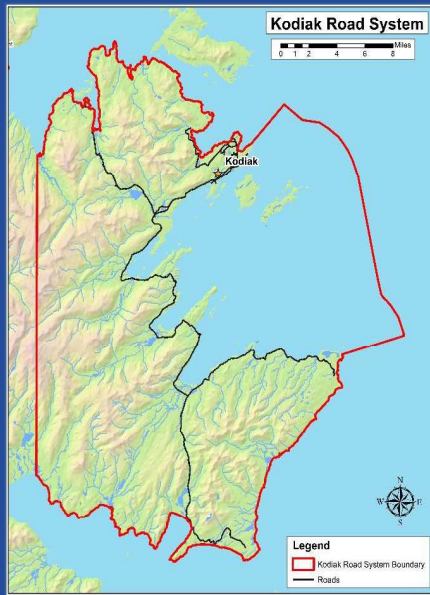
Cons

- Lay persons might discover trapper's name
- Concerns with additional enforcement attention
- Increased cost

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Proposal 244



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Background:

- On Kodiak most trapping occurs in Nov, Dec, and Jan when fox, beaver, and otter seasons are open
- Kodiak office occasionally receives complaints or concerns regarding user conflicts in high traffic areas along road system

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Proposal 244

Unit 8/methods and means

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Public Proposal

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Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 247

Unit 8/methods and means

Allow the use of artificial light to aid in the taking of foxes with an Alaska trapping license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 247

Current Regulations:

5 AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions. The following methods of taking game are prohibited.

...

(7) with the aid of

...

(C) artificial light, except that artificial light may be used

(i) for the purpose of taking furbearers under a trapping license during an open season November 1 – March 31 in Units 7 and 9 –26;

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Proposal 247

Current Regulations:

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...

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...

(E) electronically enhanced night vision, except that electronically enhanced night vision may be used for taking furbearers.

(F) a forward looking infrared device, except that a forward looking infrared device may be used for taking furbearers.

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Proposal 247

Proposed Regulations:

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(7) with the aid of

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(C) artificial light, except that artificial light may be used

(i) for the purpose of taking furbearers under a trapping license during an open season November 1 – March 31 in Units 7 and 9 –26; **and during an open season January 1 – March 31 in Unit 8 for land-based trapping only**, artificial light may be used;

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Proposal 247

Background:

- Night Vision
 - Amplifies available light
- Forward Looking infrared (FLIR)
 - Detects infrared radiation emitted from a heat source
 - Day and Night
- Positive C&T finding for furbearers in unit 8
 - ANS = 90% of harvestable portion

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Proposal 247

Background:

- Daylength
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Proposal 247

Background:

- Recommendations of the proponent
 - Prohibit the take of furbearers from a boat with the aid of artificial light
 - Only allow for the use of artificial light to aid in the taking of furbearers after the Unit 8 deer season has closed

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Proposal 247

Background:

Big Game	Season Dates	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Brown Bear	Oct. 25 – Nov. 30, Apr. 1 – May. 15												
Deer	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31												
Deer (Fed Subs)	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31												
Caribou	Aug. 1 – Jan. 31												
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Furbearers	Season Dates	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
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Red Fox	Nov. 10 – Mar. 31												
Marten	Nov. 10 – Jan. 31												
Mink & Weasel	Nov. 10 – Jan. 31												
Muskrat	Nov. 10 – Jun. 10												
River Otter	Nov. 10 – Jan. 31												
Squirrel & Marmot	No Closed Season												

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Proposal 247

Unit 8/methods and means

Allow the use of artificial light to aid in the taking of foxes with an Alaska trapping license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 248

Unit 8/methods and means

Prohibit the take of furbearers with the aid of electronically enhanced night vision or a forward-looking infrared device with an Alaska trapping license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 248

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Proposal 248

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Muskrat	Nov. 10 – Jun. 10					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
River Otter	Nov. 10 – Jan. 31					■	■	■					
Squirrel & Marmot	No Closed Season	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Proposal 248

Background:

- Proponents of proposal are concerned with potential for abuse of this regulation

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Proposal 248

Unit 8/methods and means

Prohibit the take of furbearers with the aid of electronically enhanced night vision or a forward-looking infrared device with an Alaska trapping license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 245

Unit 8/methods and means

Prohibit the take of game with the aid of artificial light or forward-looking infrared devices with an Alaska hunting license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 245

Current Regulations:

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Proposal 245

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Squirrel & Marmot	No Closed Season	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Proposal 245

Background:

- Proponents of proposal are concerned with potential for abuse of this regulation

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Proposal 245

Unit 8/methods and means

Prohibit the take of game with the aid of artificial light or forward-looking infrared devices with an Alaska hunting license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 246

Unit 8/methods and means

Prohibit the take of game with the aid of forward-looking infrared devices with an Alaska hunting license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 246

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Proposal 246

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River Otter	Nov. 10 – Jan. 31					■	■	■					
Squirrel & Marmot	No Closed Season	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

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Proposal 246

Background:

- Proponents of proposal are concerned with potential for abuse of this regulation

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Proposal 246

Unit 8/methods and means

Prohibit the take of game with the aid of forward-looking infrared devices with an Alaska hunting license in Unit 8

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 240

Unit 8/furbearers

Reduce the bag limit for taking fox in Unit 8, and prohibit the use of night vision for hunting

Public Proposal

Effect of Proposal: This proposal would not impact the bag limit for hunting red or Arctic fox in Unit 8 because the current bag limit for both residents and nonresidents is 2 red fox and 2 Arctic fox. This proposal would prohibit the use of night vision/infrared for hunting any species of game in Unit 8.

Department Recommendation: Opposed

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Proposal 240

Current Regulations:

- 5AAC 85.060. Hunting seasons and bag limits for fur animals
 - Red Fox: (including cross, black, and silver phases)
 - Open Season; Sept 1 – Feb 15
 - Bag Limit: 2 Foxes
 - Arctic Fox (including white and blue phases)
 - Open Season: Sept 1 – Feb 15
 - Bag Limit: 2 Foxes

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Proposal 240

Current Regulations:

- 5AAC 92.080. Unlawful methods of taking game exceptions.
 - Current regulations prohibit the take of *fur animals* with the aid of electronically enhanced night vision or forward-looking infrared device
 - Electronically enhanced night vision and forward-looking infrared devices may be used to aid in the take of *furbearers* statewide

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Proposal 240

Background:

- Arctic fox exist in harvestable numbers within Unit 8
- Red foxes are abundant throughout the Archipelago
- Harvest reporting or sealing is not required for foxes (red or Arctic) in Unit 8
 - Estimated annual harvest 100 – 300

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Proposal 240

Effect of Proposal:

- The proposed regulations align with the current regulations

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