

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

Alaska Board of Game

Arctic & Western Regions

Index of on time Advisory Committee and Public Comment

This index of on-time advisory committee and public comments shows either support or opposition to the individual proposals at this meeting. The center column indicates a comment was made without clear indication of support or opposition. The full comment may be found in the Board meeting workbook (RC1.)

Bethel Area – Unit 18

1. Increase the number of available drawing permits to ‘up to 100 permits’ for the spring hunt for bull muskox on Nunivak Island in Unit 18.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association w/Am PC3 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6		
---	--	--

2. Issue all Nunivak Island muskox permits in Mekoryuk only.

	Anchorage AC3	Safari Club International PC24
--	---------------	--------------------------------

3. Issue cow musk ox registration permits only on Nunivak Island.

	Anchorage AC3	Safari Club International PC24
--	---------------	--------------------------------

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

4. Issue cow muskox registration permits only on Nunivak Island.

	Anchorage AC3	Safari Club International PC24
--	---------------	--------------------------------

5. Change the Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses for moose in Unit 18.

	Anchorage AC3	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Fairbanks AC6
--	---------------	--

6. Eliminate the requirement to pick up moose registration permits weeks or months prior to the season in remote villages in Region V (Units 18 and 23); make all registration permits available in season from designated vendors. *(This proposal will also be considered under the Unit 23 management area.)*

Safari Club International PC24 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6 Kenai AC8		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Native Village of Goodnews Bay PC4 Kotzebue AC2 Noatak/Kivalina AC5 McGrath AC9 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
---	--	--

7. Lengthen the Unit 18 resident moose season in the Lower Yukon Area (*e.g.*, downstream of Mountain Village) and change the bag limit to include any moose in the fall and two moose per regulatory year.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association w/Am PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 USFWS- Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge PC23 Safari Club International PC24	
--	---	--

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

8. Lengthen the resident moose winter season in the Remainder of Unit 18 and change the bag limit to include any moose in the winter hunt.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association w/Am PC3 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 USFWS- Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge PC23 Safari Club International PC24	
--	---	--

9. Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6		
--	--	--

10. Allow the use of electronic calls for taking moose in Unit 18

Fairbanks w/Am AC6		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Safari Club International PC24 Marilyn Houser PC38 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Kenai AC8
--------------------	--	--

11. Allow the use of salt licks for taking moose in Unit 18.

		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Safari Club International PC24 Marilyn Houser PC38 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3
--	--	---

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

		Fairbanks AC6 Kenai AC8
--	--	----------------------------

12. Allow moose to be harvested from a boat under power in Unit 18

		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Safari Club International PC24 Marilyn Houser PC38 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6 Kenai AC8
--	--	---

13. Develop a Unit specific Amount Necessary for Subsistence finding for each Unit in the Arctic Region. *(This proposal will also be considered under the other management areas.)*

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1	Kotzebue AC2 Noatak/Kivalina AC5	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
------------------------------	-------------------------------------	---

14. Close nonresident trapping seasons for certain species in the Arctic Region Units. *(This proposal will also be considered under the other management areas.)*

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1	Kotzebue AC2	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
------------------------------	--------------	---

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

15. Increase the bag limit for wolves in Unit 18.

Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Fairbanks AC6	Anchorage AC3	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1
--	---------------	------------------------------

16. Increase the bag limit for wolverine in Unit 18.

Fairbanks AC6	Safari Club International PC24 Anchorage AC3	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1
---------------	---	------------------------------

17. Extend the season and increase bag limit for lynx in Unit 18.

	Safari Club International PC24	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6
--	--------------------------------	--

18. Clarify when a violation has occurred concerning incidental take by trappers.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Anchorage AC3		Fairbanks AC6
---	--	---------------

19. Close nonresident fur animal hunting seasons for certain species in the Arctic Region Units. *(This proposal will also be considered under the other management areas.)*

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1	Kotzebue AC2	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
------------------------------	--------------	---

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

20. Increase the bag limit and lengthen the season for ptarmigan in Unit 18.

	Safari Club International PC24 Anchorage AC3	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Fairbanks AC6
--	---	---

21. Modify the boundaries for Units 18, 19 and 21.

Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6		
--------------------------------	--	--

Nome Area – Unit 22

22. Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and the remainder of Unit 22D.

National Park Service PC44 Anchorage AC3 Northern Norton Sound AC4 Fairbanks AC6		
---	--	--

23. Review the discretionary authority for requiring the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit; specifically Seward Peninsula muskox.

Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Northern Norton Sound AC4 Fairbanks AC6		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 KAWERAK PC9 National Park Service PC44 Kotzebue AC2 Noatak/Kivalina AC5 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
--	--	--

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

24. Align brown bear seasons in Unit 22C with remainder of Unit.

Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Alaska Professional Hunters Association w/Am PC3 KAWERAK PC9 Austin Ahmasuk PC17 Northern Norton Sound w/Am AC4	Anchorage AC3	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Fairbanks AC6
---	---------------	---

25. Align brown bears seasons in Unit 22.

Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Alaska Professional Hunters Association w/Am PC3 KAWERAK PC9 Austin Ahmasuk PC17	Anchorage AC3	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Fairbanks AC6
---	---------------	---

26. Open a year round season for brown bear in Unit 22.

KAWERAK PC9 Austin Ahmasuk PC17		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 National Park Service PC44 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6
------------------------------------	--	---

27. Lengthen the ptarmigan season in Unit 22.

National Park Service PC44 Fairbanks AC6	Safari Club International PC24 Anchorage AC3	Austin Ahmasuk PC17
---	---	---------------------

Kotzebue Area – Unit 23

28. Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.

National Park Service PC44		
----------------------------	--	--

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

Kotzebue AC2 Anchorage AC3 Noatak/Kivalina AC5 Fairbanks AC6 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10		
---	--	--

29. Allocate 50% of the Unit 23 moose permits for DM875 to guides.

Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3	Kotzebue AC2	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 George Matz PC57 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
---	--------------	--

30. Establish a harvest objective for brown bear in the Noatak National Preserve.

Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 National Parks Conservation Association PC48 Anchorage AC3		Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Kotzebue AC2 Noatak/Kivalina AC5 Fairbanks AC6 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
---	--	---

Barrow Area – Unit 26A

31. Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.

National Park Service PC44 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6		
--	--	--

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

32. Add Unit 26A to the list of areas where a resident brown bear tag is not required for hunts.

Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1
--	---	------------------------------

33. Open the wolverine hunting season earlier in Unit 26.

Matanuska Valley AC1 Fairbanks w/Am AC6		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 National Park Service PC44 Anchorage AC3
--	--	---

Regional

34. Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

Kotzebue AC2 Anchorage AC3 Northern Norton Sound AC4 Noatak/Kivalina AC5 Fairbanks AC6	Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3	National Parks Conservation Association PC48 Northern Seward Peninsula AC10
--	---	--

Other Areas – Units 15 and 9

35. Approve an intensive management plan for moose in Unit 15A.

Fred West PC2 Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Safari Club International PC24 William Regan PC35 Safari Club International - Kenai PC51 Anchorage w/Am AC3	Robert D White PC12 Wade Wahrenbrock PC54 Robert D. White PC55 Matanuska Valley AC1 Fairbanks AC6	Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Jamie Thomton PC5 Oscar Petersen PC6 Jen Klain PC7 Hal Sheppard PC10 Defenders of Wildlife with 57 Signatories PC11
--	---	---

Support	Comment	Oppose
		<p>Michelle & Gene Cornelius PC13 William Bunch PC14 Edgar Bailey PC15 Lydia Garvey PC16 Roberta Highland PC18 Buck Curry PC19 Scott Miller PC20 Patricia Mayhan PC21 Kathy Henley PC22 Gypsy Vanner PC25 Maureen Longworth PC26 Carrie Reed PC28 Scherel Carver PC30 Kathy East PC31 Patricia Cue PC32 Nina Faust PC33 Jerry Olive PC34 Diane Regna PC36 Rika Mouw PC37 Marilyn Houser PC38 Lisa Climo PC39 Dave Bachrach PC40 Robert Schlesinger PC41 Kneeland Taylor PC42 Gerald Brookman PC45 Science Now Project PC46 Loretta Stadler PC47 Mary Griswold PC50 Thomas Meacham PC52 Rhonda Lanier PC56 George Matz PC57 Justine Pechuzal PC58 Diane Bentivegna PC59 Roberta Highland PC60</p>

Support	Comment	Oppose
		<p>Hal Shepherd PC61 Dori Broglino PC62 Anne Wilson PC63 Kimberly Kellar PC64 Yamini Venkatachalam PC65 Mary La Fever PC66 Karma Torres PC67 Amber Washington PC68 Katherine Mitchell PC69 Deb Russell PC70 E Lee North PC71 Peter Langley PC72 Steven Clevidence PC73 Linda Sampson PC74 Susan Green PC75 Iris Gallegos PC76 John Porter PC77 Chantal Buslot PC78 Me Quimby PC79 Sherry Dion PC80 Jeanne Fedel PC81 Dr I de Baintner PC82 Horst Helmut PC83 Lynn Driessen PC84 Brian Smith PC85 Marc Cooke PC86 Mark Balitzer PC87 Martha Siebe PC88 Maria Torres PC89 Kristi Machon PC90 Anthony Conforti PC91 Janice Golub PC92 Art Greenwalt PC93 Diane Bentivegna PC94</p>

Support	Comment	Oppose
		Zucker Family PC95 Gregory Haussmann PC96 Mary Jo Graham PC97 Scott PC98 Carol Biggs PC99 Ravi Madapati PC100 Irene Brady PC101 Meredith Autrey PC102 Sharon Baur PC103 Donna Quante PC104 John Tyler PC105 Bonnie McCartney PC106 Christa Burg PC107 Leslie Davies PC108 Brad De Noble PC109 Matthew Thompson PC110 Fran Greenaway PC111 Debbie Brush PC112 Johanna Bakker PC113 Bob Gengler PC114 Linda Taylor PC115 Susan Valenti PC116 Lin Davis PC117 Peter McCallum PC118 Anthony Chiffolo PC119 Michael Banks PC120 Anne Christian PC121 Dorothy McCorkle PC122 Greg Goodmacher PC123 Katharine Richardson PC124 Karen Walker PC125 Joan Beldin PC126 Diane Angelino PC127 David Cannon PC128

Support	Comment	Oppose
		Brittanny Norton PC129 Charmi Weker PC130 Christopher & Virginia Jones PC131 Rebecca Elgin PC132 Karen Hackey PC133 Linda Wagner PC134 Biff Ewers PC135 Jane Heltebrake PC136 Jim & Joy Ames PC137 Cherish Bahr PC138 Larry Casey & Family PC139 Laura Kiesel PC140 Louise Kane PC141 Florence Stasch PC142 Katarina Flynn PC143 Mary Rothschild PC144 Corinne Conlon PC145 Gary Voeste PC146 Jennifer Meyer PC147 Ty Beh PC148 Jan St Peters PC149 Lee Ann Stiff PC150 Robert Watson PC151 Ken Ross PC152 Pat PC153 Jeff Sloss PC154 Bonny Schumaker PC155 Dan Larivey PC156 Mary Willson PC157 Leslie Baker PC158 Dr Michael & Joyce Huesemann PC159 Sue Forbes PC160 Homer AC7 Kenai AC8

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

36. Approve an intensive management plan for moose in Unit 15C.

<p>Fred West PC2 Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Safari Club International PC24 William Regan PC35 Safari Club International - Kenai PC51 Anchorage AC3</p>	<p>Robert D White PC12 Wade Wahrenbrock PC54 Robert D. White PC55 Matanuska Valley AC1 Fairbanks AC6</p>	<p>Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1 Jamie Thomton PC5 Oscar Petersen PC6 Jen Klain PC7 Hal Sheppard PC10 Defenders of Wildlife with 57 Signatories PC11 Michelle & Gene Cornelius PC13 William Bunch PC14 Edgar Bailey PC15 Lydia Garvey PC16 Roberta Highland PC18 Buck Curry PC19 Scott Miller PC20 Patricia Mayhan PC21 Kathy Henley PC22 Gypsy Vanner PC25 Maureen Longworth PC26 Carrie Reed PC28 Scherel Carver PC30 Kathy East PC31 Patricia Cue PC32 Nina Faust PC33 Jerry Olive PC34 Diane Regna PC36 Rika Mouw PC37 Marilyn Houser PC38 Lisa Climo PC39 Dave Bachrach PC40 Robert Schlesinger PC41 Kneeland Taylor PC42 Gerald Brookman PC45</p>
--	--	--

Support	Comment	Oppose
		Science Now Project PC46 Loretta Stadler PC47 Mary Griswold PC50 Thomas Meacham PC52 Rhonda Lanier PC56 George Matz PC57 Justine Pechuzal PC58 Diane Bentivegna PC59 Roberta Highland PC60 Hal Shepherd PC61 Dori Broglino PC62 Anne Wilson PC63 Kimberly Kellar PC64 Yamini Venkatachalam PC65 Mary La Fever PC66 Karma Torres PC67 Amber Washington PC68 Katherine Mitchell PC69 Deb Russell PC70 E Lee North PC71 Peter Langley PC72 Steven Clevidence PC73 Linda Sampson PC74 Susan Green PC75 Iris Gallegos PC76 John Porter PC77 Chantal Buslot PC78 Me Quimby PC79 Sherry Dion PC80 Jeanne Fedel PC81 Dr I de Baintner PC82 Horst Helmut PC83 Lynn Driessen PC84 Brian Smith PC85

Support	Comment	Oppose
		<p> Marc Cooke PC86 Mark Balitzer PC87 Martha Siebe PC88 Maria Torres PC89 Kristi Machon PC90 Anthony Conforti PC91 Janice Golub PC92 Art Greenwalt PC93 Diane Bentivegna PC94 Zucker Family PC95 Gregory Hausmann PC96 Mary Jo Graham PC97 Scott PC98 Carol Biggs PC99 Ravi Madapati PC100 Irene Brady PC101 Meredith Autrey PC102 Sharon Baur PC103 Donna Quante PC104 John Tyler PC105 Bonnie McCartney PC106 Christa Burg PC107 Leslie Davies PC108 Brad De Noble PC109 Matthew Thompson PC110 Fran Greenaway PC111 Debbie Brush PC112 Johanna Bakker PC113 Bob Gengler PC114 Linda Taylor PC115 Susan Valenti PC116 Lin Davis PC117 Peter McCallum PC118 Anthony Chiffolo PC119 </p>

Support	Comment	Oppose
		<p> Michael Banks PC120 Anne Christian PC121 Dorothy McCorkle PC122 Greg Goodmacher PC123 Katharine Richardson PC124 Karen Walker PC125 Joan Beldin PC126 Diane Angelino PC127 David Cannon PC128 Brittanny Norton PC129 Charmi Weker PC130 Christopher & Virginia Jones PC131 Rebecca Elgin PC132 Karen Hackey PC133 Linda Wagner PC134 Biff Ewers PC135 Jane Heltebrake PC136 Jim & Joy Ames PC137 Cherish Bahr PC138 Larry Casey & Family PC139 Laura Kiesel PC140 Louise Kane PC141 Florence Stasch PC142 Katarina Flynn PC143 Mary Rothschild PC144 Corinne Conlon PC145 Gary Voeste PC146 Jennifer Meyer PC147 Ty Beh PC148 Jan St Peters PC149 Lee Ann Stiff PC150 Robert Watson PC151 Ken Ross PC152 Pat PC153 </p>

Support	Comment	Oppose
---------	---------	--------

		Jeff Sloss PC154 Bonny Schumaker PC155 Dan Larivey PC156 Mary Willson PC157 Leslie Baker PC158 Dr Michael & Joyce Huesemann PC159 Sue Forbes PC160 Homer AC7 Kenai AC8
--	--	--

37. Amend the current predation management plan for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd in Unit 9.

Alaska Professional Hunters Association PC3 Matanuska Valley AC1 Anchorage AC3 Fairbanks AC6		Alaska Wildlife Alliance PC1
---	--	------------------------------

256. Repeal the statewide definition for an ADF&G style breakaway snare

Fairbanks w/Am AC6		
--------------------	--	--

Proposal 24A

RC29

5 AAC 85.020 (20)

Units and Bag limits

**Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)**

**Nonresident
Open Season**

(20)

...

Unit 22(C)

RESIDENT HUNTERS

1 bear every regulatory year
by registration permit

Aug. 1- Oct. 31

May 1 – May 31

[MAY 10 – MAY 25]

(Subsistence hunt only)

1 bear every 4 regulatory years

Aug. 1- Oct. 31

May 1 – May 31

[MAY 10 – MAY 25]

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS

1 bear every 4 regulatory years
by drawing permit only; up to
27 permits may be issued in
combination with Unit 22(B)

Aug. 1- Oct. 31

May 1 – May 31

[MAY 10 – MAY 25]

...

Follow up notes on proposal 29.

I hoped to clarify a couple of points prior to the boards' deliberation on this proposal.

This proposal does not favor just one guide. Other guides do hunt in the management unit and will compete for these permits. This proposal gives only partial favor to the guide industry but it is exactly that industry that is already using its resources to recruit the persons that would be utilizing these wasted permits. It is exactly that industry that will best maintain spacial distribution and professional standards as to not aggravate the conflict issues which the region is so sensitive too.

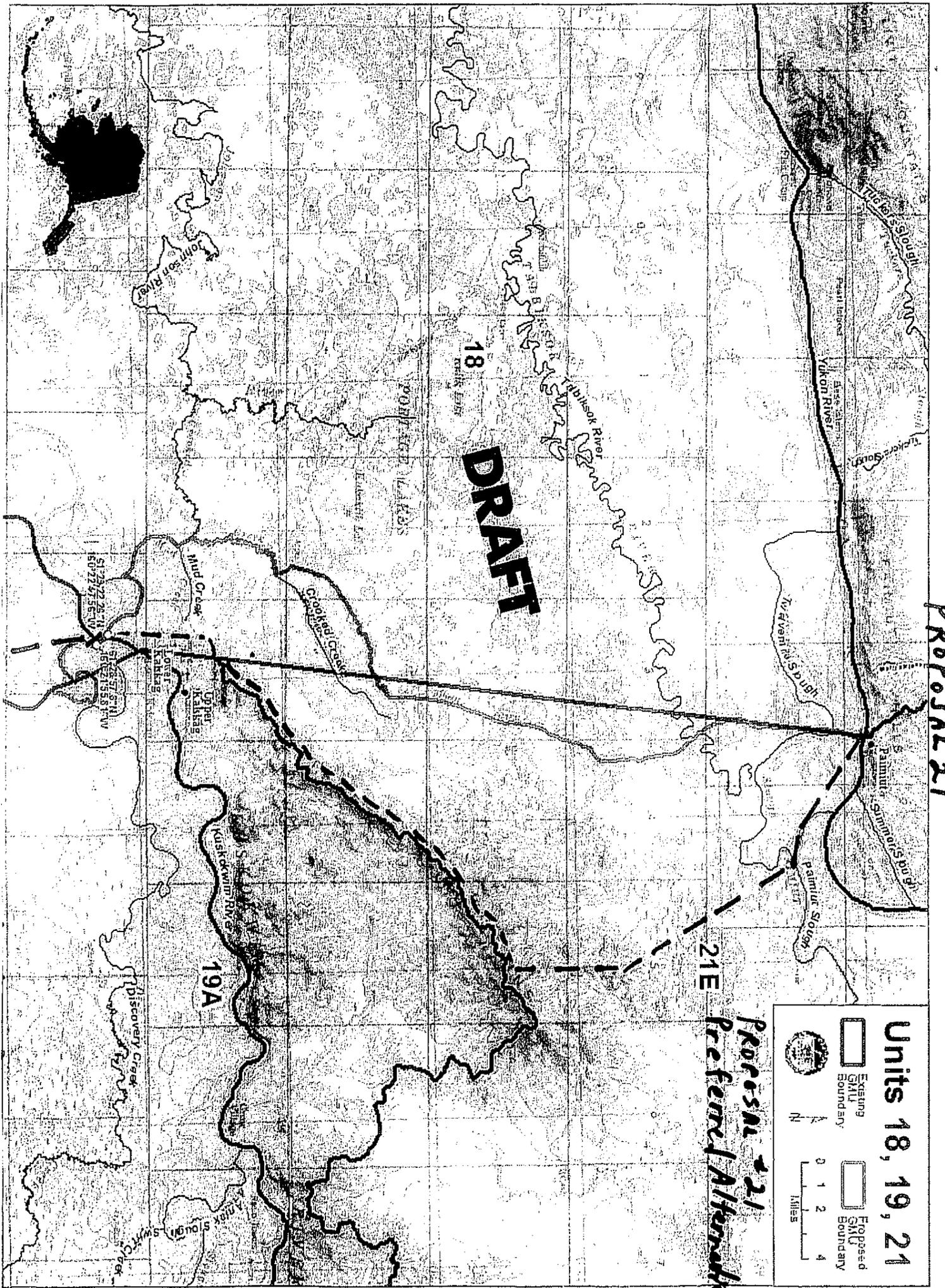
This proposal concerns only nonresident hunter allocation. There are no restrictions to resident hunters in the region and there is a low resident hunting pressure in this GMU.

This is a tragic waste of a resource and a solution should be found. Please do not consider the poor management practice of simply allotting more permits. This solution is being practiced within the Koyukuk River moose drawing permit program and results in crowding, increased user conflicts, and poorer quality of experience for all users.

Thanks again to the board for hearing me late on Friday night. I appreciate your careful considerations on this proposal.

Joe Schuster

Carrying my cell phone all day: 907-301-2638



18
DRAFT

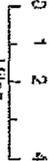
19A

21E

*Proposed 21E
Preferred Alternative*

PROPOSAL 21

Units 18, 19, 21

		
	Existing SMU Boundary	Proposed SMU Boundary
		
	0 1 2 4 MILES	



117 Alex Hatley Drive
 P. O. Box 927
 Bethel, AK 99559-0927
 1-800-478-2654-In State Only

FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

SENT TO: ADFG-BOARDS SUPPORT FROM: GREG ROZICKA
 ATTENTION: KRISTY TIBBLES DATE: 11/13/11
 FAX NUMBER: 465-6094 PHONE NUMBER: _____

URGENT REPLY ASAP PLEASE COMMENT
 PLEASE REVIEW FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TOTAL PAGES INCLUDING FAX COVER SHEET 6
 ***** CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE *****

The information contained in this facsimile message is legally privileged confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copy of this telecopy is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone. Thank You.

COMMENTS:

H1 Kristy - still no internet connection this morning
Attached are three main issue doc's for BOG consideration
1) LKAC proposal comments (2 pages)
2) Support documentation for Proposal #5 (3 pages) &
3) Proposed Alternative for Proposal #21 from ONC (2 pages).
Tpx. Greg

First one didn't show going thru - try again w/out maps of last 2 previous pages.

If you did not receive all the pages, please call the sender at (907) 543-2608.

Lower Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee, October 26-27, 2011
Board of Game AYK Meeting GMU 18 Proposal Comments

Proposal #1: Increase the number of available drawing permits to “up to 100 permits” for the spring hunt for bull muskox on Nunivak Island. **Support. (12 yes – 0 no)** Additional harvest can/should be made available. Agree w/ Dept’s rationale.

Proposal#2: Issue all Nunivak Island muskox permits in Mekoryuk only. **Opposed. (1 yes – 11 no)** Public/federal lands – should not be exclusive to Mekoryuk residents only – portion of permits already issued only in Mekoryuk.

Proposals 3 & 4: No Action Ref proposal #2.

Proposal#5: Change Amounts Necessary for Subsistence Use for moose in GMU 18. **Support with Amendment to change proposed ANS of 500 – 1000, to 400-800 moose for all of GMU 18.** (12 yes – 0 no) This number more accurately reflects what the average historical subsistence harvest of GMU 18 hunters have been over the last several decades (appx 600); including when moose populations were lower in GMU 18 and many more were taken from adjacent units of 19A & 21E. Members also expressed concerns that just because moose numbers are increased now, we should not try to set the number artificially too high so if they fall back down in the future it would cause premature or unnecessary hunt restrictions and other administrative problems.

Proposal 6: Eliminate requirement to pick up registration permits weeks or months prior to season in remote village in Region V; and make available in-season from designated vendors. **Opposed. (0 yes, 12 no)** Passing this proposal would be directly contradictory to the apparent intent and/or concern of the proponent. If this option were removed, many hunts would either have to be substantially restricted to the point where they would no longer be available for all Alaska residents to participate – or cause them to be closed entirely. It also provides a valuable management tool to provide more direct monitoring and EO closure response to prevent over-harvest of desired hunt quotas as needed by area managers.

Proposal 7: Lengthen GMU 18 resident moose season in Lower Yukon and change bag limit. **Support. (12 yes, 0 no)** Agree with Department’s recommendation.

Proposal 8: Lengthen resident moose season in Remainder of GMU 18 and change bag limit to any moose in winter hunt. **Support with amendment to close winter season last day of February instead of January 31.** (12 yes, 0 no) Making this change will align regulation with federal proposal and no sense to keep state lands closed when no biological reason to do so.

Proposal 9: Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in GMU 18. **Support (12 yes, 0 no)** Housekeeping proposal.

Proposal 10: Allow use of electronic calls for taking moose. **Opposed (0 yes, 12 no)** Just doesn’t seem right...

Proposal 11: Allow use of salt licks for taking moose in GMU 18. **Opposed (0 yes, 12 no)**

Proposal 12: Allow moose to be harvested from a boat under power in portion of GMU 18. **Support with amendment to include all of GMU 18. (11 yes, 0 no, 1 absent)** Not having ability to maintain power and control of boat in swift currents is a major safety concern. Also a moose will often startle and run into thick brush when motor pitch changes –either faster or slower – resulting in high potential loss of only harvest opportunity in 10-20 days of hunting. Regarding concerns of inaccuracy and potential wounding loss is the reminder of elders to always make sure of target and aim good before shooting.

Lower Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee, October 26-27, 2011
Board of Game AYK Meeting GMU 18 Proposal Comments

Proposal 13: Develop a specific Amount Necessary for Subsistence for each Unit in the Arctic Region. **Opposed (0 yes 11-no)** Proposal appears to be attempt to directly thwart potential predator management actions by putting excessive/additional paperwork burden on managers. Don't think specific ANS by species/unit should be required unless other substantial restrictive management actions are needed.

Proposal 14: Close non-resident trapping seasons for certain species in the Arctic Region Units. **Opposed (0 yes, 11 no)** Unnecessary.

Proposal 15: Increase bag limit for wolves in Unit 18. **Support (11 yes, 0 no)**

Proposal 16: Increase bag limit for wolverine in Unit 18. **Support (11 yes, 0 no)**

Proposal 17: Extend season and increase bag limit for lynx in Unit 18. **Support (11 yes, 0 no)**

Proposal 18: Clarify when a violation has occurred concerning incidental take by trappers. **Support as amended by Department, but retain specific language in 92.095 that trapper "may reset again in the same place or area during subsequent trapping seasons..." Support (11 yes, 0 no)** Though this may seem redundant to include, it evidently bears repeated clarification as issue was referenced as reason for ticketing area trapper by enforcement officer in subsequent year of incidental take in same area – which was dismissed by Courts at trappers unnecessary hardship and expense.

Proposal 19: Close nonresident fur animal hunting seasons for certain species in Arctic Region. **Oppose (0 yes, 11 no)** Ref Proposals 13& 14.

Proposal 20: Increase bag limit and lengthen season for ptarmigan in Unit 18. **Support with amendment to make season closing date May 31. (12 yes, 0 no)** Ptarmigan do not even arrive in some of the coastal regions of GMU 18 until after the current season closes. Concerns about overharvest or while nesting in other portions of GMU 18 are unfounded as people are waterfowl hunting or busy with fish camp preparations and direct no effort towards ptarmigan that are plentifully harvested from February through April.

Proposal 21: Modify the boundaries for Units 18, 19A & 21E. **Opposed (0 yes, 12 no)** Proposed change would place hunting areas currently available to GMU 18 registration hunters into GMU 19A Tier II (TM680) hunt area. With the longer period allowed in that hunt, it could increase the over-all harvest in the area where we are still trying to let the population grow. Lower Kuskokwim hunters also have a good understanding of where the current boundary is.

PROPOSAL #5

Lower Yukon Large Land Mammal Subsistence Harvest Survey: The 2009-2010 Harvest of Moose, Caribou, Muskox, Bear, Wolverine, and Wolf in Nine Lower Yukon Communities, Alaska.

By George Weekley, Brian Brettschneider, Alecia Brettschneider, Omar Ramirez, &
Terry Haynes



Report Prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants

For the US Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Subsistence Management and the
Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge

Final Report February 2011

Table of Contents

Abstract.....	ii
List of Tables	iv
List of Figures.....	v
Acknowledgements.....	vi
Introduction.....	1
Study Results	12
Moose.....	12
Caribou.....	27
Black Bear.....	33
Brown Bear.....	39
Muskox	42
Wolverine.....	45
Wolf	48
Discussion.....	54
Methods	54
Moose.....	54
Caribou.....	56
Black Bear.....	56
Brown Bear, Muskox, Wolverine, Wolf.....	56
References.....	58
Appendix 1. Study Questionnaire.....	60

An estimated 1,047 residents of the study communities hunted for moose during the study year (Table 4). The highest community participation estimates were in Marshall where 34 percent of the residents hunted for moose, followed by 32 percent in Mountain Village and Russian Mission. In all communities except Chevak, at least 18 percent of residents hunted for moose. In Chevak, only seven percent of residents hunted for moose. The harvest per hunter in all communities was at least 0.4 (almost a half) moose. Successful hunters harvested at least one moose per hunter.

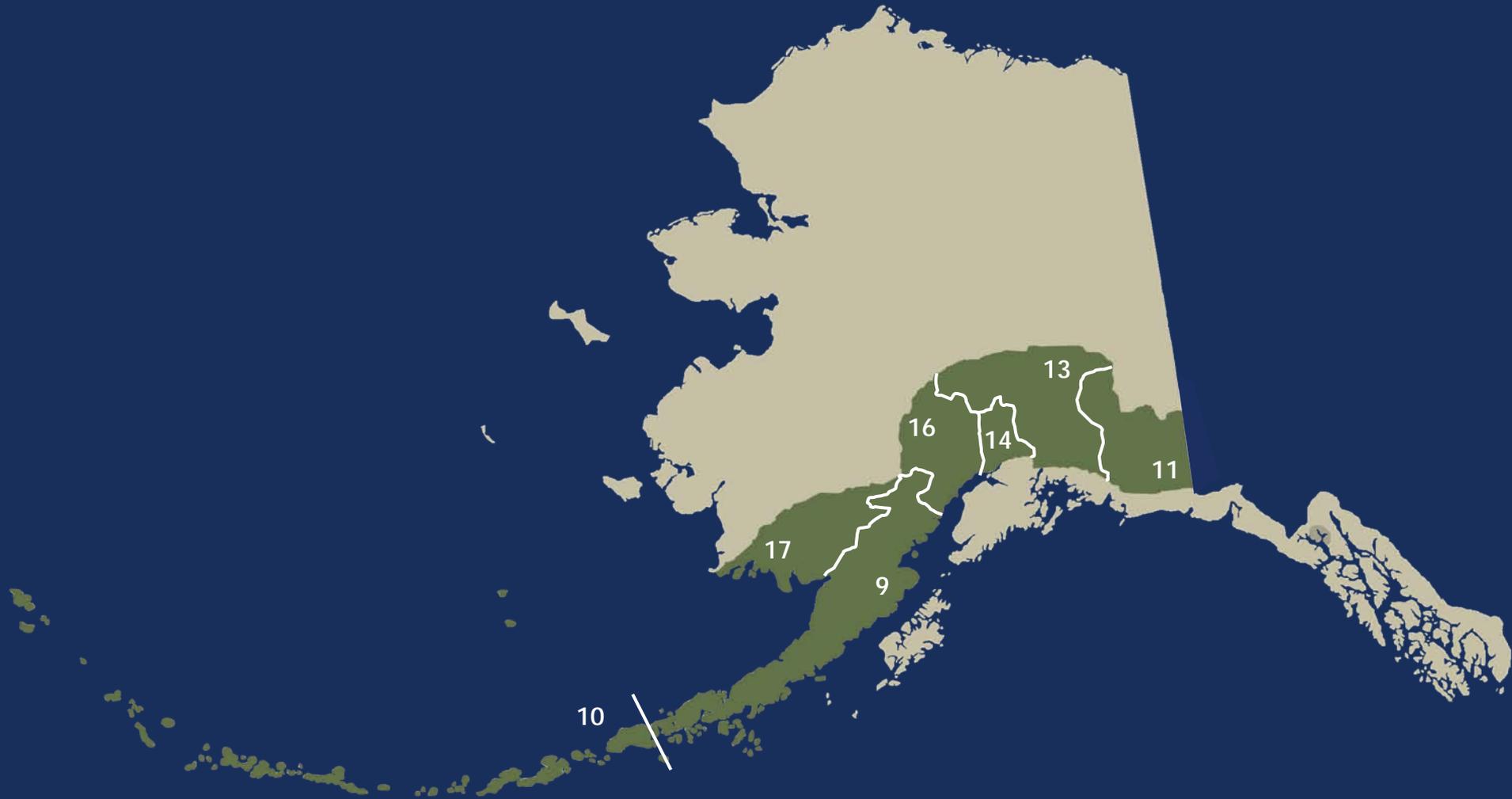
Community	Estimated Total Hunters				Estimated Successful Hunters *		
	Sample	Estimate	% of Pop	Harvest per Hunter	Sample	Estimate	Harvest per Hunter
All	440	1047			230	540	
Alakanuk	56	102	19.9	0.6	35	64	1.0
Chevak	26	68	7.4	0.4	10	26	1.1
Kotlik	64	127	25.4	0.6	36	71	1.0
Marshall	62	94	34.3	0.5	27	41	1.1
Mountain Village	93	208	32.3	0.5	48	107	1.0
Nunam Iqua	15	39	22.1	0.5	7	18	1.0
Russian Mission	64	100	31.8	0.5	33	51	1.0
Saint Marys	18	238	29.5	0.5	9	119	1.0
Scammon Bay	42	71	17.9	0.6	25	43	1.0

* Number of successful harvesters based on number of moose harvested. Only one hunter per household is counted for each moose.

Table 5 shows the amount of effort hunters spent on harvesting moose. The 1,047 hunters spent a cumulative total of 11,122 days hunting, or approximately 11.6 hunting days per hunter. Mountain Village hunters spent the highest number of days in the field (14.8 days per hunter), while Nunam Iqua hunters averaged only 3.9 days moose hunting. Successful hunters spent more time hunting, averaging 15.5 days per hunter. Across all study communities, approximately 15.1 days were spent hunting for every successful moose harvest. Again, Mountain Village had the highest number of days hunting per successful hunter at 23.3 days and Nunam Iqua had the lowest number of days per successful hunter at 6.1 days.

RC# 32

Region IV



Southwest and Southcentral Alaska

Region IV

Overview

- Approval of operational plans for caribou IM programs
 - Mulchatna Caribou Herd
 - Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd
- Unit 13 Hunt Update and Request for Guidance
- Unit 9 Registration Permit Hunt Update
- Agenda Change Request – Unit 9B Brown Bear Season
(March 2012 Region III BOG Meeting)

Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) IM Plan



Population : 30,000 – 40,000
(2008)

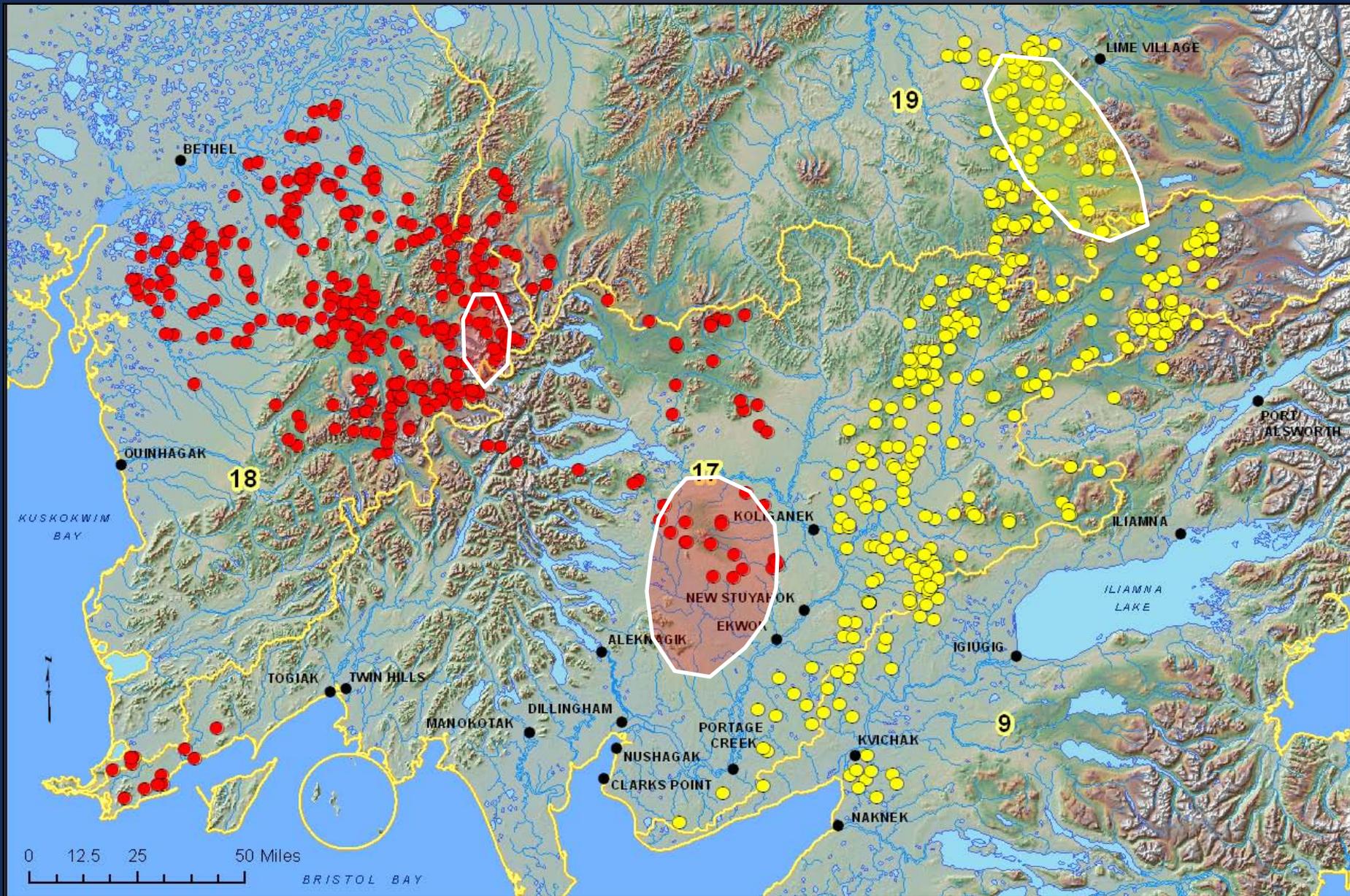
Status: Stable??

Harvest: 400

Current annual range and calving areas

● - Western group

● - Eastern group

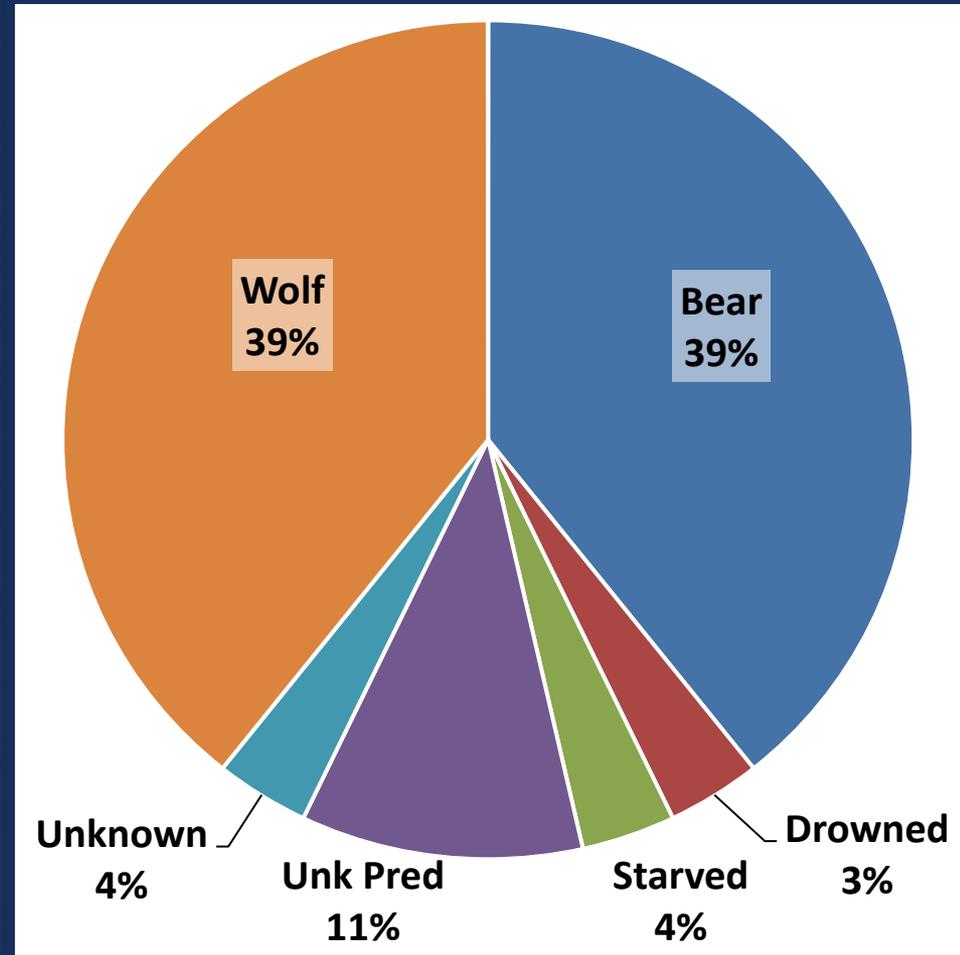


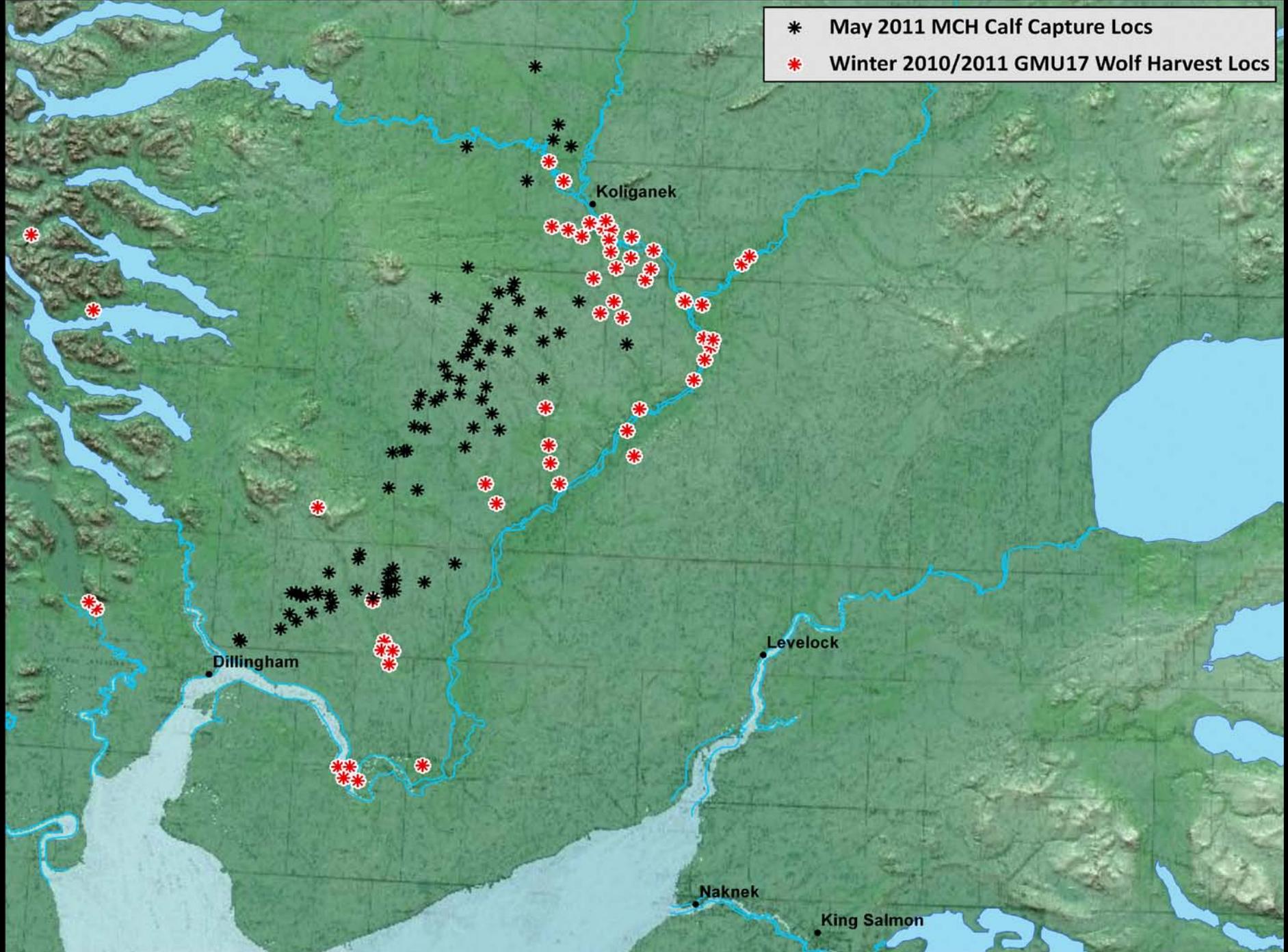
2011 MCH calf mortality study summary

Calving ground:	Southern	Northern
Calves collared:	81	7*
Survival		
2 weeks	60%	17%*
5 months	44%	0%*

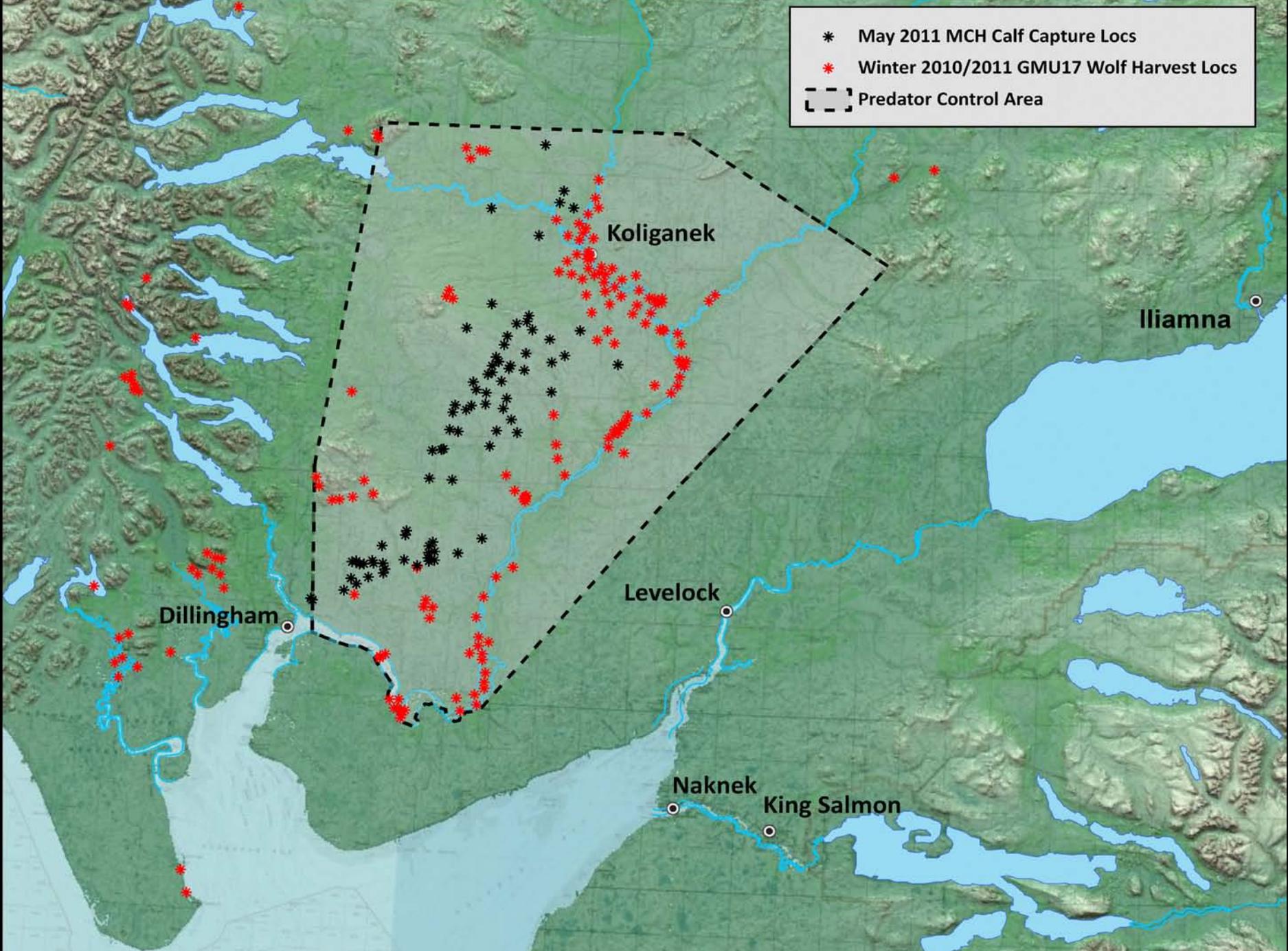
* Sample size too small to make meaningful inferences

Cause of death from birth to 1 month of age





* May 2011 MCH Calf Capture Locs
* Winter 2010/2011 GMU17 Wolf Harvest Locs
[] Predator Control Area



Dillingham

Koliganek

Iliamna

Levelock

Naknek

King Salmon

Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) IM Plan

Issues

- Herd occupies 3 Regions and 4 GMUs
- 2 distinct calving grounds
- Evaluate best control technique
- Allocation issue associated with wolf harvest in 17C

2011 - 2012 Activities

- Wolf population estimate 17C (Nov 2011 - Feb 2012)
- Wolf population estimate for 17B and 19B (Winter 2012 or 2013)
- Aerial Control by public in 17C (March 2012)
- Board review of IM proposal for 17B and 19A&B (2012 March BOG)
- Calf mortality study focused on Northern Calving Area (May 2012)

Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (NAPCH)

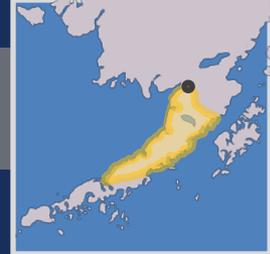


Population : $\leq 3,000$

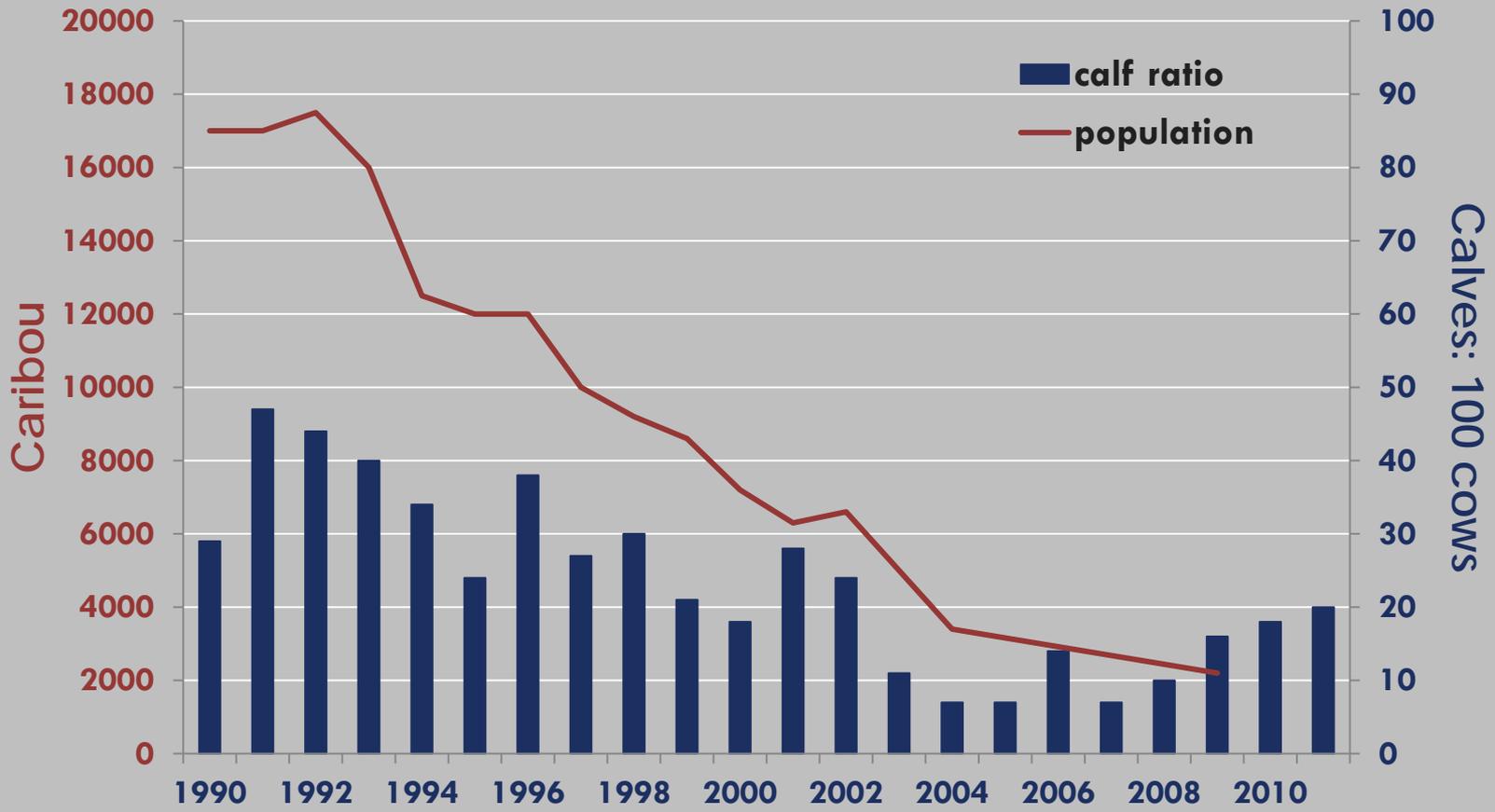
Status: stable?

Harvest: closed to hunting

Predator Control – NAP Caribou Herd



Caribou Population Trends (NAP)



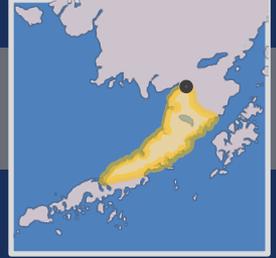
Predator Control – NAP Caribou Herd



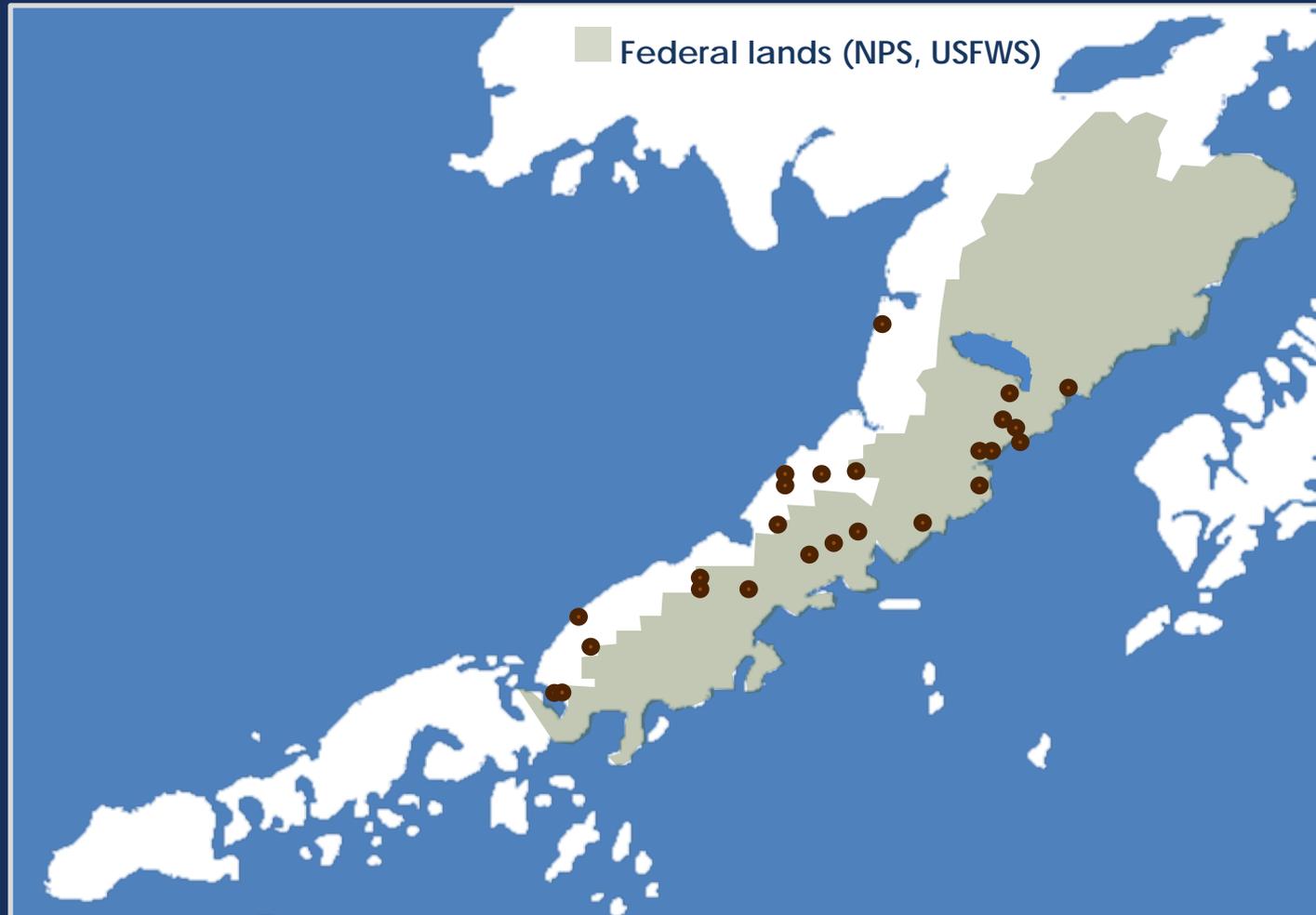
Issues

- Population below IM objective
- Closed to hunting since 2005
- Increasingly disperse calving
- Federal lands
 - Calving primarily on federal lands
 - Majority of calves die on federal lands
 - Cannot conduct control program on federal lands
 - Program will only overlap a small segment of the population
- Progress towards objectives is expected to be slow and difficult to measure

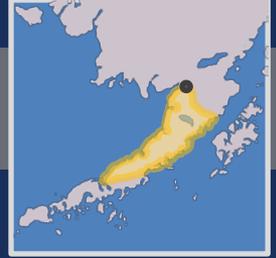
Predator Control – NAP Caribou Herd



2011 Calving Distribution



Predator Control – NAP Caribou Herd



Board Guidance Requested

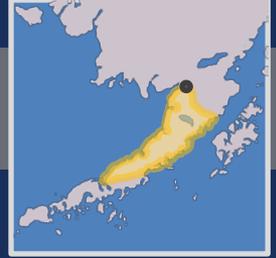
Option A: No action

- Wait for improved calving distribution
- Allow more time for improvement in herd growth potential
- Improve probability of success
- Focus efforts on other IM issues in the Region

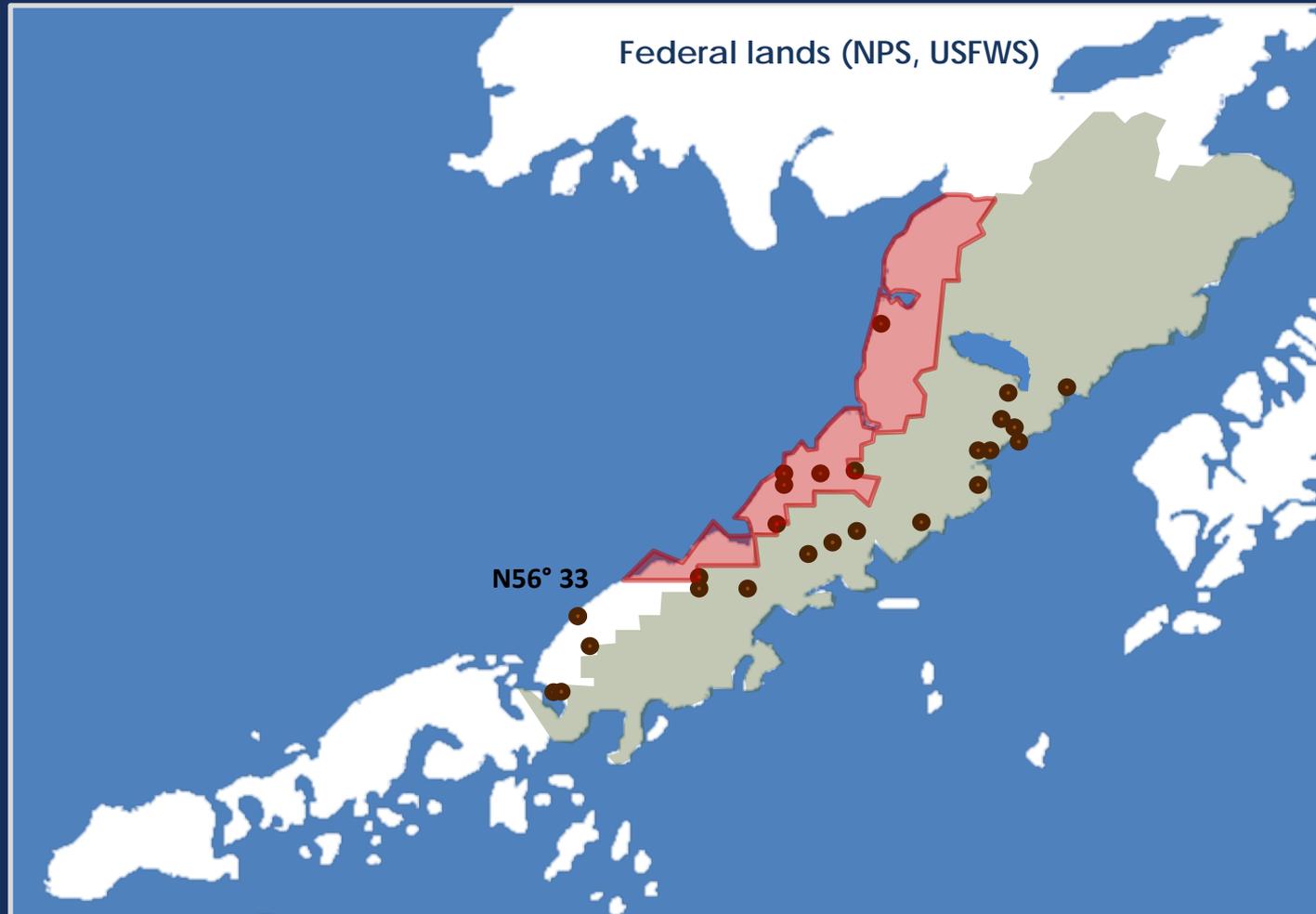
Option B: Activate program

- Aerial Control by public on state and private lands
- Affects small segment of the population
- State lands between Naknek River and Meshik River Drainage (N56° 33)
- Program Dates: Jan 1 to Mar 31; Apr. 15-May 5

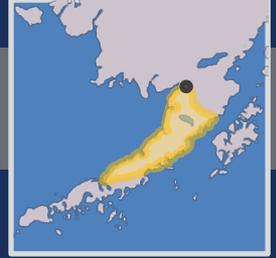
Predator Control – NAP Caribou Herd



Control Area



Predator Control – NAP Caribou Herd



Board Guidance Requested

Option A: No action

- Wait for improved calving distribution
- Allow more time for improvement in herd growth potential
- Improve probability of success
- Focus efforts on other IM issues in the Region

Option B: Activate program

- Aerial Control by public on state and private lands
- Affects small segment of the population
- State lands between Naknek River and Meshik River Drainage (N56° 33)
- Program Dates: Jan 1 to Mar 31; Apr. 15-May 5

Unit 13 Hunts

Caribou:

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Preliminary Harvest</u>
Draw	1127	308
Tier I	3148	1577
Federal	N/A	302
CHP	-	78
(7 CHP Groups; 322 Participants)		2265 Total

Moose:

	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Preliminary Harvest</u>
General Season	-	528
Draw	289	61
CHP	-	86
(9 CHP Groups; 753 Participants)		675 Total

Unit 13 Hunts

Changes in CHP hunt administration for 2012

Application Period

Group Applications

Nov. 1 - Dec. 31

Individual/household applications

Apr. 15 - July 1

(Based on completion of group reporting requirements)

Unit 13 Hunts

Board guidance requested to address allocation issues

How many Drawing Permits are issued?

- 16% of harvestable surplus above the ANS (based on 2010 reported harvest)
- Board deliberations (March 2011 BOG, prop 50)
- Clarify that this is still the Board's intent

When to close the Drawing Hunt?

- Board direction (March 2011 BOG)
 - “open draw on Aug 20 if sufficient animals remain and close at department's discretion” – presumes biological basis for closure (prop 46 as amended)
 - Draw hunts close prior to subsistence hunts – implies allocation (prop 50)
- Question remains “when to close Draw hunt (i.e. how much earlier) when approaching biological constraints (i.e. harvest quota)”

Unit 9 Registration Hunts

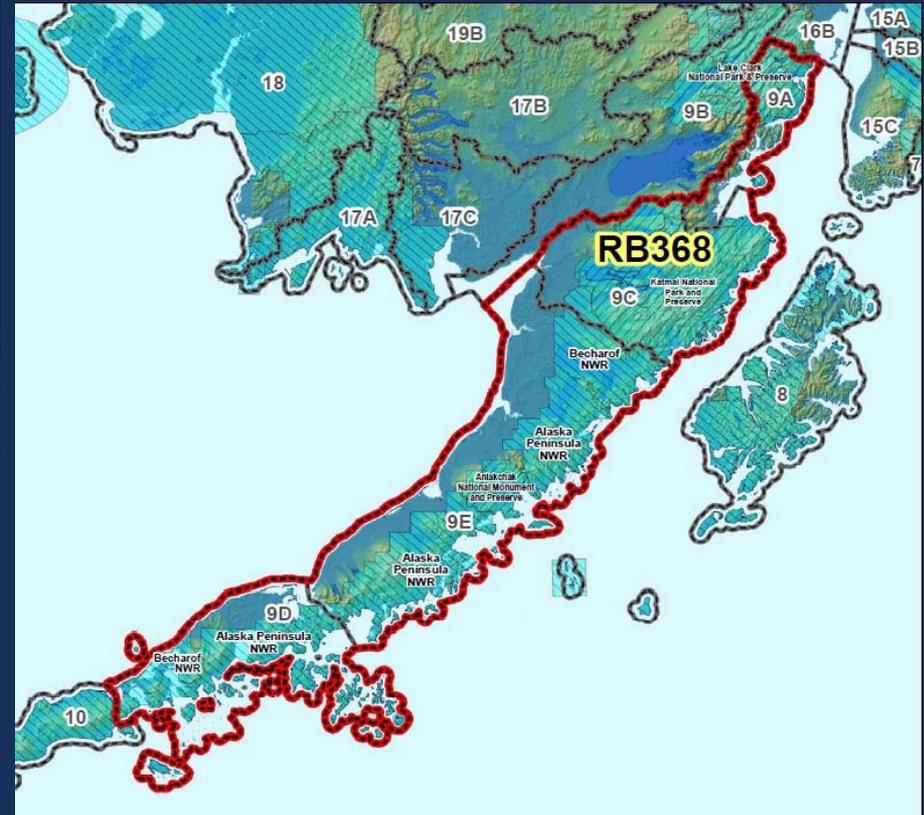


Unit 9 Brown Bear Registration Hunt



Permit Availability:

- Online
- King Salmon
- Anchorage
- Palmer



Permits Issued to date: 781

Hunted: 448

Fall Harvest: 324

Have Not Reported: 91

Unit 9 Brown Bear Registration Hunt

<u>Location Issued</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Paper	2	0%
Area Offices	77	12%
King Salmon (92%)	70	
Anchorage (7%)	5	
Palmer (1%)	1	
Internet	546	87%

Unit 9 Brown Bear Registration Hunt RB525

Permit Availability:

- Online
- King Salmon

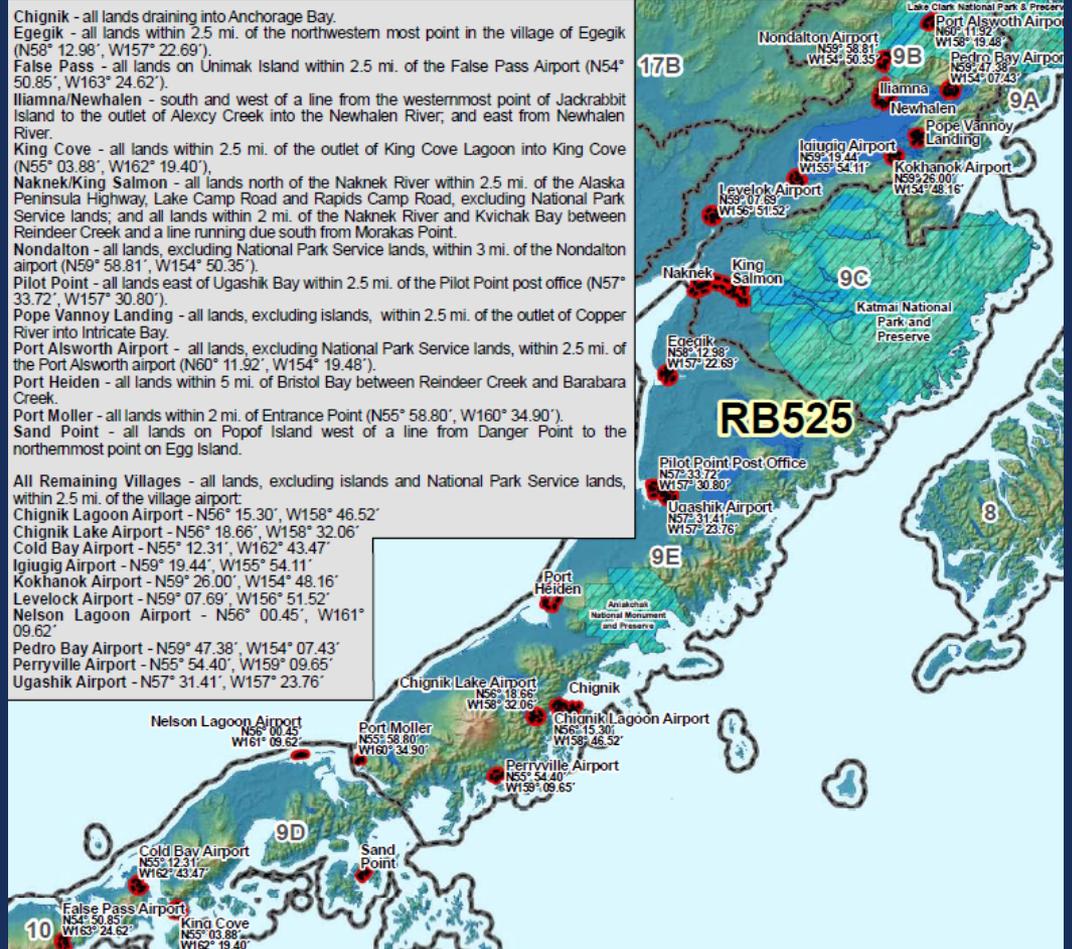
Permits Issued to date: 158

Hunted: 27

Fall Harvest: 18

Still Hunting: 122

Chignik - all lands draining into Anchorage Bay.
 Egegik - all lands within 2.5 mi. of the northwestern most point in the village of Egegik (N56° 12.98', W157° 22.69').
 False Pass - all lands on Unimak Island within 2.5 mi. of the False Pass Airport (N54° 50.85', W163° 24.62').
 Iliamna/Newhalen - south and west of a line from the westernmost point of Jackrabbit Island to the outlet of Alexcy Creek into the Newhalen River, and east from Newhalen River.
 King Cove - all lands within 2.5 mi. of the outlet of King Cove Lagoon into King Cove (N55° 03.88', W162° 19.40').
 Naknek/King Salmon - all lands north of the Naknek River within 2.5 mi. of the Alaska Peninsula Highway, Lake Camp Road and Rapids Camp Road, excluding National Park Service lands; and all lands within 2 mi. of the Naknek River and Kvichak Bay between Reindeer Creek and a line running due south from Morakas Point.
 Nondalton - all lands, excluding National Park Service lands, within 3 mi. of the Nondalton airport (N59° 58.81', W154° 50.35').
 Pilot Point - all lands east of Ugashik Bay within 2.5 mi. of the Pilot Point post office (N57° 33.72', W157° 30.80').
 Pope Vannoy Landing - all lands, excluding islands, within 2.5 mi. of the outlet of Copper River into Intricate Bay.
 Port Alsworth Airport - all lands, excluding National Park Service lands, within 2.5 mi. of the Port Alsworth airport (N60° 11.92', W154° 19.48').
 Port Heiden - all lands within 5 mi. of Bristol Bay between Reindeer Creek and Barabara Creek.
 Port Moller - all lands within 2 mi. of Entrance Point (N55° 58.80', W160° 34.90').
 Sand Point - all lands on Popof Island west of a line from Danger Point to the northernmost point on Egg Island.
 All Remaining Villages - all lands, excluding islands and National Park Service lands, within 2.5 mi. of the village airport:
 Chignik Lagoon Airport - N56° 15.30', W158° 46.52'
 Chignik Lake Airport - N56° 18.66', W158° 32.06'
 Cold Bay Airport - N55° 12.31', W162° 43.47'
 Igiugig Airport - N59° 19.44', W155° 54.11'
 Kokhanok Airport - N59° 26.00', W154° 48.16'
 Levelock Airport - N59° 07.69', W156° 51.52'
 Nelson Lagoon Airport - N56° 00.45', W161° 09.62'
 Pedro Bay Airport - N59° 47.38', W154° 07.43'
 Perryville Airport - N55° 54.40', W159° 09.65'
 Ugashik Airport - N57° 31.41', W157° 23.76'



Unit 9 Moose Registration Hunt

Permits issued: 501
Fall 2011 Harvest: 78
Annual Harvest: 100 – 200 bulls per year

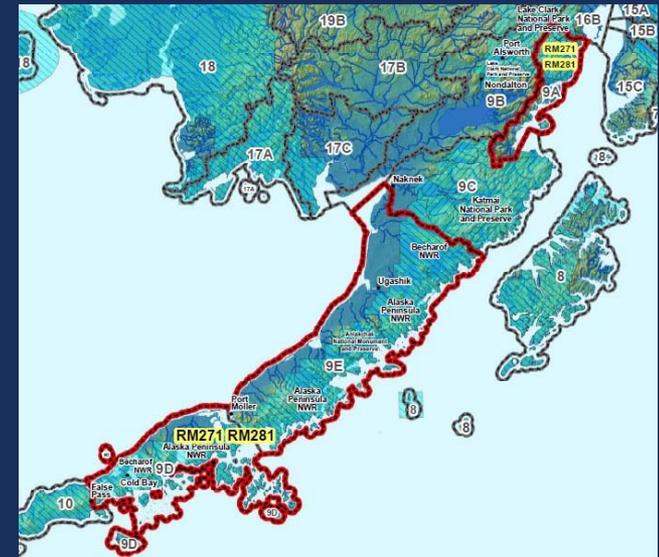
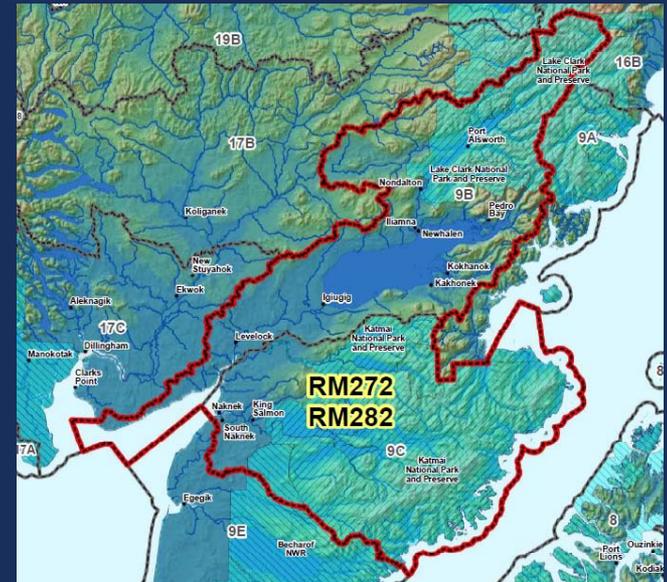
Permit Availability:

GMU 9B&C (In person only)

-Villages -King Salmon

GMU 9 Remainder

-Online -King Salmon



Unit 9 Moose Registration Hunt

GMU 9B&C

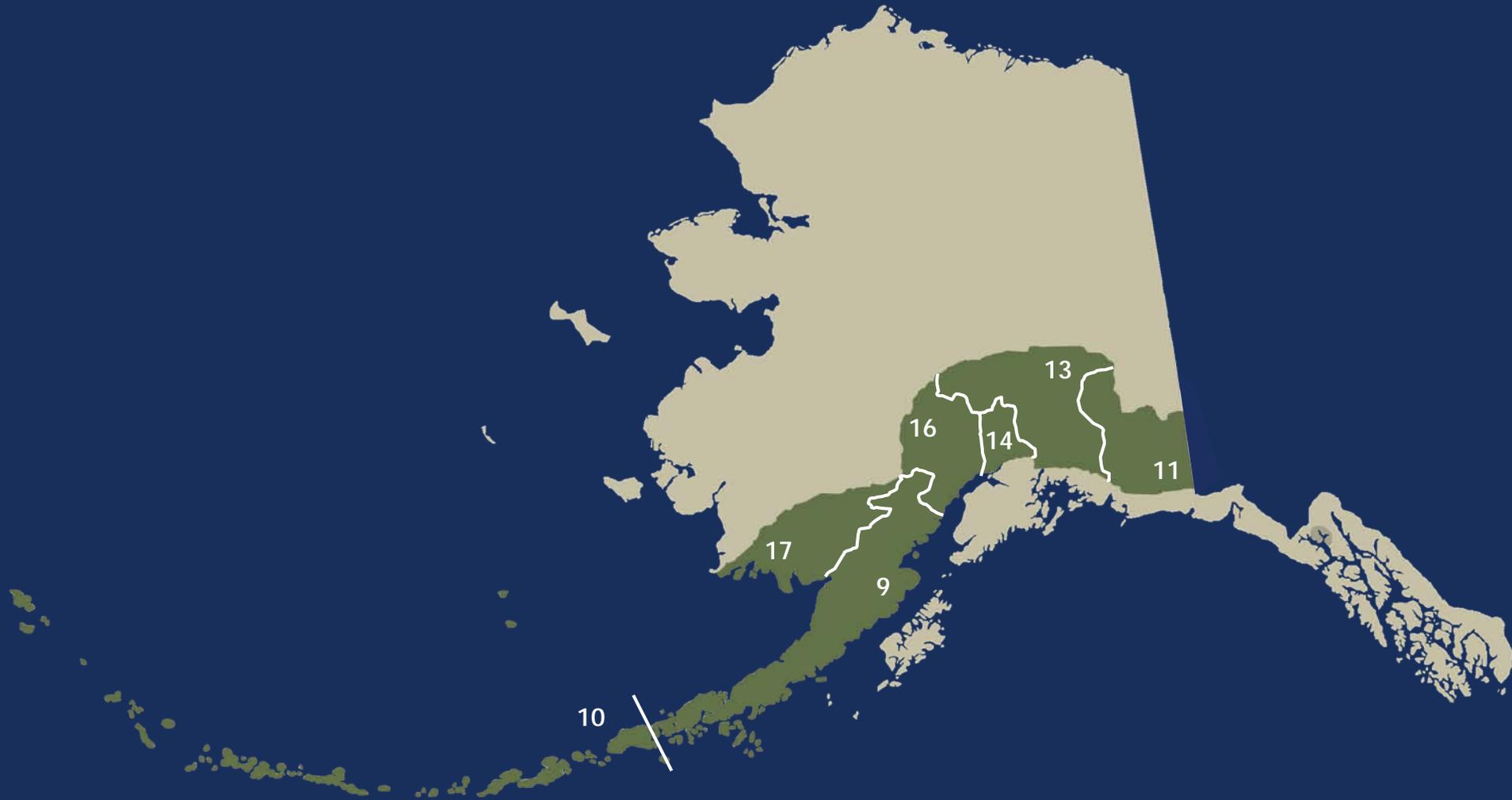
<u>Location Issued</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Paper	166	50%
King Salmon	168	50%

GMU 9 Remainder

<u>Location Issued</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Paper	0	0%
King Salmon	36	21%
Internet	135	79%

Agenda Change Request:**March 2012 BOG Meeting (Fairbanks)****Unit 9B – Brown Bear - Seasons and Bag Limit****Companion to the Predation Control Proposal
requested by the Board to address Intensive Management of
the moose population in Unit 9B**

Region IV



Southwest and Southcentral Alaska

**Reauthorization of an Intensive Management Program
Southern Alaska Peninsula (SAP) Caribou Herd**

Adopt

Southern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (SAPCH)

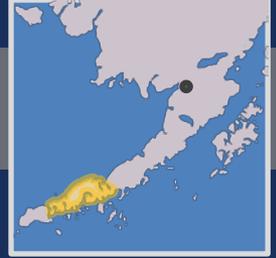


Population : \approx 1,000

Status: increasing

Harvest: closed to hunting

Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



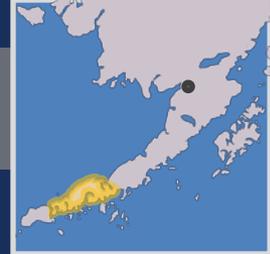
Population Status 2007

- population size 600
- calf survival <1%
- calf recruitment <1 calf:100 cows
- bull ratio 10 bulls:100 cows

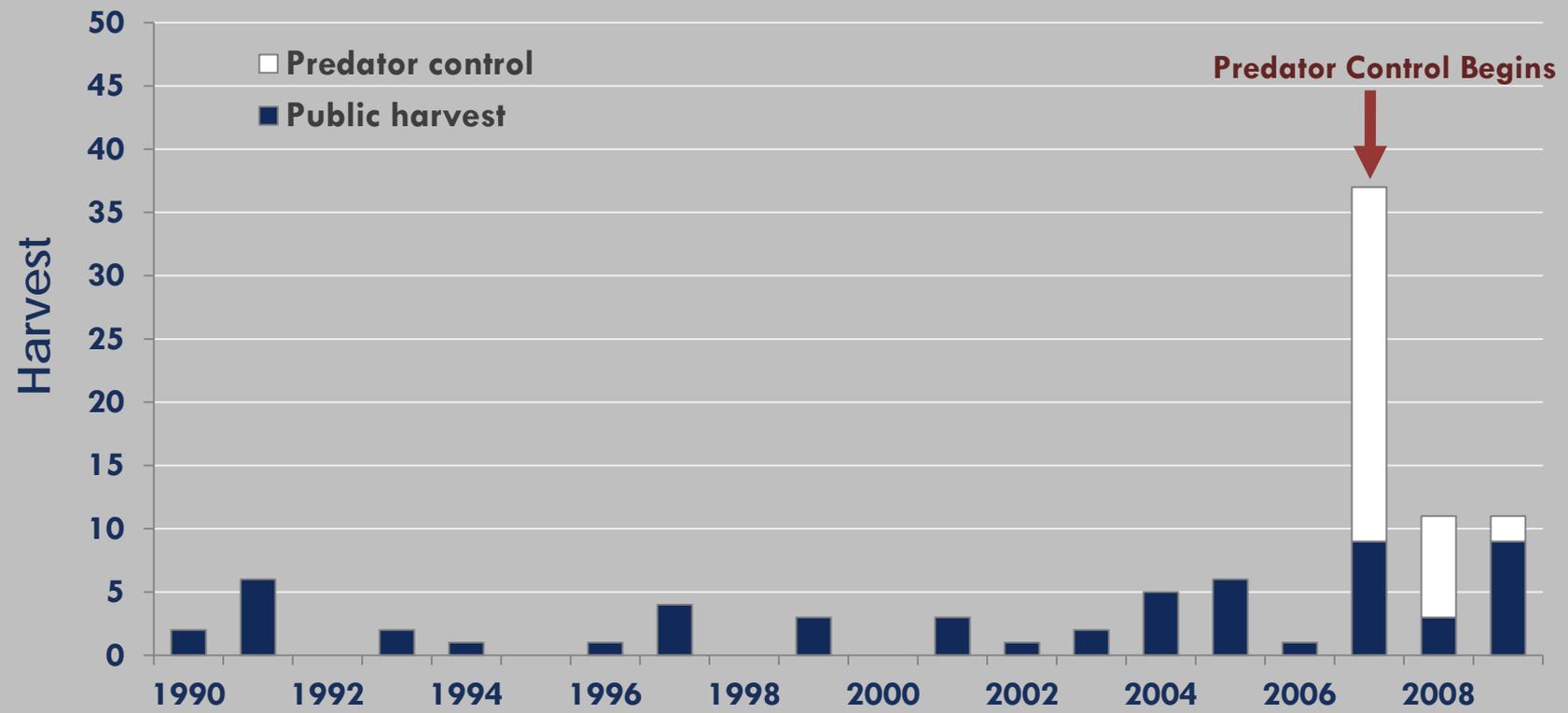
Program Implementation

- Hunting closed by Emergency Order in 2007
- Initiated Control Program in June 2008
- Caribou calving grounds (GMU 9D)
- Selective Wolf Removal

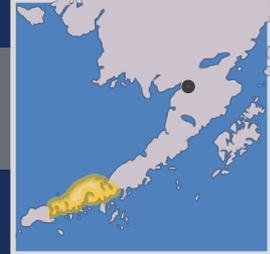
Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



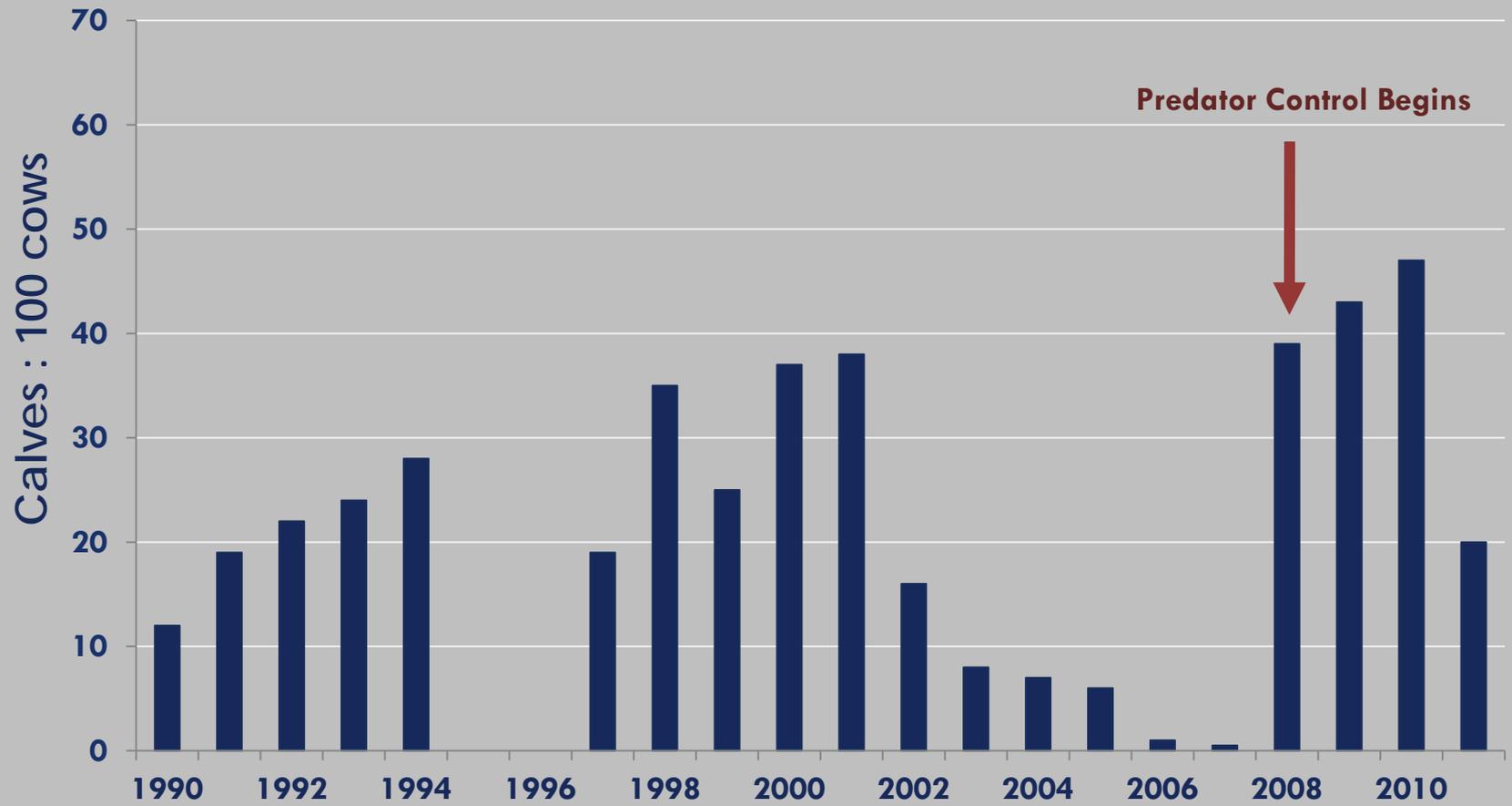
Wolf Harvest (GMU 9D)



Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



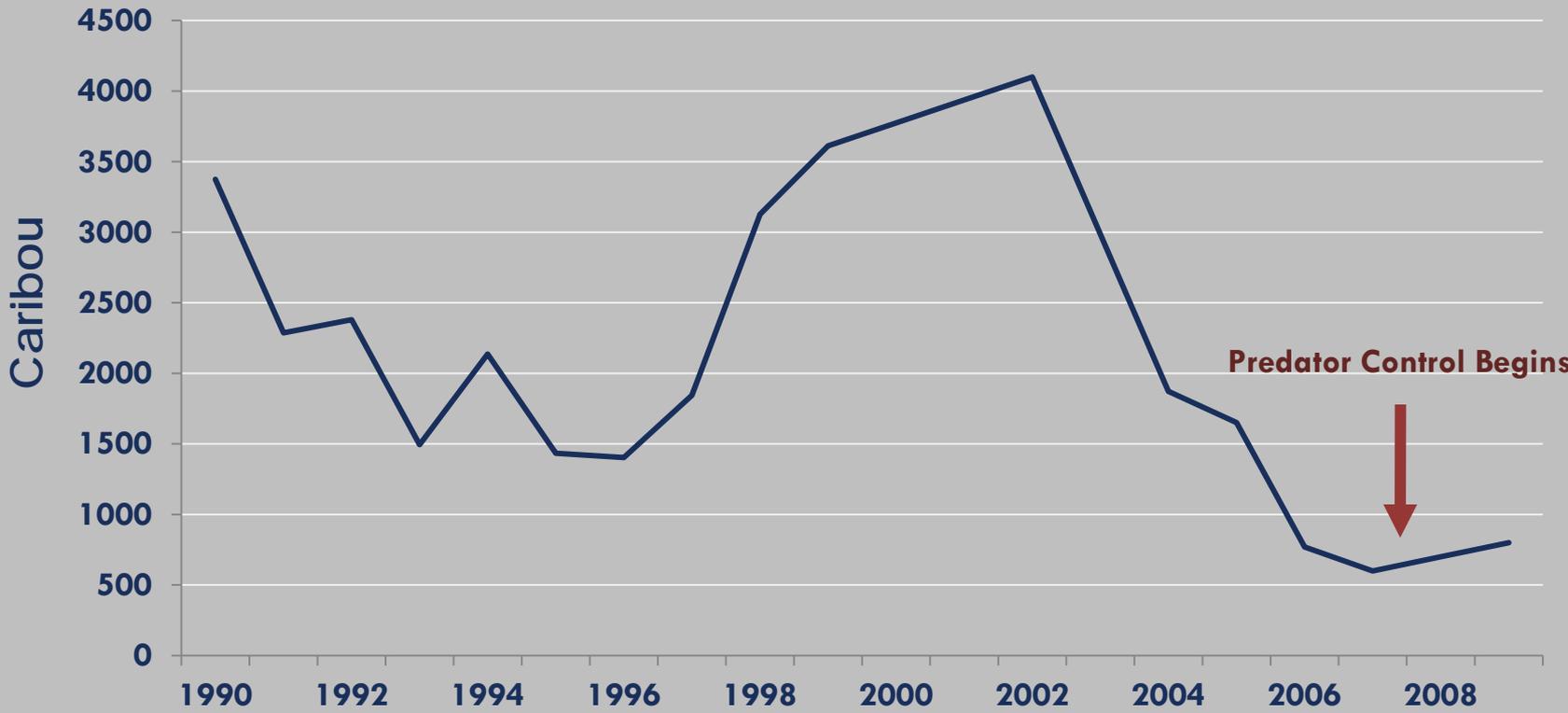
Fall Calf Ratios (SAP)



Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



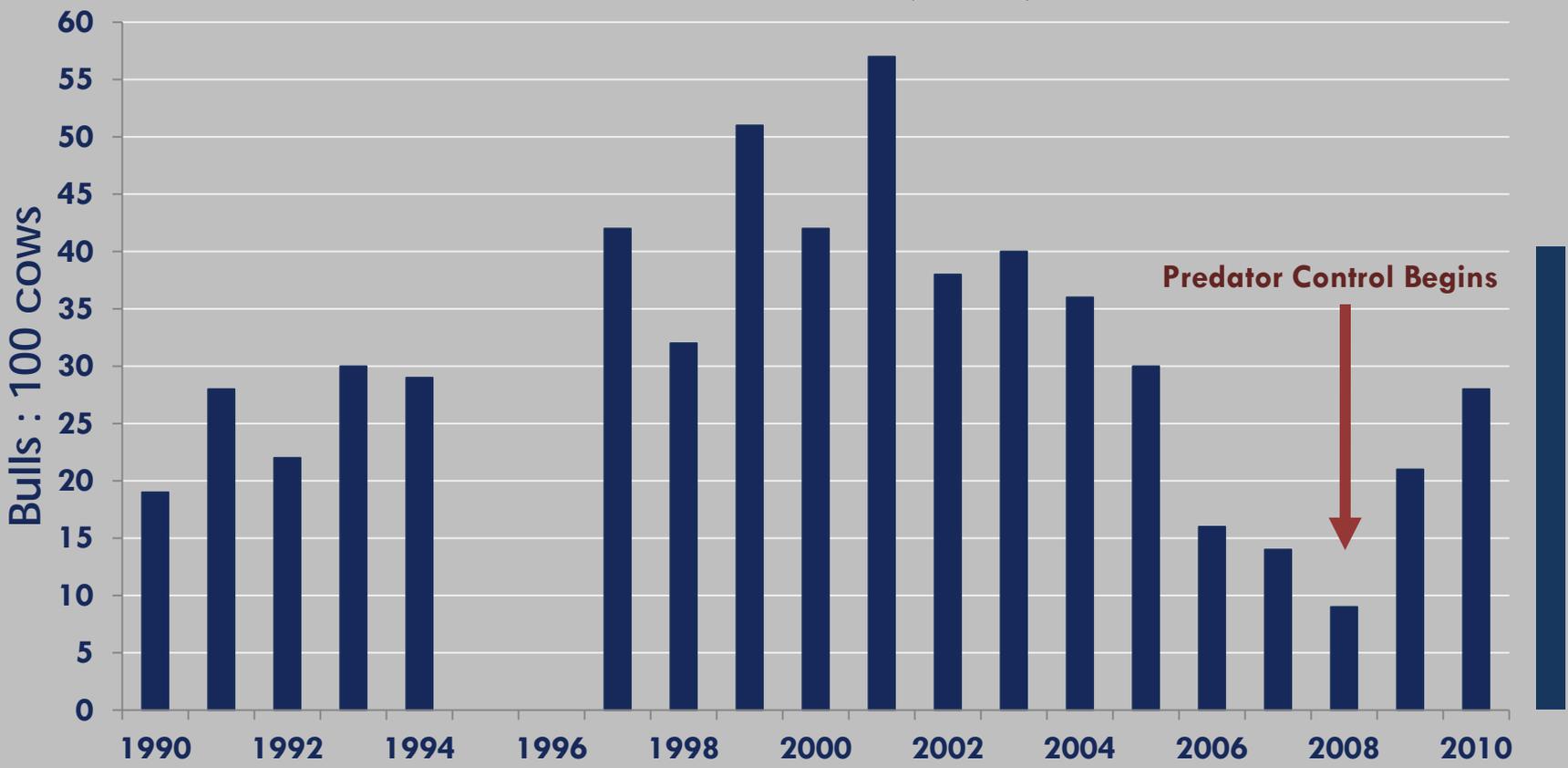
Caribou Population Estimates (SAP)



Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



Fall Bull Ratios (SAP)



Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



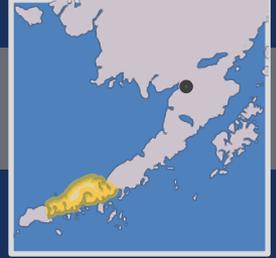
Results

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008-2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Wolf Control Phase	Pre-control	Active	Suspended
• Population	600	700-800+	≈1,000
• Calf survival	<1%	57-71%	≈40-50%
• Calf ratio	<1	39-47	20
• Bull ratio	14	10-28	40

Evaluation relative to objectives

- Below IM objective for population size and harvest
- Reduced calf ratio in 2011 is partially due to high proportion of young cows
(2011 modeled calf ratio = 37 calves:100 cows 4+ years of age)
- “Success” is possible but may require continued application of wolf control
- Recommend reauthorizing the program for an additional 5 year period

Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



Proposed Activities 2012

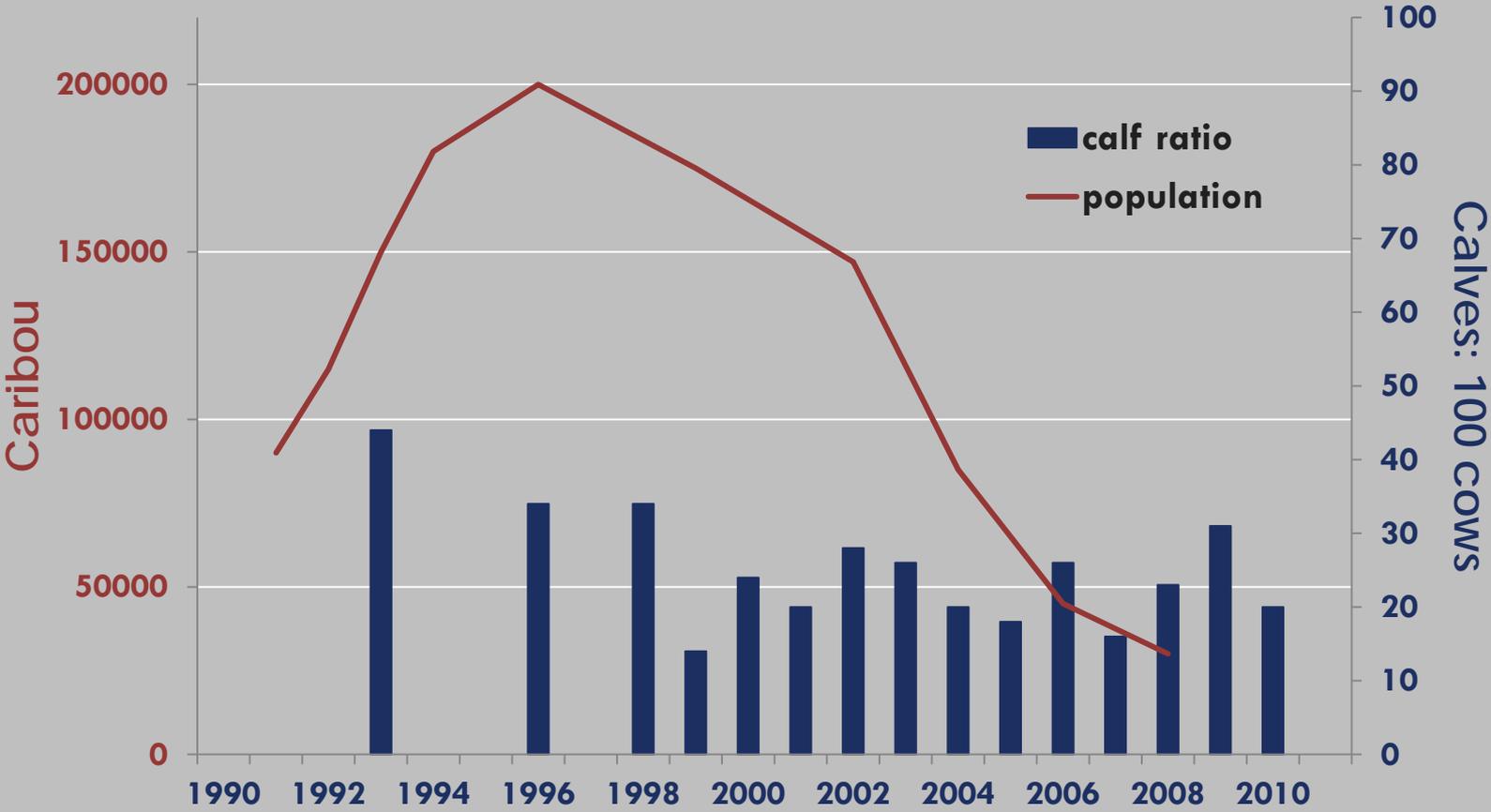
- Continue to suspend program during 2012 calving season
- Monitor population and continue to evaluate need for active management
 - Population Size
 - Calf Ratio >25 calves:100 cows based on 3 year average
(adjusted for age distribution)
- Develop long-term strategy for implementing the IM program
- Submit proposal to reinstate a permit hunt structure (2013 Region IV BOG)

**Reauthorization of an Intensive Management Program
Southern Alaska Peninsula (SAP) Caribou Herd**

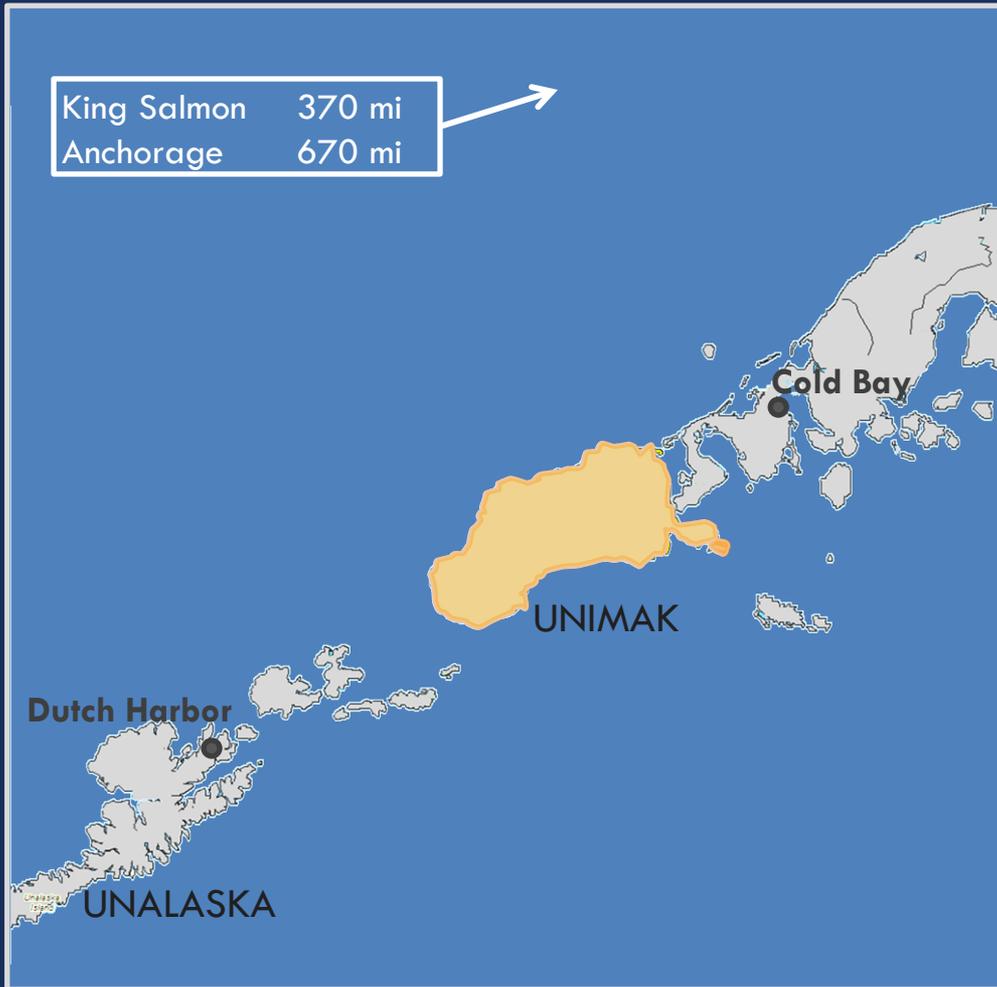
Adopt

Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH) IM Plan

Caribou Population Trends (Mulchatna)



Unimak Caribou Herd (UCH)



Population : < 300

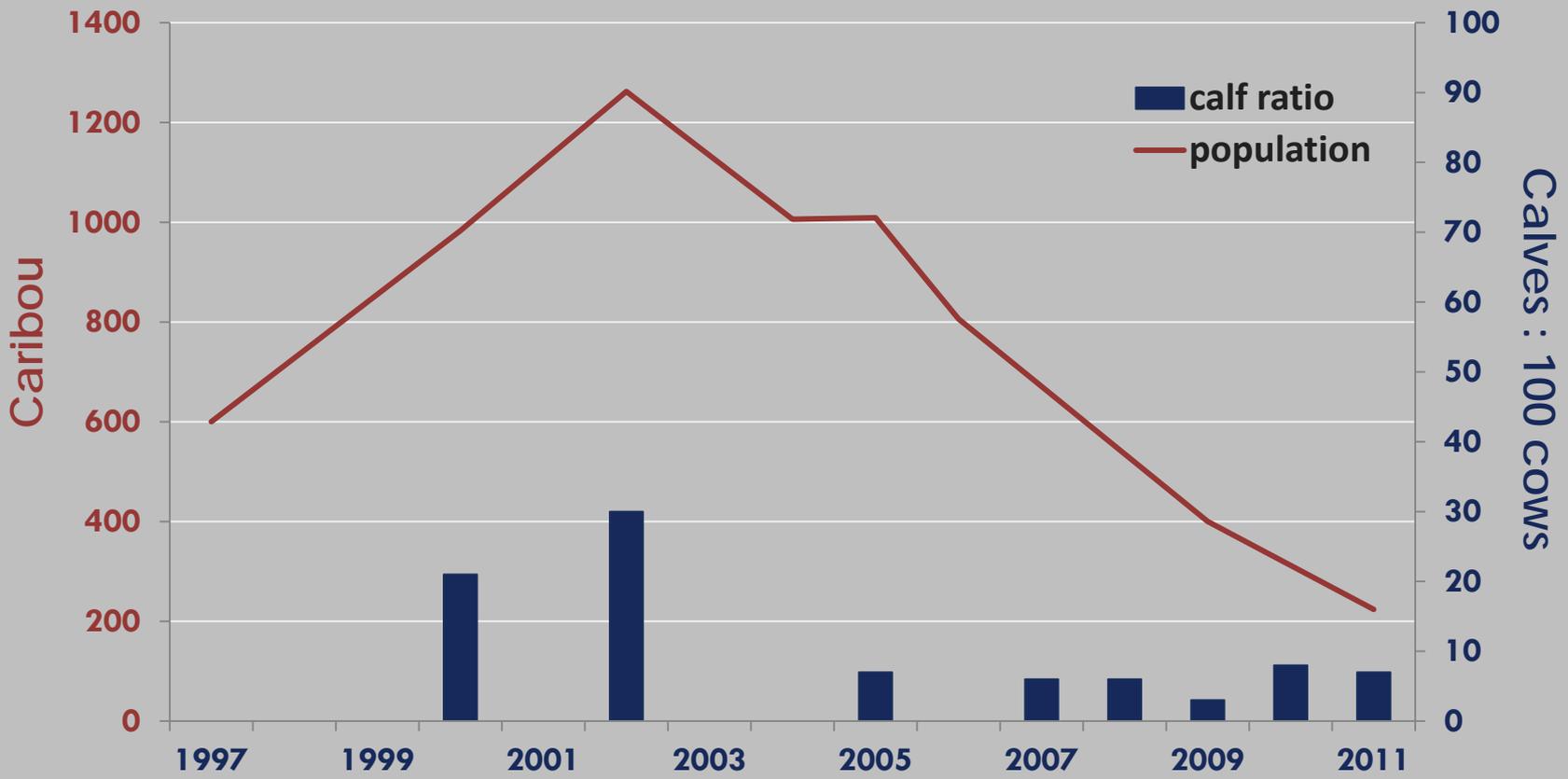
Status: declining

Harvest: closed to hunting

Predator Control – Unimak Caribou Herd



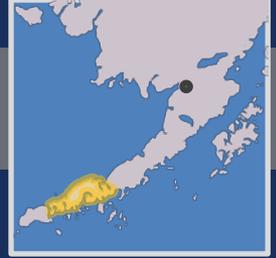
Caribou Population Trends (UCH)



Unit 16 Wolf and Bear Control

	Wolf (2010)	Brown Bear	Black Bear
Harvest	19	117	319
Control – Snare		24	56
Control -	11	9	86
General	8	84	177

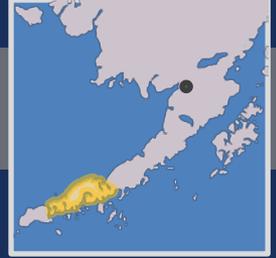
Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



Statutory Considerations

- Has the big game populations been identified as important for high levels of human consumptive use (i.e. intensive management)?
 - Yes
- Has the board established population and harvest objectives?
 - Yes
- Have the population and harvest objectives been achieved?
 - No
- Has there been a significant reduction in take?
 - Yes
- Is predation an important cause of the failure to achieve population or harvest objectives?
 - **Predation is a Factor**
- Can a reduction in predation reasonably be expected to aid the reaching of the objectives?
 - Yes

Predator Control – SAP Caribou Herd



Other Considerations

- Reduced seasons, reduced bag limits, elimination of non-resident hunting, etc.
 - **Yes – No Hunting Season**
- Feasibility and cost effectiveness (i.e., what are the effects of weather, terrain, land ownership).
 - **50% Federal Lands (SAPCH Range)**
 - **Weather Conditions**
 - **Poor Snow Cover**
 - **High Winds**
 - **Fuel Costs**

DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE



Seward Peninsula Muskox

Supplemental Hunt Histories

RC 33

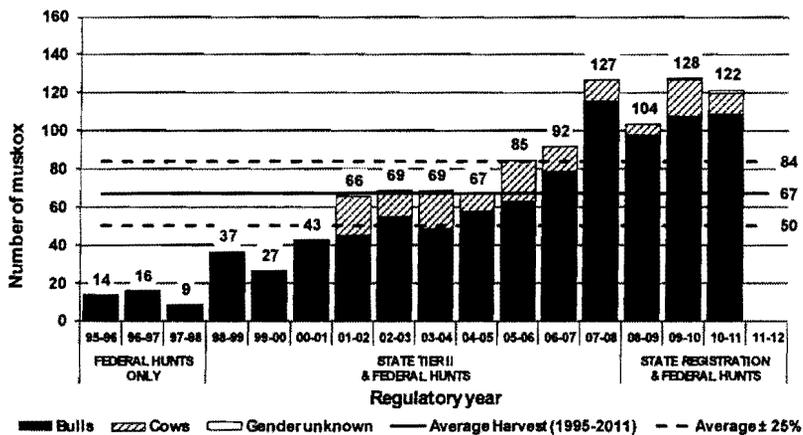
Prepared for the Alaska Board of Game

November 2011

RC 33

Seward Peninsula Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest Since All Hunts Opened, 1995-2011

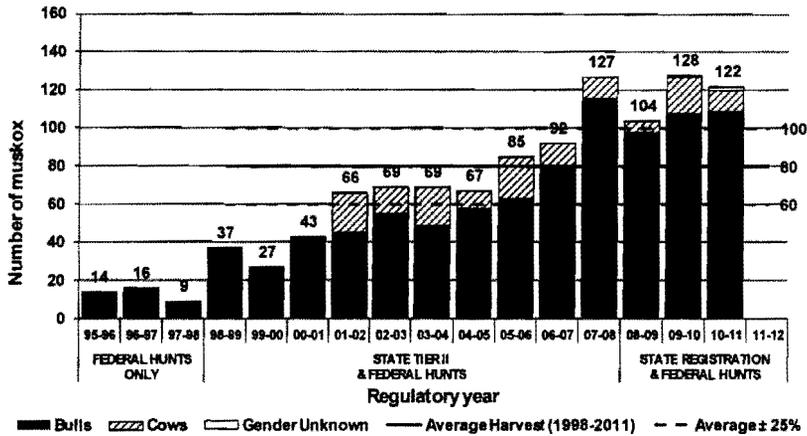


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 2

Seward Peninsula Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest Since State Hunts Opened, 1998-2011

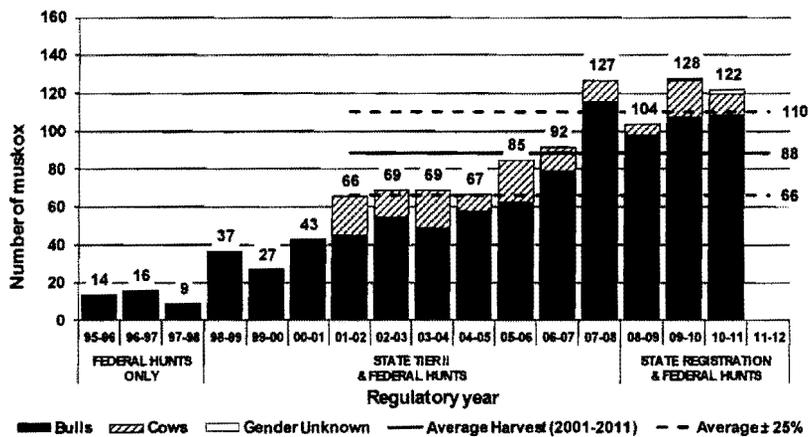


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 3

Seward Peninsula Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest Since Cow Hunts Opened, 2001-2011

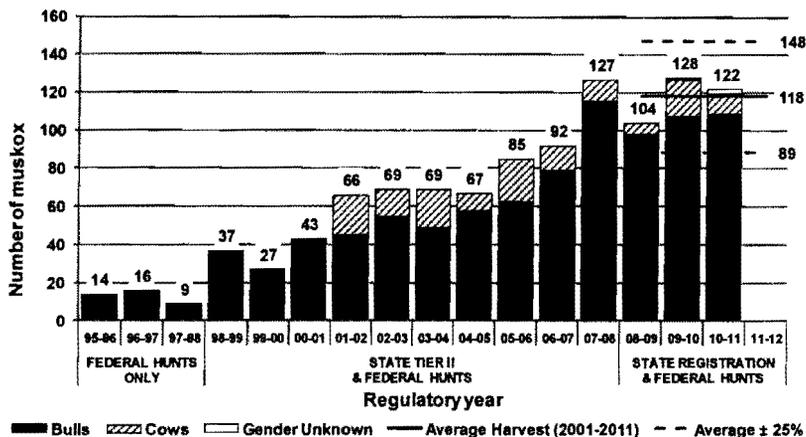


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 4

Seward Peninsula Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest in Registration Hunts, 2006-2011

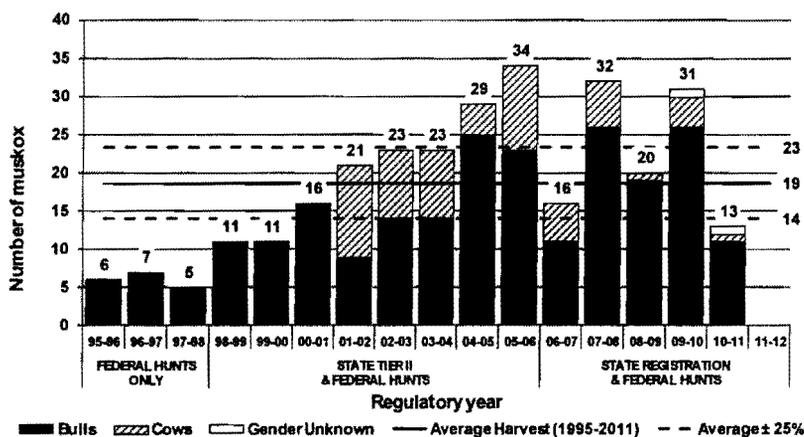


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 5

GMU 22E Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest Since All Hunts Opened, 1995-2011

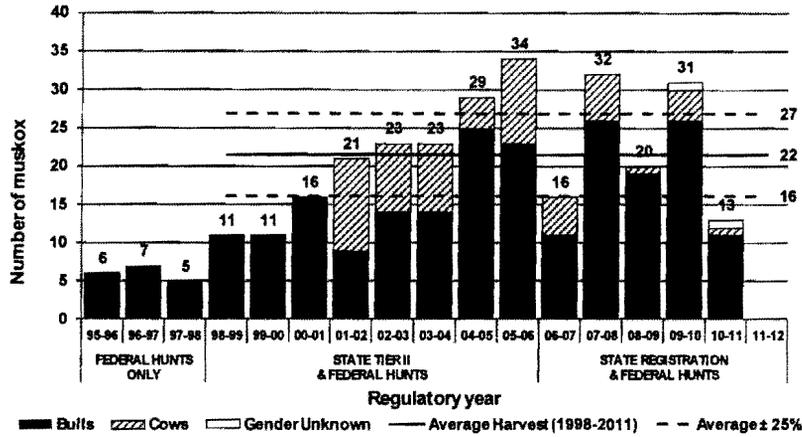


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 6

GMU 22E Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest Since State Hunts Opened, 1998-2011

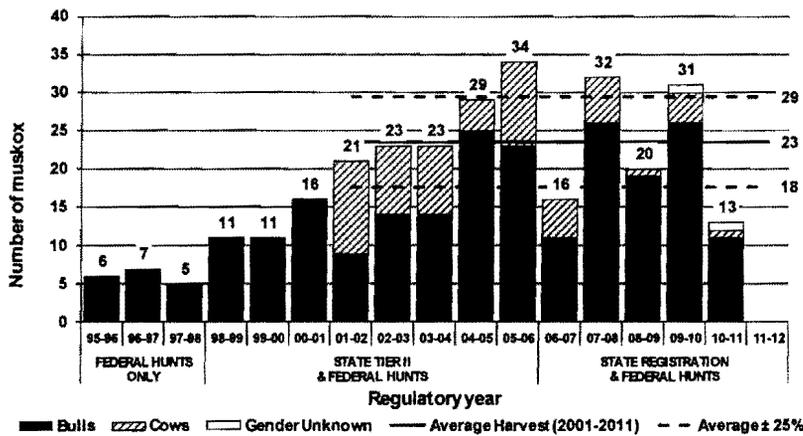


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 7

GMU 22E Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest Since Cow Hunts Opened, 2001-2011

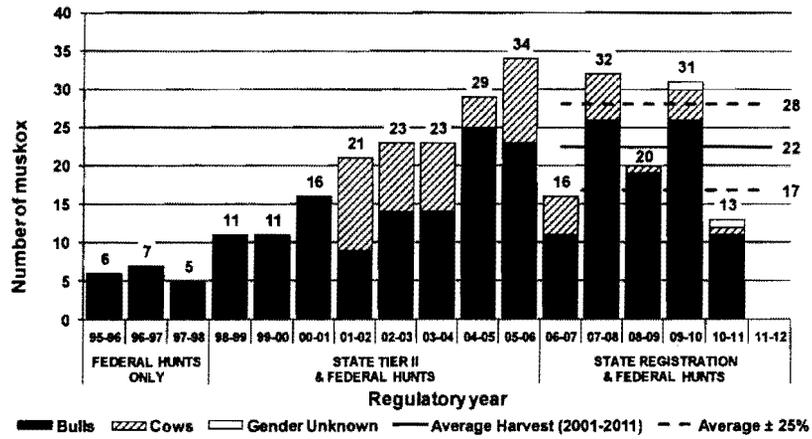


DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 8

GMU 22E Muskox

Average Subsistence Harvest in Registration Hunts, 2006-2011



DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

SEWARD PENINSULA MUSKOX - SLIDE 9

5 AAC 85.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for musk oxen. (a) ...

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(2)		
Unit 22(A), and Unit 23, that portion south and west of the Kobuk River drainage and north and east of the Buckland River drainage	No open season.	No open season.
Units 22(B), (C), and (D), and Unit 23, Southwest, that portion on the Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage		
If the harvestable portion is 99 musk ox or less:		
1 musk ox by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to XX permits may be issued;	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
If the harvestable portion is greater than 99 musk ox, but less than 151 musk ox:		
1 musk ox by registration permit only;	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
If the harvestable portion is greater than 150 musk ox:		
1 musk ox by registration permit only; or	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
1 bull 4 years old or older by drawing permit only; up to 60 permits	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15

may be issued; 10 percent of the permits will be issued to nonresident hunters, in combination with Unit 22(E)

Unit 22(E)

If the harvestable portion is 10 or less musk ox:

1 musk ox by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to XX permits may be issued;	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
---	---	-----------------

If the harvestable portion is greater than 9 musk ox, but less than 26 musk ox:

1 musk ox by registration permit only;	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
--	---	-----------------

If the harvestable portion is greater than 25 musk ox:

1 musk ox by registration permit only; or	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
---	---	-----------------

1 bull 4 years old or older by drawing permit only; up to XX permits may be issued; 10 percent of the permits will be issued to nonresident hunters, , in combination with Units 22(B), (C), and (D), and Unit 23, that portion south and west of the Kobuk River drainage	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15	Aug. 1 - Mar. 15
--	------------------	------------------

5 AAC 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures. The department may apply any or all of the following additional conditions to a permit hunt, when necessary for management of the species hunted:

...

(24) a person may be limited to taking one mature or one immature muskox, as defined by horn configuration, in Units 22 and 23.

5 AAC 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations.

SPECIES & UNIT	FINDING	AMOUNT REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR SUBSISTENCE USES
(9) Musk Oxen		
...		
Unit 22 [(SEWARD PENINSULA)] and Unit 23, that portion <u>south and west of the Kobuk</u> River drainage	positive	100-150, including <u>10 -25</u> [40 – 50] in Unit 22(E)



Supplemental Harvest History Unit 18 – Ptarmigan

RC 35

5 AAC 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations.

Prepared for the Alaska Board of Game

November 2011

RC 35

Estimated Harvests of Ptarmigans for Subsistence Residents of Unit 18, 2004-2009

SUBREGION	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Bethel	0	6,173	492	49	1,006	1,242
Lower Kuskokwim	5,324	1,856	7,703	2,903	997	6,852
Lower Yukon	584	145	348	0	0	227
North Coast	164	717	323	0	0	368
South Coast	2,362	2,857	3,149	142	1,463	1,730
Mid Coast	2,402	3,343	9,351	2,218	1,099	12,110
TOTAL	10,836	15,091	21,366	5,312	4,565	22,529

Average (-75%) 3,321

Average 13,283

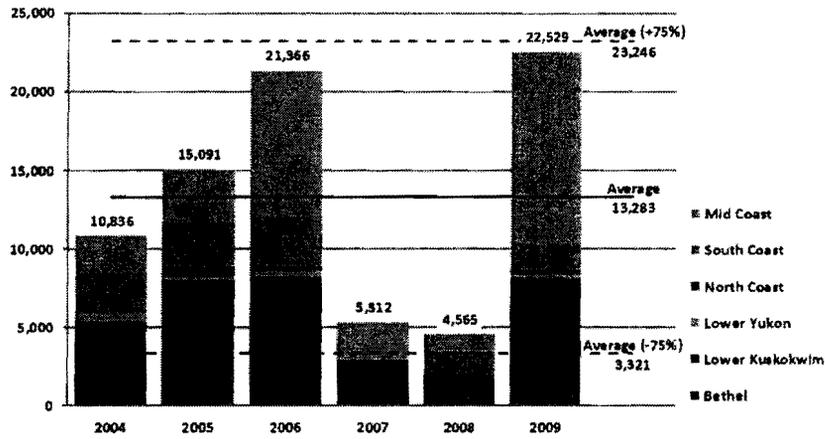
Average (+75%) 23,246



DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

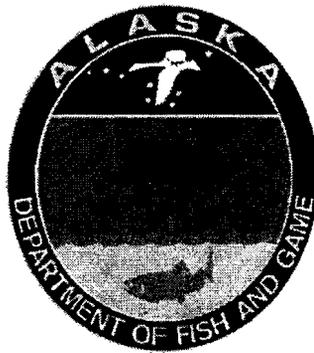


Estimated Harvests of Ptarmigans for Subsistence Residents of Unit 18, 2004-2010



DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE

Questions?



*Thank you!
Quyana!*

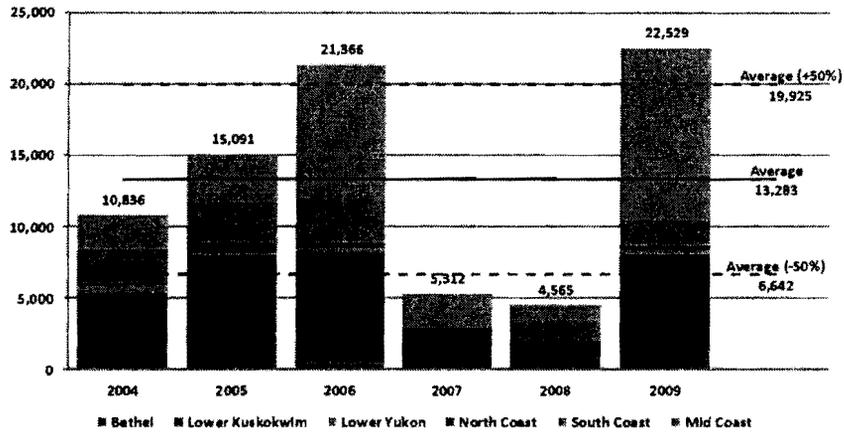
For a copy of our OEO statement, see <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=home.oestatement>



DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE



Estimated Harvests of Ptarmigans for Subsistence Residents of Unit 18, 2004-2010



SOURCE: Alaska Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest Estimates, 2009, Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council



DIVISION OF SUBSISTENCE



36

**GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK
SUBSISTENCE RESOURCE COMMISSION****c/o 4175 Geist Road
Fairbanks, AK. 99709
(907) 455-0639 or FAX (907) 455-0601**

November 14, 2011

ATTN: Board of Game Comments
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Boards Support Section
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526
Fax: 907.465.6094

Dear Board of Game members,

At our most recent meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission on November 9 & 10, 2011 in Fairbanks, Alaska, the commission took the following positions regarding Board of Game 2011/2012 Wildlife Proposals:

Proposal 28: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.

SRC Vote: Support

Justification: It supports an annual need.

Proposal 31: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.

SRC Vote: Support

Justification: It affects land surrounding Anaktuvuk Pass, including Nunamiut Corporation lands.

Proposal 32: Add Unit 26A to the list of areas where a resident brown bear tag is not required for hunts.

SRC Vote: Support

Justification: Proposal exempts Unit 26A from requiring a tag and allows subsistence users to take bears on Nunamiut Corporation lands with easier access.

Proposal 33: Open the wolverine hunting season earlier in Unit 26.

SRC Vote: Oppose

Justification: The month of August is too early to kill wolverines. Wolverines are usually hunted from November onwards (in the middle of the winter), when the fur is prime.

Proposal 34: Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 & 26A.

SRC Vote: Support

Justification: Affects the Kobuk Preserve and Itkillik Preserve areas of Gates of the Arctic.

The Gates of the Arctic NP Subsistence Resource Commission is requesting that our proposal votes are submitted as record copies (RCs).

Sincerely,



Pollock Simon Sr., Gates of the Arctic NP SRC Chair



Jack Reakoff, Gates of the Arctic NP SRC Vice-Chair

RC37

**Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area
Management Plan
Report to the Alaska Board of Game
by the
Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Habitat
November, 2011**

The Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area (CHA) was established by the Alaska Legislature (AS 16.20.610) in 1988 to protect and preserve wet meadow staging habitat for migrating lesser sandhill cranes (*Grus canadensis canadensis*) in the Gustavus Forelands. The secondary purpose of the CHA is the "continued public use and enjoyment of the area." AS 16.20.610 also states that the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area will "be managed under a management plan prepared and implemented by the department in consultation with the community of Gustavus and the Board of Game." The purpose of this report is to apprise the board of the planning process and the various issues/ that were addressed during the public planning process.

The Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area

The CHA is located on the Gustavus Forelands in southeast Alaska, west of the community of Gustavus, and abuts Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve on two sides. Dude Creek CHA encompasses approximately 4,082 acres of open wetlands graduating to scrub pine and spruce forests. The fourth boundary is shared by a tract of land purchased by The Nature Conservancy ("the beach area") and transferred to the state with the intent that it be included in the Dude Creek CHA; once a statutory amendment is enacted the CHA will extend through the shoreline on its southern side.

The Pacific Flyway Population of sandhill cranes uses the Gustavus Forelands as a stopover and staging area during their spring and fall migrations between breeding grounds on the Alaska Peninsula and overwintering areas in the Pacific Northwest and California. Cranes are fair-weather, daylight migrants and the Dude Creek CHA is one of five major staging stops during the approximately 2,200 mile journey. Cranes require open habitat wetland for foraging and staging. Over 80 species of songbirds, shorebirds, waterfowl and raptors also use this area as a migratory stopover or as a breeding area. Moose, black bears, wolves, and pine martin are the primary terrestrial mammals in the area. This is an unique area geologically; it is relatively recently formed glacial outwash plain that is undergoing rapid isostatic rebound and drying out as the water table is lowered relative to the ground surface, and shallow marine areas are converted to wetlands and uplands.

General Overview of Special Areas

A Special Area management plan is primarily used by habitat biologists as guidance in approving land use activities through the Special Area permitting process. It also provides direction to the wildlife biologists managing the operations in the CHA. Members of the public and other users would find a management plan useful for learning about the area and determining what activities are allowed there. Special Area management under (5 AAC 95.400-440) pertains to habitat altering activities; for example, any ground disturbing, resource extraction, construction of public access facilities or commercial activities would require a Special Area permit. The Department of Natural Resources retains co-management authority over Special Areas in their role as the state's land management agency.

The Planning Process

This plan is the result of a public planning process led by ADF&G. ADF&G initiated the effort by holding public scoping meetings during February 2010 in Gustavus, Hoonah, and Juneau to explain the planning process and solicit citizens' issues, interests, and concerns for the Dude Creek CHA.

A planning team composed of representatives from the Divisions of WC, Habitat, and SF, the National Park Service, the City of Gustavus, The Nature Conservancy, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Board of Game held 5 meetings in Gustavus in 2010. The planning team used public input from scoping to formulate a list of issues to be addressed in the plan, then developed policies to address these issues, and three overarching goals to guide management decisions. Ben Grussendorf, participated in three of the 5 planning team meetings and provided input on the draft policies.

Concurrently, information on fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, other natural resources, land ownership, and existing land uses in the vicinity of the Dude Creek CHA was gathered and synthesized. This information, presented in both map and narrative form, comprises the plan's Resource Inventory (Appendices A and F).

The issues prompting the most discussion in public scoping and amongst the planning team include:

- How to address the use of tree stands in an equitable way that precludes proprietary use, prevents large permanent structures from being built, and results in individual users taking responsibility for removal of trash and stand materials from the CHA. (*Structures Policy*)

- Use of ATVs and snow machines and aircraft landings and takeoffs within the CHA boundaries to prevent habitat impacts and disturbance to cranes, particularly during the overlap between the fall migration and the moose hunting season. (*Motorized Vehicles Policy*)

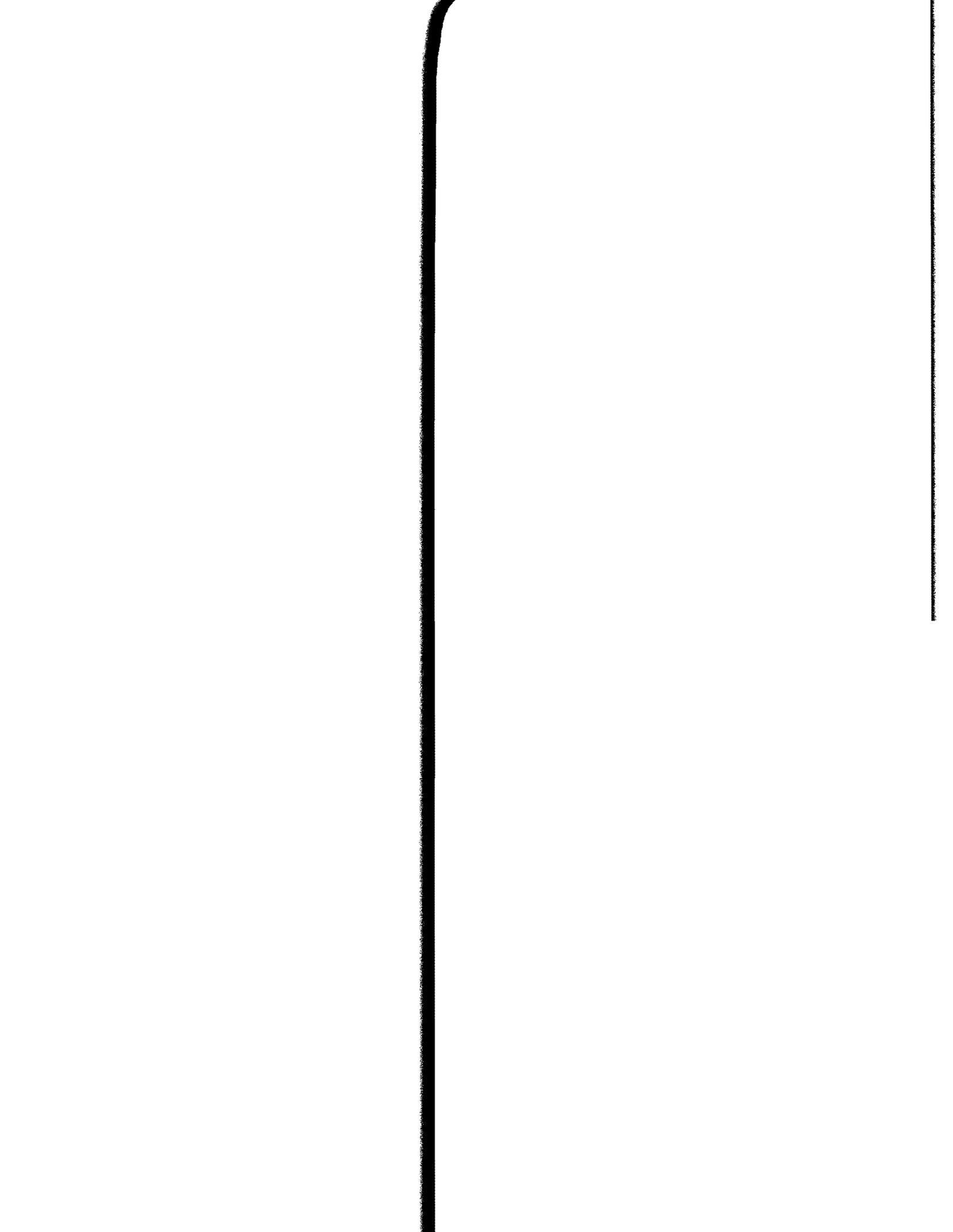
- Habitat enhancement projects to maintain or reclaim wet meadow areas. Particularly in response to isostatic rebound in conjunction with drying of the soil and a vegetation shift to more woody species (e.g. lodge pole pine). (*Timber and Firewood Harvest, Motorized Vehicles, and Habitat Enhancement/Restoration Policies*)

A public comment period for the DRAFT Plan was held June 2, 2011 to July 11, 2011.

This draft contained goals, issue statements, proposed policies, policy evaluations, implementation, and resource inventory (including wildlife, vegetation and land status maps of the area). Hard copies were distributed to the planning team, the Board of Game, local libraries, the City of Gustavus, and various individuals, as well as being available at ADF&G offices. An electronic copy was posted on the ADF&G website and public notices of the comment period were posted.

No public comments were received and minor revisions have been made to the plan text. Before the final plan is approved by the commissioner and the goals and policies are adopted into regulation, the goals and policies are subject to a regulatory review and public comment period by the Division of Law, as well

Enclosed with this report are a complete list of the goals and policies of the plan and four maps showing the land status, vegetation, and wildlife concentrations areas in the Dude Creek CHA. Additional information is available on the website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=dudecreek.draftplan.



GOALS

Activities occurring within the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area will be consistent with the following goals in accordance with the purpose for which the areas were established (AS 16.20.500). All department management decisions in the Dude Creek CHA, whether affecting activities undertaken by the department, other agencies, or the public, will be in accordance with these goals.

Goal I. Fish and Wildlife Populations and Their Habitats

- A. Manage the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area to protect or enhance habitat for migrating sand hill cranes, especially wet meadow feeding and roosting habitat, and to protect or enhance habitat for other naturally occurring resident and migrant fish and wildlife populations.
- B. Minimize harmful disturbance to fish and wildlife, with special attention to sand hill cranes.
- C. Recognize the potential for cumulative impacts when considering effects of small incremental activities and actions affecting critical habitat area resources, including high frequency public use activities. (Public use means commercial and public, non-agency use.)

Goal II. Public Access and Use

- A. Maintain and/or improve public access to the Dude Creek CHA for public use consistent with Goal I.
- B. Allow public uses when the uses are consistent with Goal I. These uses include: fishing, hunting, trapping¹, mechanized and non-mechanized public access, grazing, firewood harvesting, wildlife viewing, hiking, and berry picking.

Goal III Management, Research, and Other Activities

- A. Encourage and support research and monitoring activities necessary to achieve the goals and policies of the Dude Creek CHA Management Plan, as funding allows.
- B. Foster interagency and community cooperation and coordination to assist in the implementation of this management plan.

¹ Hunting and trapping are considered consistent with Goal I

POLICIES

Compatibility

Uses and activities may be allowed in the critical habitat area when the uses and activities are compatible with the purposes for which the critical habitat area was established and with the goals and policies of the management plan. Uses and activities will be restricted as necessary to: (1) protect sand hill cranes and their habitat, especially wet meadow habitat, and protect other fish and wildlife populations and their habitats, and (2) maintain and/or improve public access to the critical habitat area.

Access

The department will allow public access for continued public use in the critical habitat area. The department may allow improvements to public access within the critical habitat area under terms and conditions of a Special Area Permit.

Roads/ Trails

The department may, on a case-by-case basis, allow the construction of trails in the critical habitat area under terms and conditions of Special Area Permit. The department may, on a case-by-case basis, allow the construction of a road or utility line in the critical habitat area under terms and conditions of Special Area Permit, to provide access to the School Trust land or to provide access to oil, gas, and coal resources owned by the Mental Health Trust. The department will not allow the construction of new permanent roads, airstrips, and utility lines for other purposes in the critical habitat area.

Motorized Vehicles

The off-road use of a wheeled, tracked, or other ground effect motorized vehicle (ORV) is prohibited in the critical habitat area, except when used in support of an authorized habitat enhancement activity, or used in conjunction with a *hunting and trapping methods and means* exemption, or to provide access to oil, gas, and coal resources owned by the Mental Health Trust.

The use of ORVs in these instances may be authorized by Special Area Permit when dry, frozen, or other ground conditions will mitigate habitat damage.

All fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter landings within the critical habitat area require a Special Area Permit. Aircraft landings and take-offs are prohibited except that the department may, in its discretion, issue a Special Area Permit if there is a demonstrable need and for which there is no feasible alternative. Helicopter landings and take-offs in the critical habitat area are prohibited except that the department may, in its discretion, issue a Special Area Permit if the use is for research or management or for an activity for which there is no feasible alternative.

Recreational and Harvest Activities

The department will allow recreational activities, including hiking and wildlife viewing; and harvest activities, including fishing, hunting, trapping, and gathering of wild resources within the critical habitat area. Use levels may be managed through the issuance of Special Area Permits, if necessary, to avoid adverse impacts to fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Activities for which Special Area Permits may be required to manage use levels include, but are not limited to, camping and group gatherings.

Camping

Camping will be managed in the critical habitat area to afford parties camping opportunities of up to two weeks in duration, with certain exceptions. Restrictions to camping may include provisions for siting of camps and associated activities, types of structures, number of camp occupants, access points, period(s) of use, and number of authorized camps within a particular area.

Establishment of a non-commercial camp for up to 14 consecutive days will be allowed in the critical habitat area without a Special Area Permit. Establishment of a non-commercial camp for more than 14 consecutive days at any one location, or relocating a camp within a two-mile radius of the original campsites requires authorization through a Special Area Permit.

Commercial camping in the critical habitat area may be allowed under terms and conditions of a Special Area Permit.

All camping equipment and materials must be removed from the critical habitat area after completion of the camping event. Solid waste disposal is not allowed within the critical habitat area. Food and garbage must be stored in a manner that prevents it from being an attractant to bears and other wildlife. Methods to isolate food and garbage may include the use of bear-resistant containers, electric fences, or food caches away from camp and suspended at least 10 ft. above the ground, or within a lockable and hard-sided section of a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft. Legally taken game and harvested fish are not required to be cached but should be hung away from camp locations. All garbage must be removed from the critical habitat area. Human waste disposal must be done in accordance with DEC requirements (18 AAC 60).

Camping Policy Definitions

For the purposes of implementing the camping policy:

“Commercial camping” means the activity is associated with the provision of assistance for compensation, or with the intent to receive compensation, to persons who camp in the critical habitat area.

“Solid waste” means garbage, refuse, abandoned or other discarded solid or semi-solid material, regardless of whether subject to decomposition, originating from any source, not including human waste.

Timber and Firewood Harvest

The harvest of firewood for use in the critical habitat area does not require a Special Area Permit, but is limited to standing dead or downed trees. The department will prohibit the harvest of firewood for use outside of the critical habitat area, except as allowed by the habitat enhancement policy. The department will prohibit timber harvest in the critical habitat area, except as allowed by the habitat enhancement policy.

Fuel and Hazardous Materials Storage

The department will prohibit the storage or disposal of hazardous substances (as defined by AS 46.09.900) or petroleum-based fuels in the critical habitat area. This policy does not apply to fuel on board vessels, vehicles or aircraft; or for fuel used in an occupied camp (five gallons or less).

Commercial and Group Activities

The department may allow use of the critical habitat area by non-commercial groups of 12 or more persons under terms and conditions of a Special Area Permit. The department may allow use of the critical habitat area by commercial groups of 12 or more persons, or commercial groups of 5 or more people that return to the critical habitat area 3 or more days within a one week period by Special Area Permit.

Structures

The department may allow, on a case-by-case basis, the construction and use of temporary or permanent structures in the critical habitat area, under terms and conditions of Special Area Permit. The department:

- (A) may allow structures for the purpose of habitat maintenance and enhancement, fish and wildlife related research, and/ or public use and enjoyment of the CHA. Examples of these types of structures include a sand hill crane viewing tower, vegetation exclosures, structures associated with trail construction, and flood control or fish research weirs;
- (B) may allow new structures for the purpose to exercise reserved oil, gas, and coal rights held by the Mental Health Trust;
- (C) may allow temporary structures such as duck blinds, tree stands, and small structures associated with occupied camps. For the purposes of this policy "temporary" is intended to limit a structure's presence to seasonal use, except that structures associated with camps must abide by the 14 day limitation in the "Camping" policy. Use of temporary structures does not convey any future or exclusive rights and may not exceed one season's use; and
- (D) will not allow permanent private structures including, but not limited to; cabins, trapping cabins, tent platforms, and tree stands, which may interfere with public use opportunities in the critical habitat area.

Materials and all garbage must be removed when use concludes.

Geological Exploration and Development

The department will not allow geological exploration and extraction in the critical habitat area, except that the department may allow, on a case-by-case basis, geological exploration and extraction of oil, gas, and coal resources owned by the Mental Health Trust. For the purposes of this policy, geological exploration and extraction includes mining, oil and gas exploration or development, and material extraction.

Habitat Enhancement/Restoration

The department may allow habitat enhancement projects that further critical habitat area management goals, particularly for sand hill crane habitat, under terms and conditions of a Special Area Permit. Habitat enhancement projects may not introduce non-indigenous species to the CHA.

Dude Creek CHA Management Plan
Goals and Policies November 2011

Grazing

The department may allow grazing leases or permits in the critical habitat area, under terms and conditions of a Special Area Permit. The department will manage grazing permit and lease areas to maintain existing habitat values based on guidelines established in consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources through the development of range management plans.

Cultural, Historic, and Archeological Resources

The department will protect cultural, archeological, and historic resources within the critical habitat area, in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office. Where appropriate, the department will allow investigation of cultural, archeological, and historic resources through a Special Area Permit.

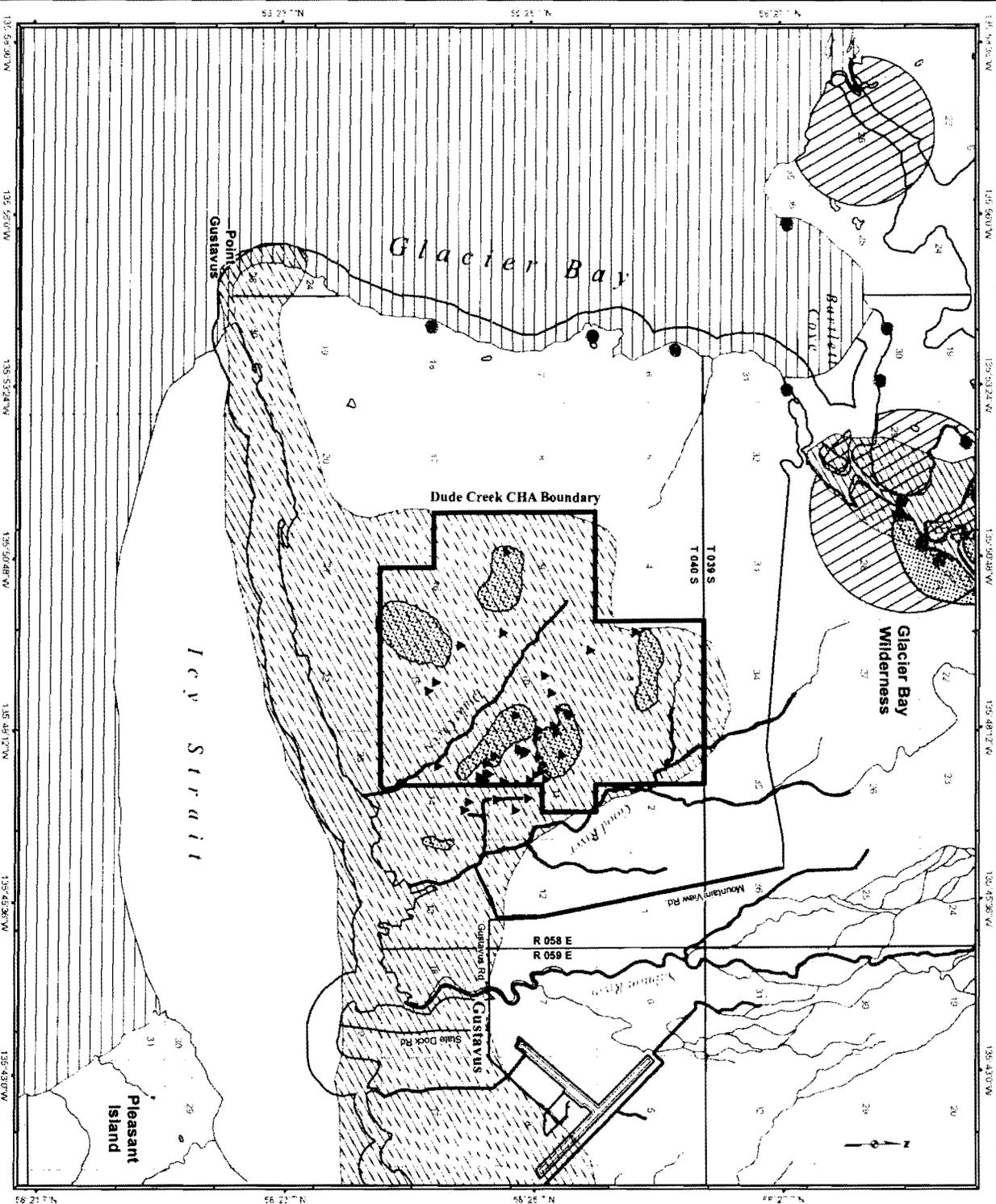
Information, Education, and Outreach

The department will provide information to critical habitat area users and the general public regarding critical habitat area resources, activities, and use restrictions. The department will encourage education projects describing critical habitat area resources and their uses.

Scientific Research

The department will encourage compatible scientific research of fish, wildlife, habitat, and other resources in the critical habitat area to facilitate management.

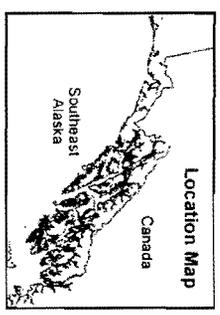




Map 3
Dude Creek
Critical Habitat Area
Fish, Birds, Mammals

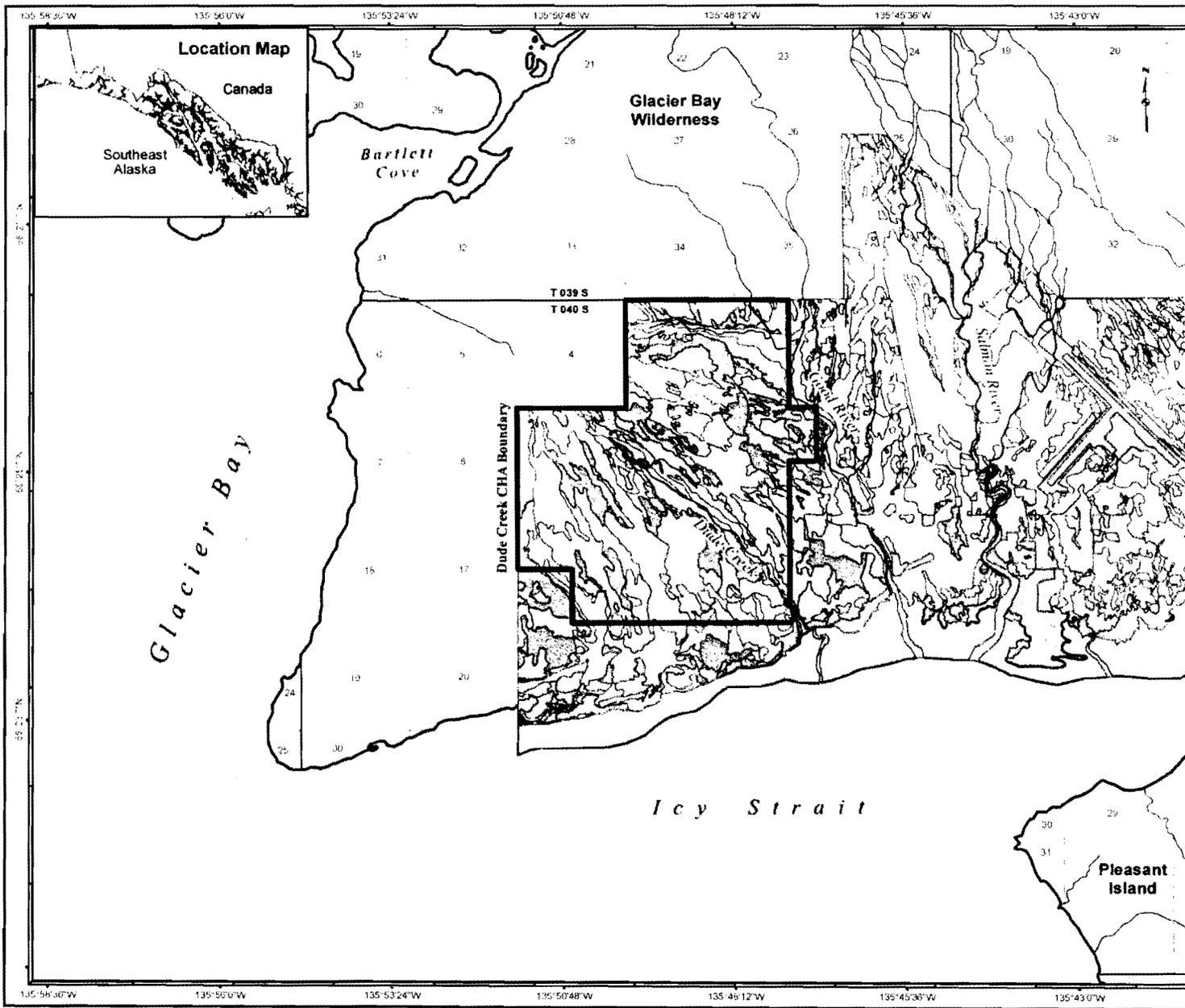
Legend

- Sandhill Crane Fall Concentrations
- GPS Site Locations
- Waterfowl Spring/Fall Concentration Area
- Bald Eagle Nest Sites
- Sea Otter
- High Concentration Area
- Medium Concentration Area
- Humpback Whale May - October
- Anadromous Streams
- Bear Spring Concentrations
- Spring/Summer Concentrations
- Dude Creek CHA Boundary



State of Alaska
 Department of Fish and Game
 Draft May 2011



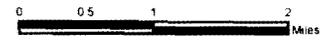


Map 2 Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area Vegetation (2003)

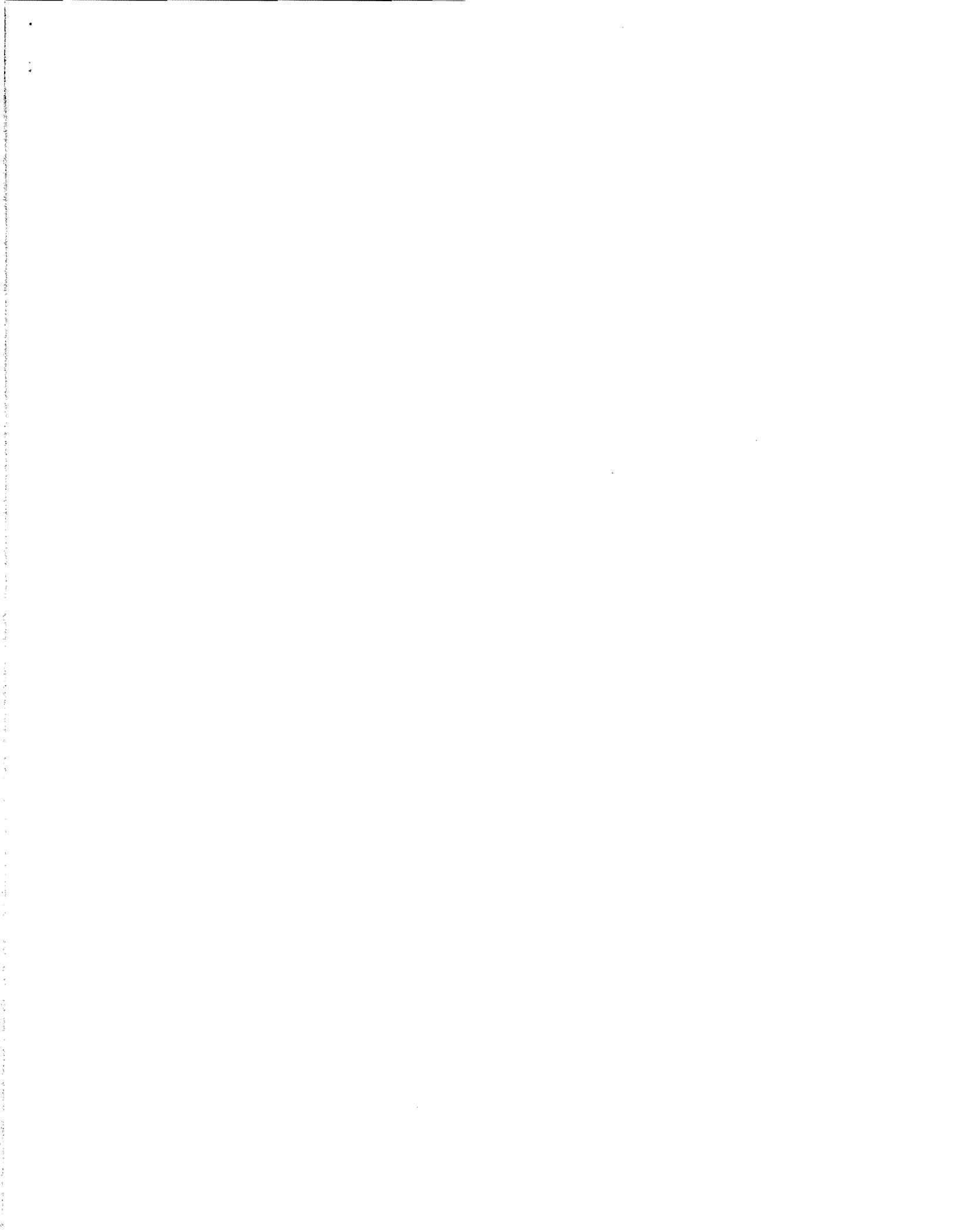
Legend

TYPE

- Cottonwood Forest
- Herbaceous Wet Meadow
- Horsetail Wet Meadow
- Lawn
- Marsh
- Mesic Beach Meadow
- Mesic Upland Meadow
- Non-Vegetated Beach
- Non-Vegetated Uplands
- Pine Thicket
- Pine/Herbaceous Wet Meadow
- Pine/Horsetail Wet Meadow
- Pine/Spruce Parkland
- Short Shrub Thicket
- Spruce Forest
- Spruce/Pine/Cottonwood Forest
- Tall Shrub Thicket
- Water Body
- Wet Beach Meadow
- Dude Creek CHA Boundary



State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Draft May 2011



Map 1 Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area Land Status

 Dude Creek CHA Boundary

Legend

Federal Lands

-  National Park Service
-  USFS

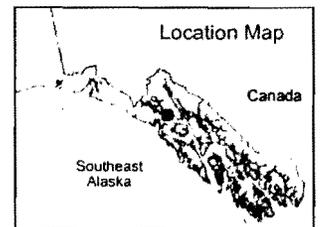
State Lands

-  State
-  Mental Health
-  MH Subsurface/ State
-  MH Subsurface/ TNC
-  ILMA
-  School Trust
-  Agricultural rights

Private Lands

-  Native
-  Private
-  The Nature Conservancy
-  Municipal Entitlements

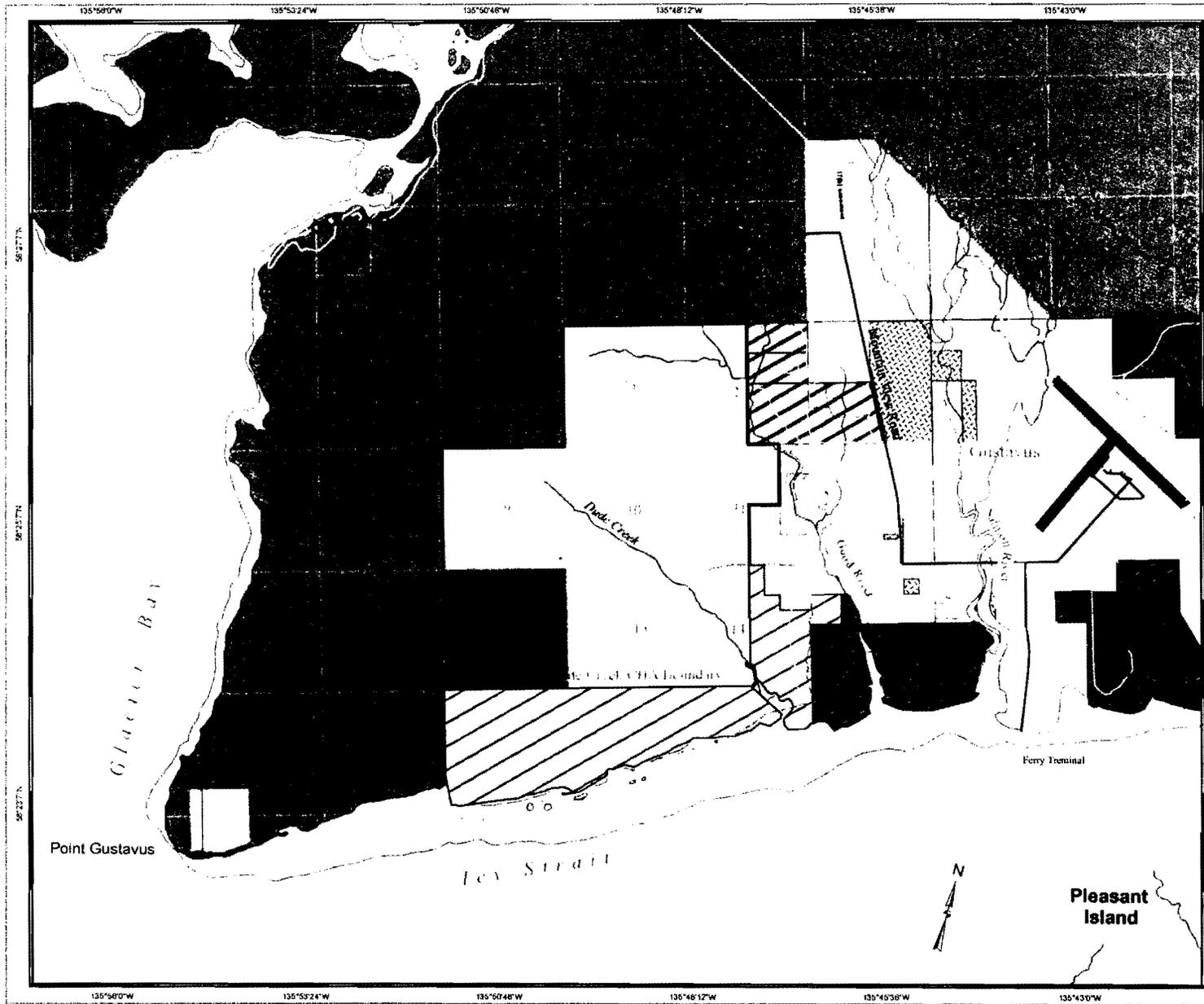
-  Main Roads
-  Gravel Roads
-  Trails



0 0.5 1 2 Miles



State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Draft May 2011



Map 4 Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area Moose

Legend

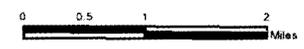
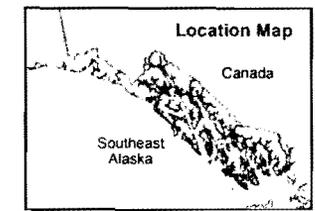
Moose

 Fall Rutting Areas

Overwintering Areas

 Low Density
 Medium Density
 High Density

 Dude Creek CHA Boundary



 State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Draft May 2011



 Moose Summer Distribution -
Wide distribution in low densities
throughout the mapped area



PROPOSAL 32A

RC38

Amended regulation:

5AAC 92.015

(a) A resident tag is not required for the taking of brown bear in the following units:

...

(4) Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, **and** 26[B, AND 26(C)]

...

(13) Unit 18



1

2



