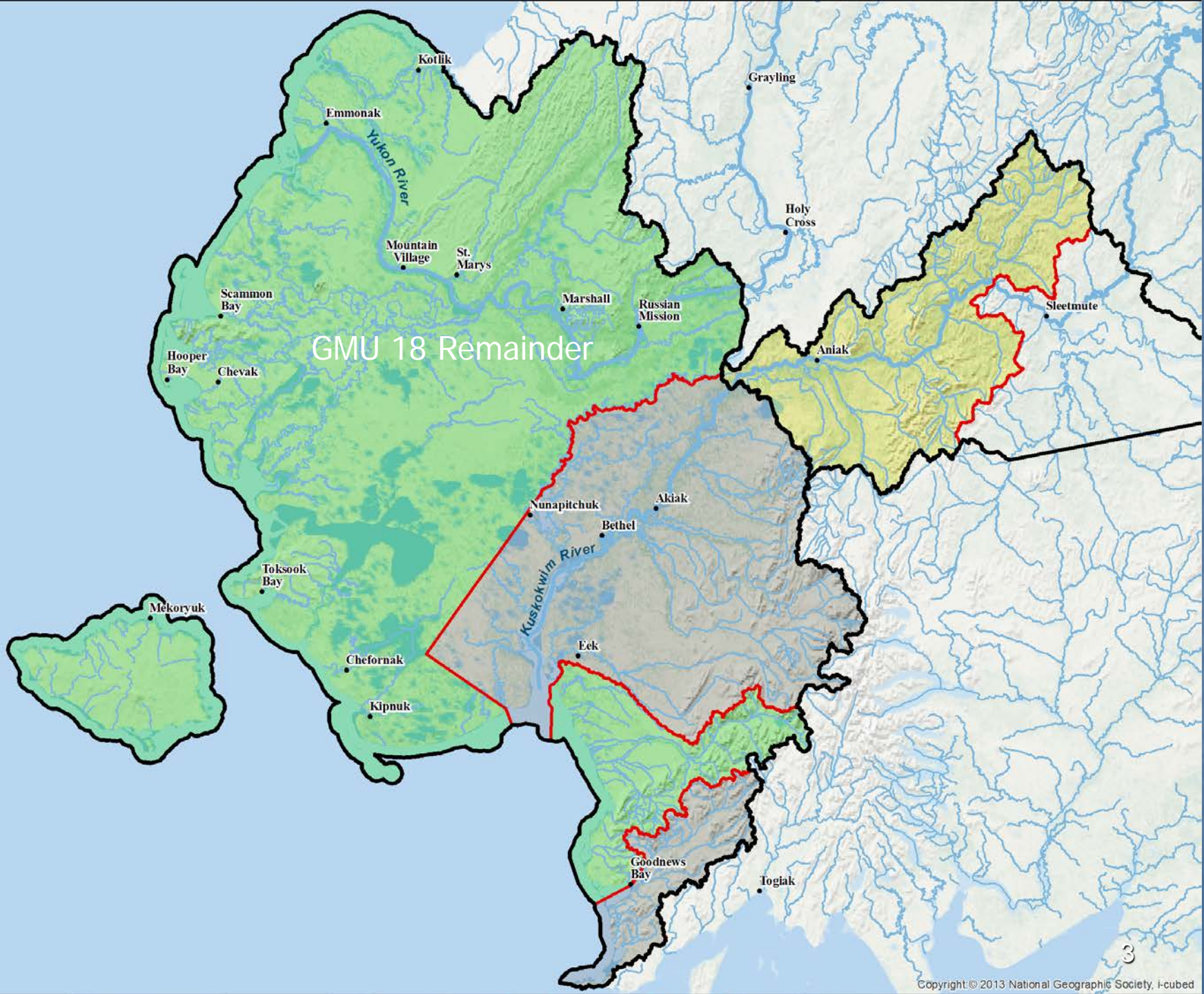


Proposal 39

- Re-authorizes the antlerless moose hunts for residents in the Remainder of Unit 18
- Antlerless hunts with up to a 2 moose bag limit for residents – August 1 to March 15
- Department Recommendation: SUPPORT
- Proposal supported by all 3 Unit 18 Advisory Committees

Current Resident Season & Bag Limit – Remainder of Unit 18

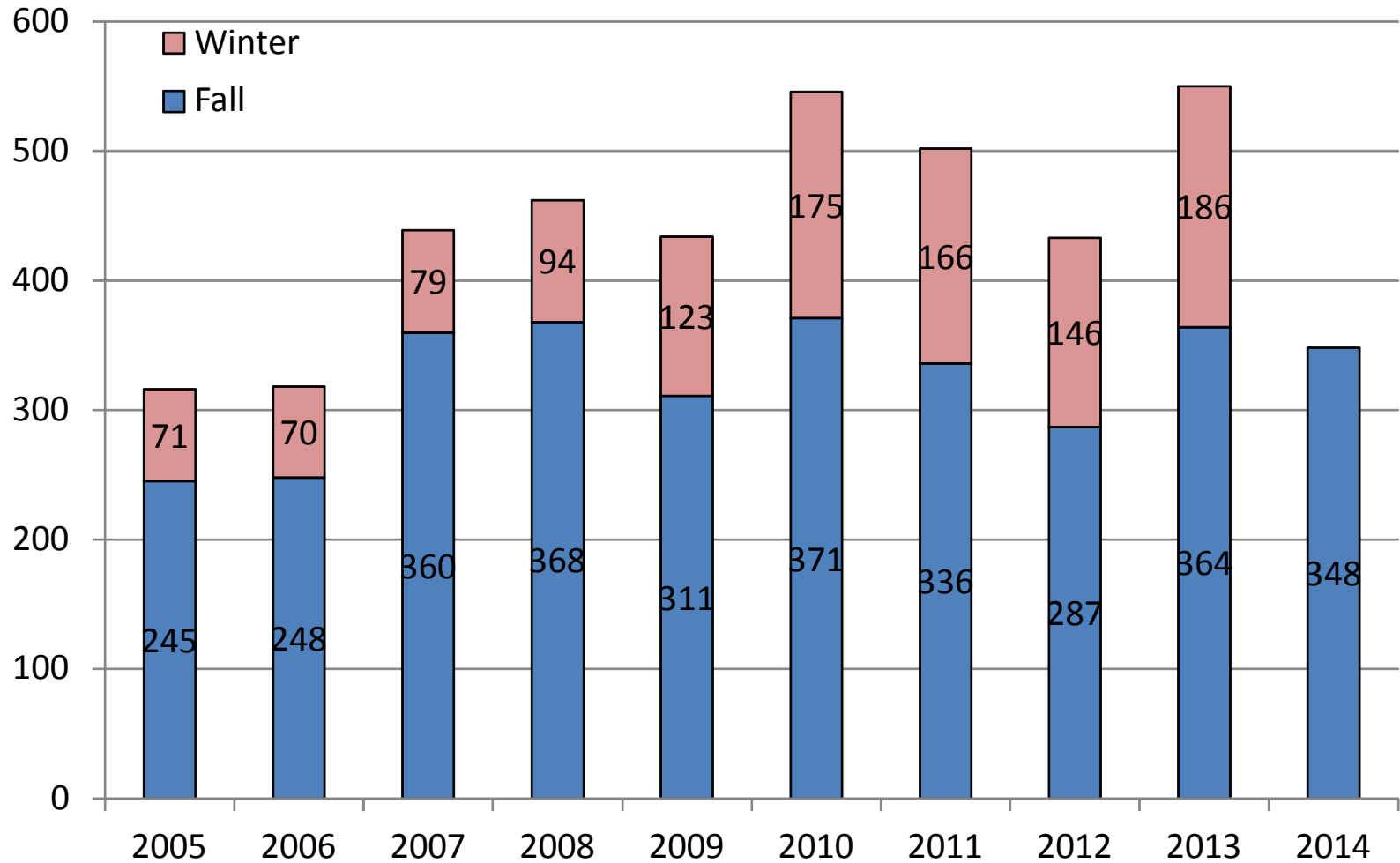
- Aug. 1 – Sept. 30: 2 moose; only 1 may be an antlered bull; no take of a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf
- Oct. 1 – Nov. 30: 2 antlerless moose
- Dec. 1 – Mar. 15: 2 moose



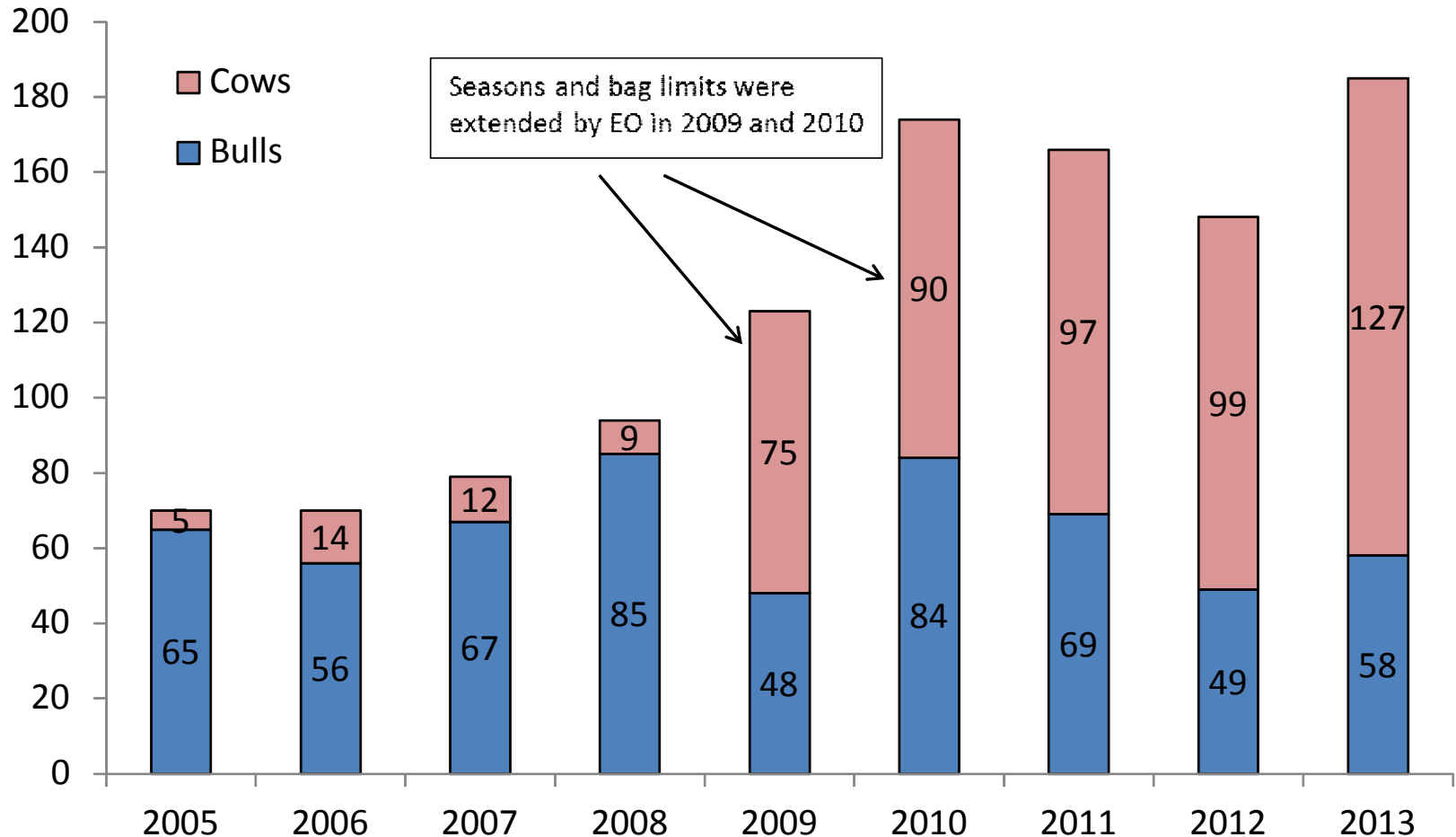
Unit 18 Moose Population Status

- Population size within the Yukon River drainage is estimated to exceed 12,000 moose
- Recent 3-year period: 40% or greater twinning rates, 36-37 calf:100 adults recruitment rates
- Population still growing and harvests estimated to be well within sustained yield limits

Moose Harvest – Unit 18 Remainder



Winter Harvest – Unit 18 Remainder



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- Proposal supported by all 3 Unit 18 Advisory Committees

Proposal 40

This proposal would reauthorize the resident antlerless moose seasons in Units 22C & 22D Remainder

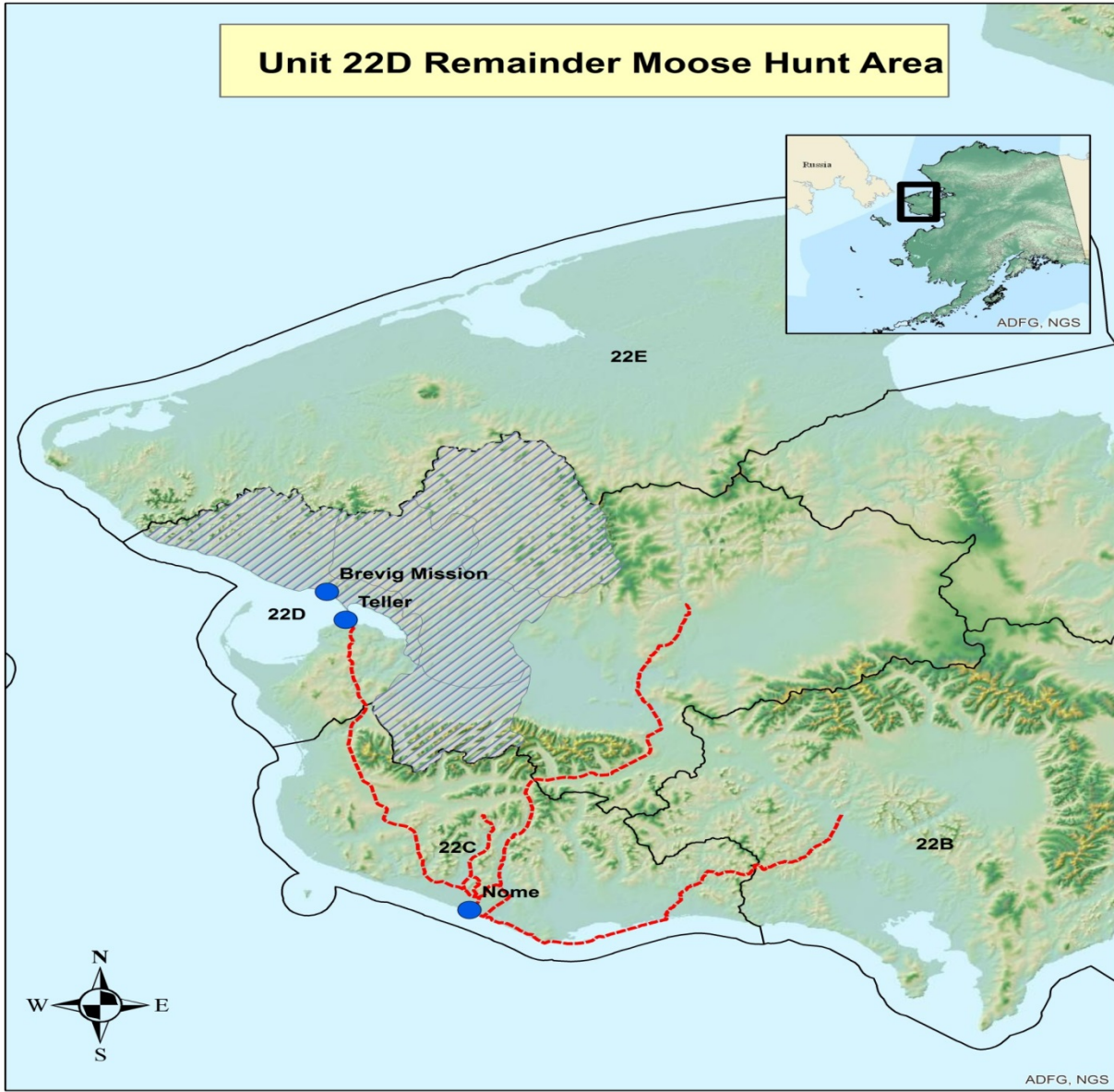
Amended language would change the “any moose” bag limit during the Dec. 1- 31 season in Unit 22D Remainder to “antlered bull”

Department Recommendation: Amend & Support

Advisory Committee Recommendation:

- Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee (NNSAC) did not reauthorize the antlerless hunt, but do support the amended change

Unit 22D Remainder Moose Hunt Area



Unit 22D Remainder Moose Hunting Regulations

Current

Residents:

- Aug. 10 – Sept. 14; one bull moose
- Oct. 1 – Nov. 30; one bull moose
- Dec. 1 – Dec. 31; one moose
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31; one antlered bull moose

Nonresidents:

- Sept. 1 – Sept. 14; one bull moose 50-inch antlers or 4 or more brow tines by registration permit (up to 10 permits may be issued)

Proposed

Residents:

- Aug. 10 – Sept. 14; one bull moose
- Oct. 1 – Nov. 30; one bull moose
- Dec. 1 – Dec. 31; one antlered bull moose
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31; one antlered bull moose

Nonresidents:

- Sept. 1 – Sept. 14; one bull moose 50-inch antlers or 4 or more brow tines by registration permit (no permits will be issued)

Moose Hunting Regulations

Unit 22C -- Current Season and Bag Limit

•Residents:

- Sept. 1 – Sept. 14; one bull moose by registration permit
- Sept. 15 – Sept. 30; one antlerless moose by registration permit
- Jan. 1 – Jan. 31; one antlered bull by registration permit; season announced by EO

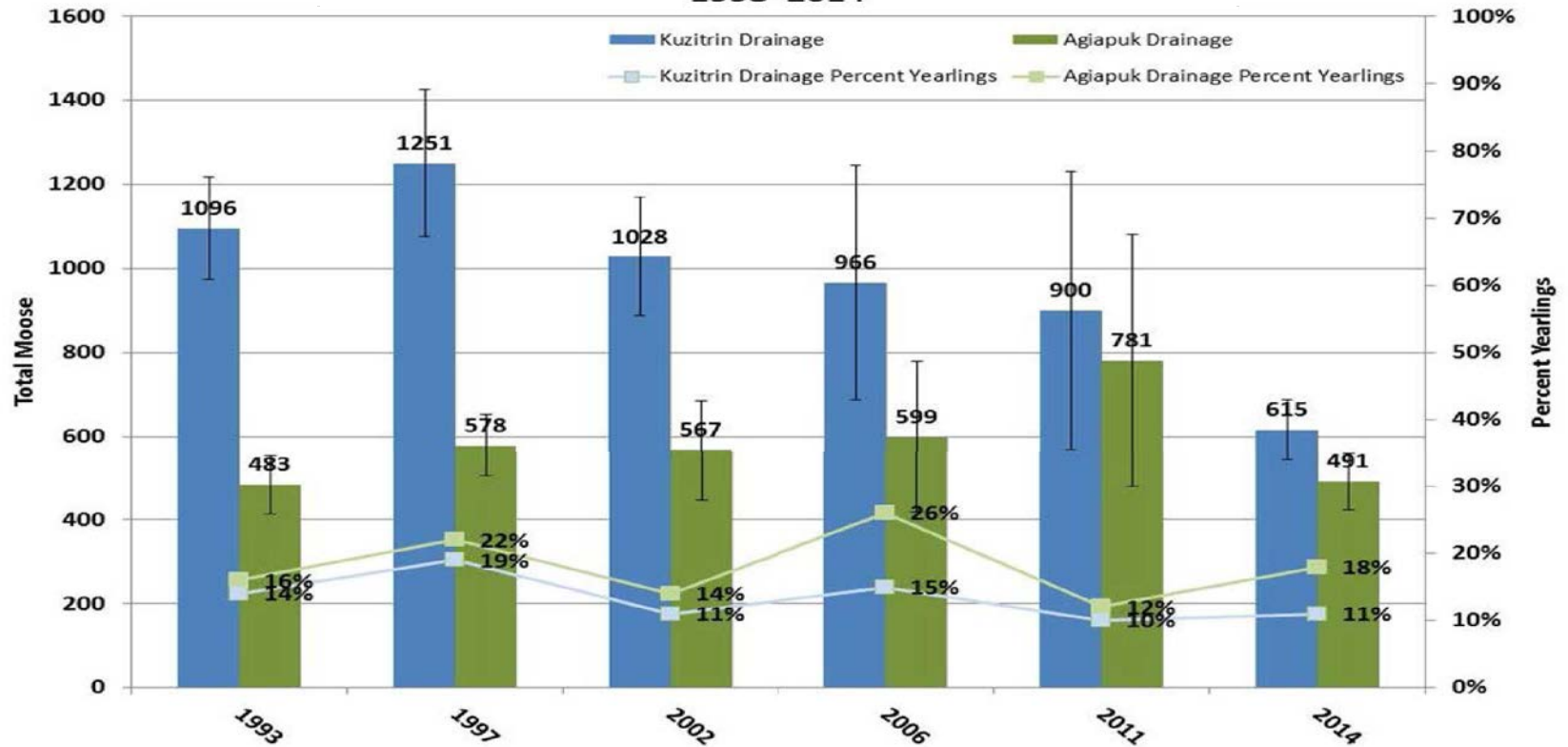
•Nonresidents:

- Sept. 1 – Sept. 14; one bull moose 50-inch antlers or 4 or more brow tine by registration permit

Unit 22C Moose Population Status

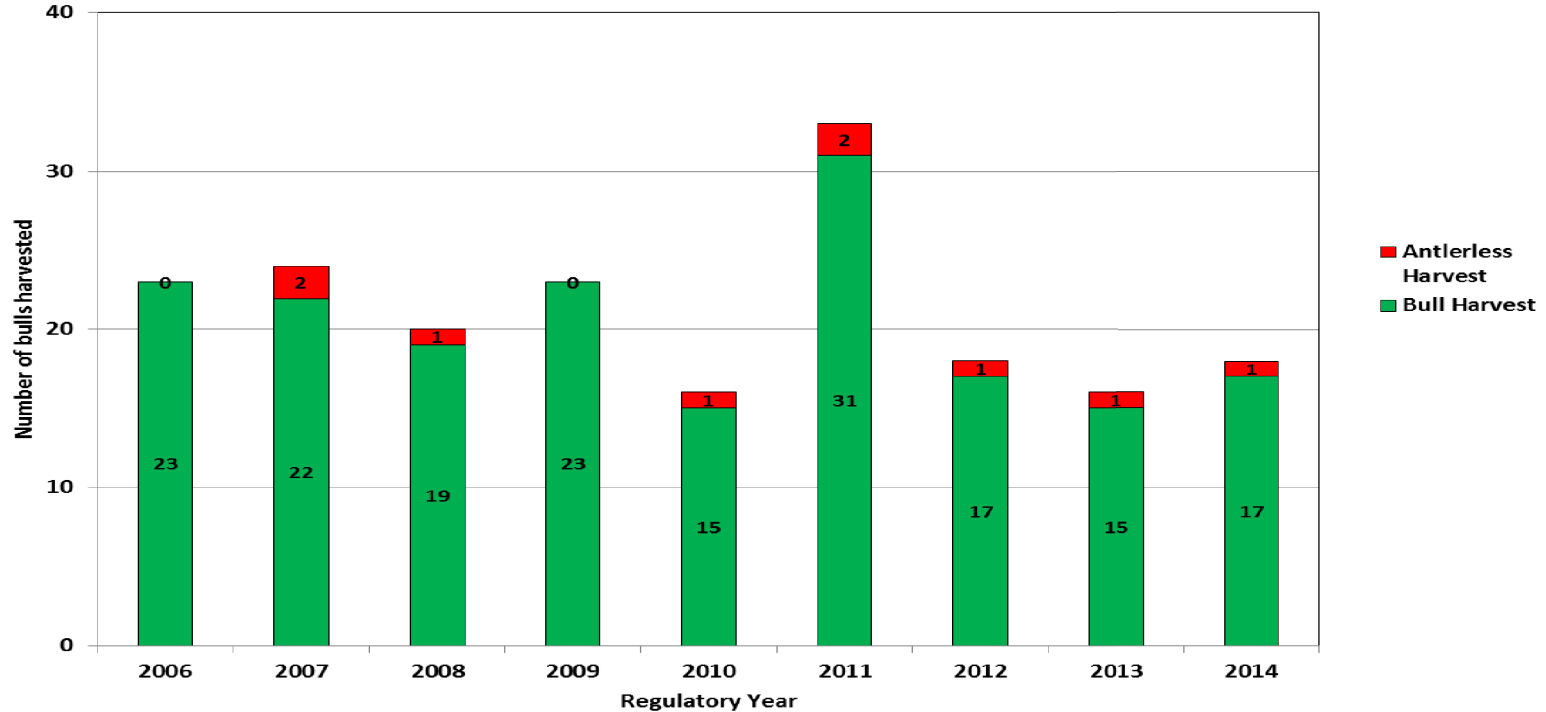
- During RY2001 through RY2012, the population was above the published management objective of 450-525 moose
- GSPE population surveys completed during 2007 and 2012 indicated that the population size ranged from 620-670 moose
- Antlerless harvests of 8 – 24 moose reduced the population to 439 moose (2013 GSPE population survey)
- Permits were not issued for RY2014

Unit 22D Moose Population Survey Results (observable moose) by Drainage 1993-2014



- 2014 spring GSPE survey: 491 moose (GREEN BARS)
- 14% annual rate of decrease between 2011-2014 in Agiapuk River Drainage (Unit 22D Remainder).
- The next survey is scheduled for February 2017.

22D Remainder Reported Bull and Antlerless Harvest Regulatory Years 2006 - 2014



- RY2006 – RY2014:
Average reported bull harvest = 20 bulls/year
- RY2006 – RY2014:
Average reported antlerless harvest = 1 antlerless /year

Proposal 40

This proposal would reauthorize the resident antlerless moose seasons in Units 22C & 22D Remainder

Amended language would change the “any moose” bag limit during the Dec. 1- 31 season in Unit 22D Remainder to “antlered bull”

Department Recommendation: Amend & Support

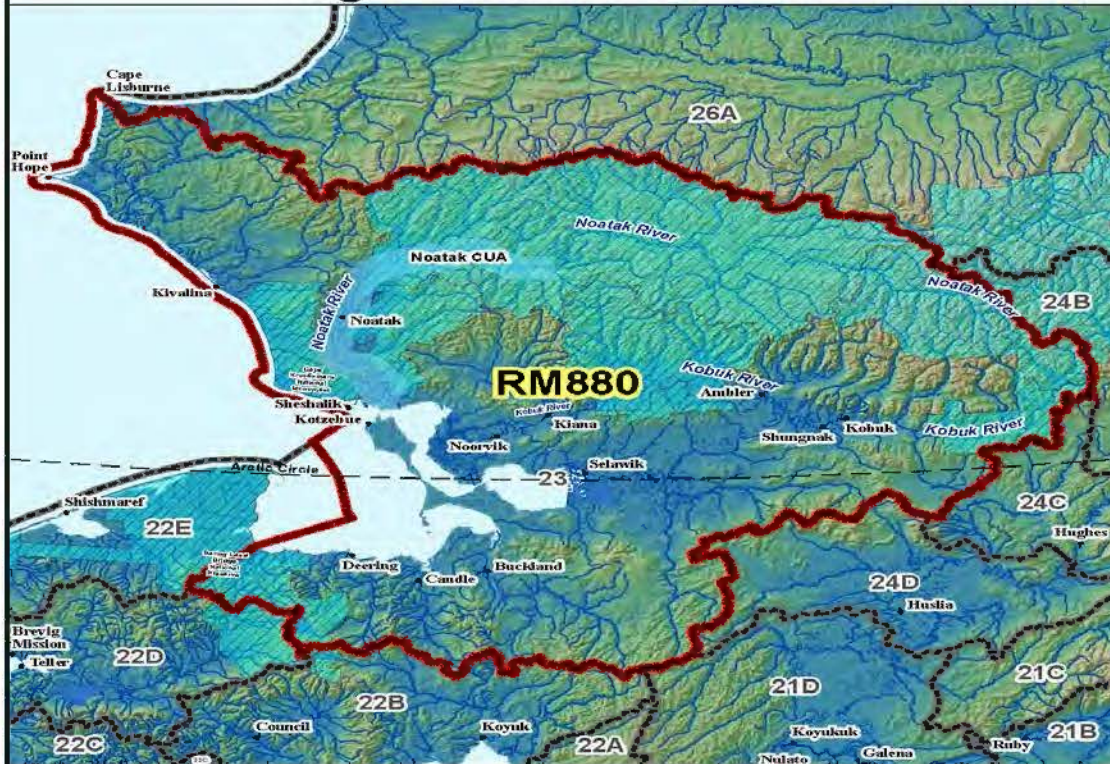
Advisory Committee Recommendation:

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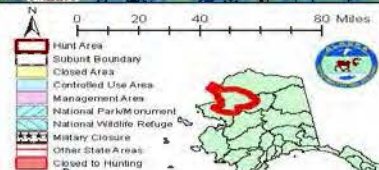
Proposal 41

- This proposal would reauthorize the resident antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23
- Season Dates: Nov. 1 – Dec. 31
- Bag Limit: One antlerless moose by registration permit (RM880)
- Department Recommendation: **Support**
- Advisory Committee Recommendation:
 - All 5 Unit 23 Advisory Committees supported the reauthorization proposal

RM880 Moose Registration Permit Hunt



AREA DESCRIPTION: Unit 23.



Unit 23 Moose Population Status

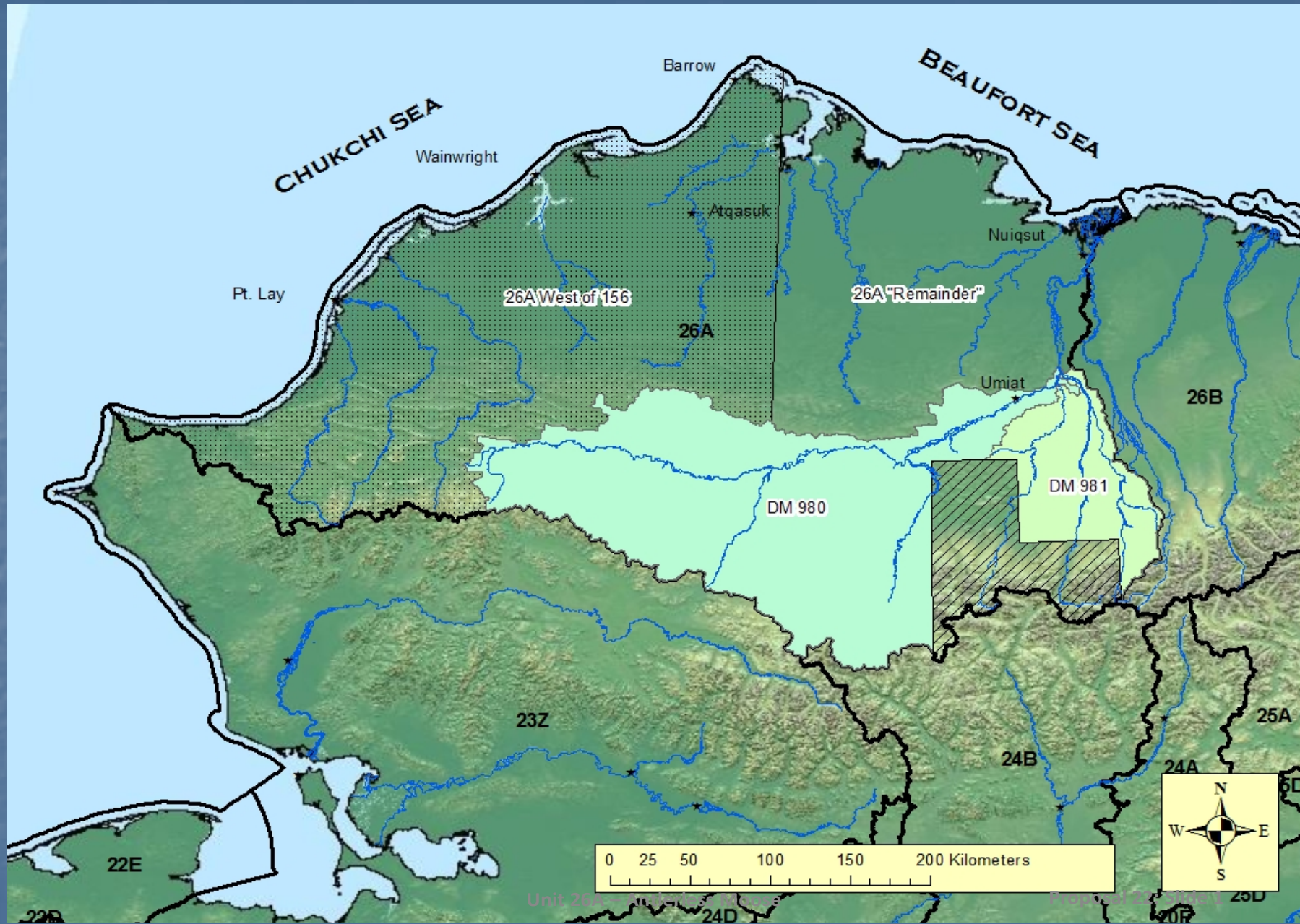
- Population Size: 7,600 moose (2014 estimate)
- Harvestable Surplus: 450 – 700 moose
- Average reported harvest (recent 5-yr. period): 160 moose total, 10-12 antlerless moose
- ANS: 325 – 400 moose
- Intensive Mgmt. Objectives: 3,500 – 9,200 moose (population size) & 210 - 920 moose (harvest objective)

Proposal 41

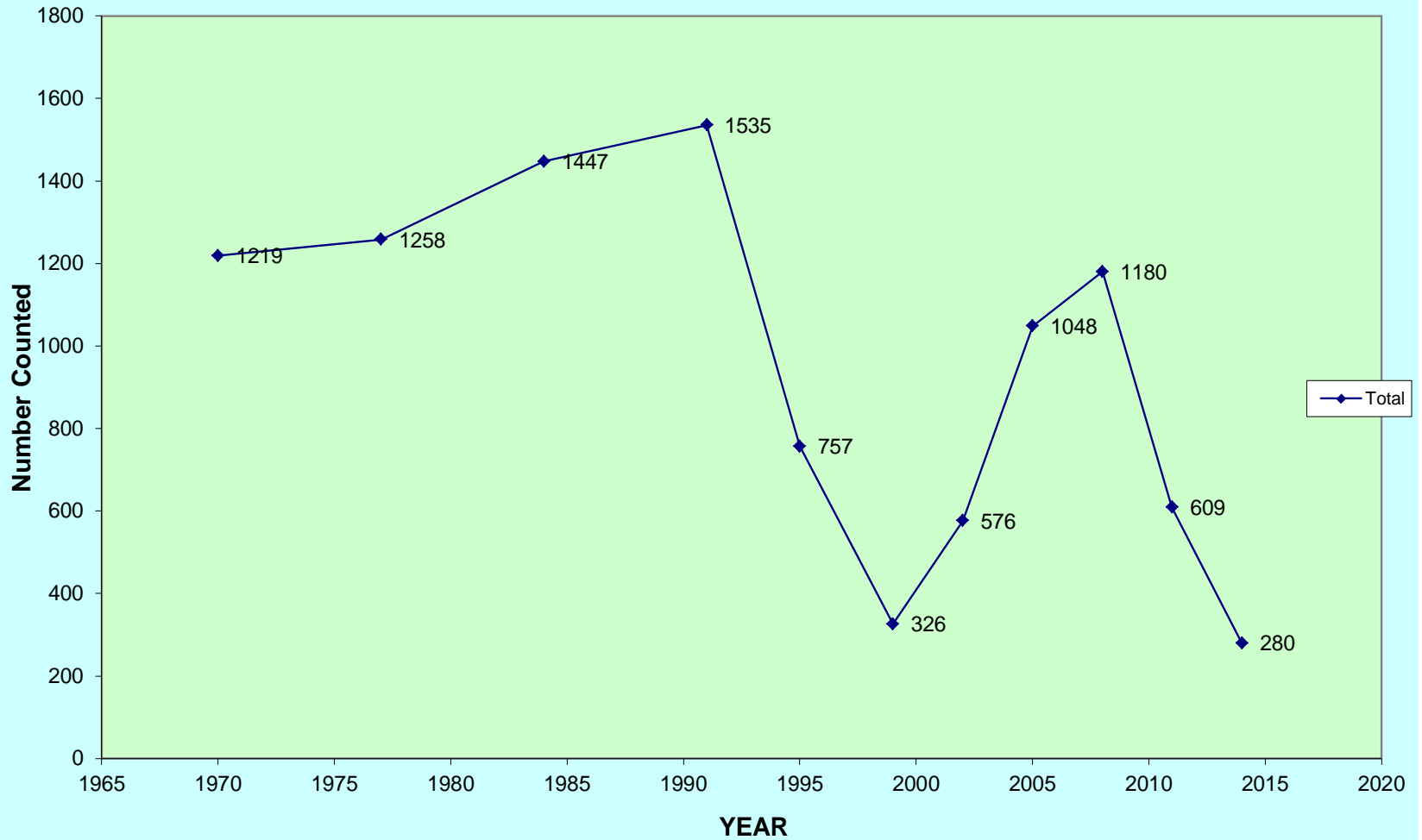
- This proposal would reauthorize the resident antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23
- Season Dates: Nov. 1 – Dec. 31
- Bag Limit: One antlerless moose by registration permit (RM880)
- Department Recommendation: **Support**
- Advisory Committee Recommendation:
 - All 5 Unit 23 Advisory Committees supported the reauthorization proposal

Proposal 42

- Re-authorizes the antlerless moose hunt for residents in the western portion of Unit 26A
- Unit 26A west of 156 degrees west longitude excluding the Colville River drainage
- Season Dates: July 1 – Sept. 14
- Department Recommendation: SUPPORT
- Supported by North Slope Advisory Committee



Unit 26A Moose Minimum Population Estimate 1970 - 2014



Unit 26A Reported Moose Harvest

<u>Regulatory year</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
RY2003	5	0	5
RY2004	4	1	5
RY2005	9	2	11
RY2006	8	3	11
RY2007	11	1	12
RY2008	11	0	11
RY2009	9	1	10
RY2010	13	0	13
RY2011	5	0	5
RY2012	7	2	9
RY2013	5	0	5

Proposal 42

- Re-authorizes the antlerless moose hunt for residents in the western portion of Unit 26A
- Unit 26A west of 156 degrees west longitude excluding the Colville River drainage
- Season Dates: July 1 – Sept. 14
- Department Recommendation: SUPPORT
- Supported by North Slope Advisory Committee

Proposal 43

- This proposal would reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemption in Region 5 (Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A)
- Exemption would apply to all general & subsistence registration hunts for residents
- Department Recommendation: **Support**
- Supported by all Region 5 Advisory Committees

Region 5 Brown Bear Population Status

- Brown bear numbers are estimated to be at historic highs throughout Region 5, and harvests well within sustained yield limits
- General season exemptions have been in place:
 - Unit 18: 3 years
 - Unit 22: 13 years
 - Unit 23: 8 years
 - Unit 26A: 3 years

Proposal 43

- This proposal would reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemption in Region 5 (Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A)
- Exemption would apply to all general & subsistence registration hunts for residents
- Department Recommendation: **Support**
- Supported by all Region 5 Advisory Committees