

# Board of Game Proposals Units 9 & 10

- 44. Remove antler restriction for resident winter moose hunt in Unit 9B.
- 45. Liberalize the brown bear regulations for residents in Unit 9B.
- 46. Extend the spring brown bear season in Unit 10, Unimak Island.

## Remove antler restriction for resident winter hunt in Unit 9B

Proponent: Lake Iliamna AC

Oppose

Lake Iliamna AC  
Lower Bristol Bay AC  
Naknek/Kvichak AC

Support (8-0)  
No recommendation  
Oppose (1-8)

### Proposed Change

#### Current regulation:

9B	Sep 1–15	1 bull
	Dec 15–Jan 15	1 antlered bull

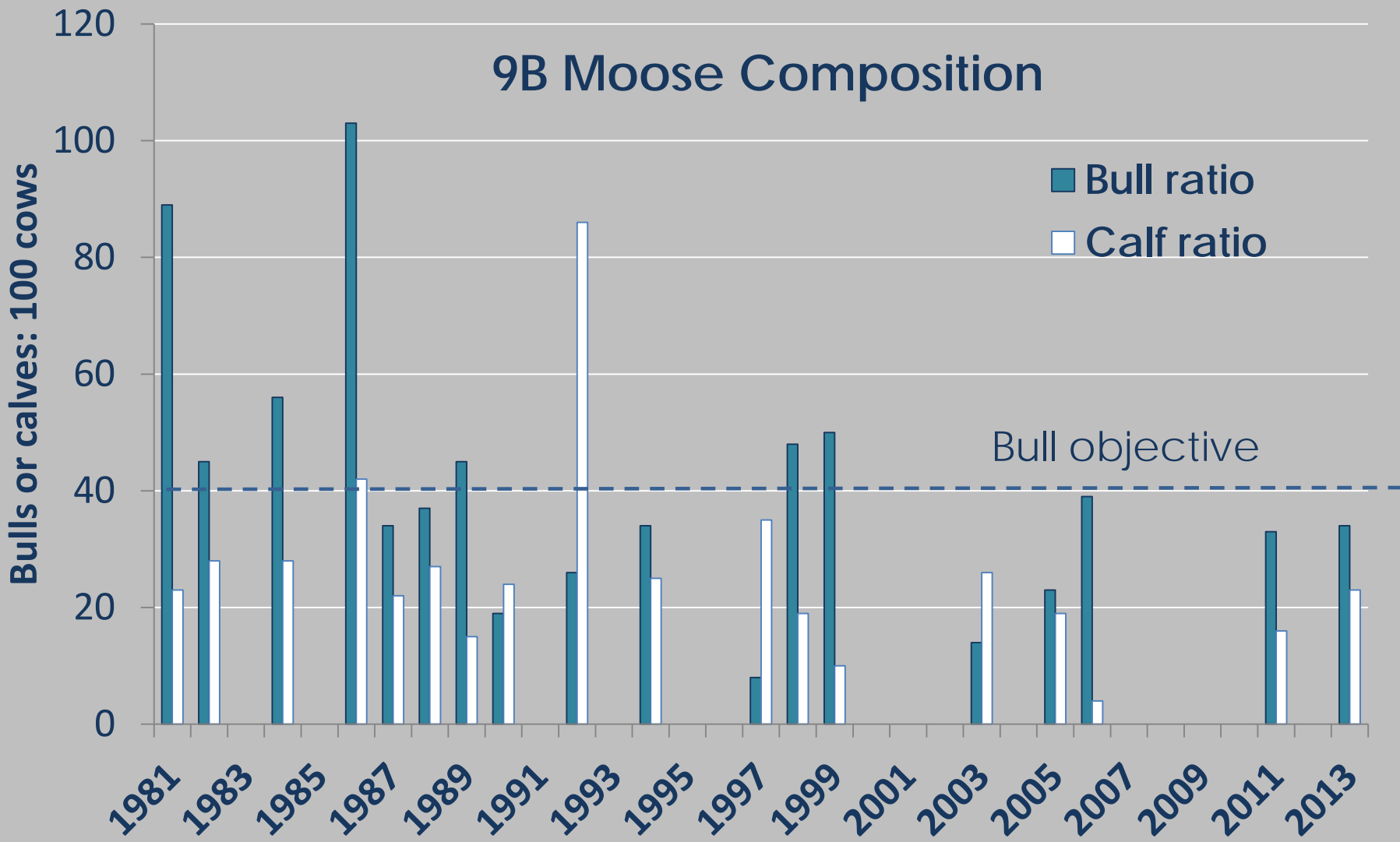
#### Proposed regulation:

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	Dec 15–Jan 15	<b>1 bull</b>

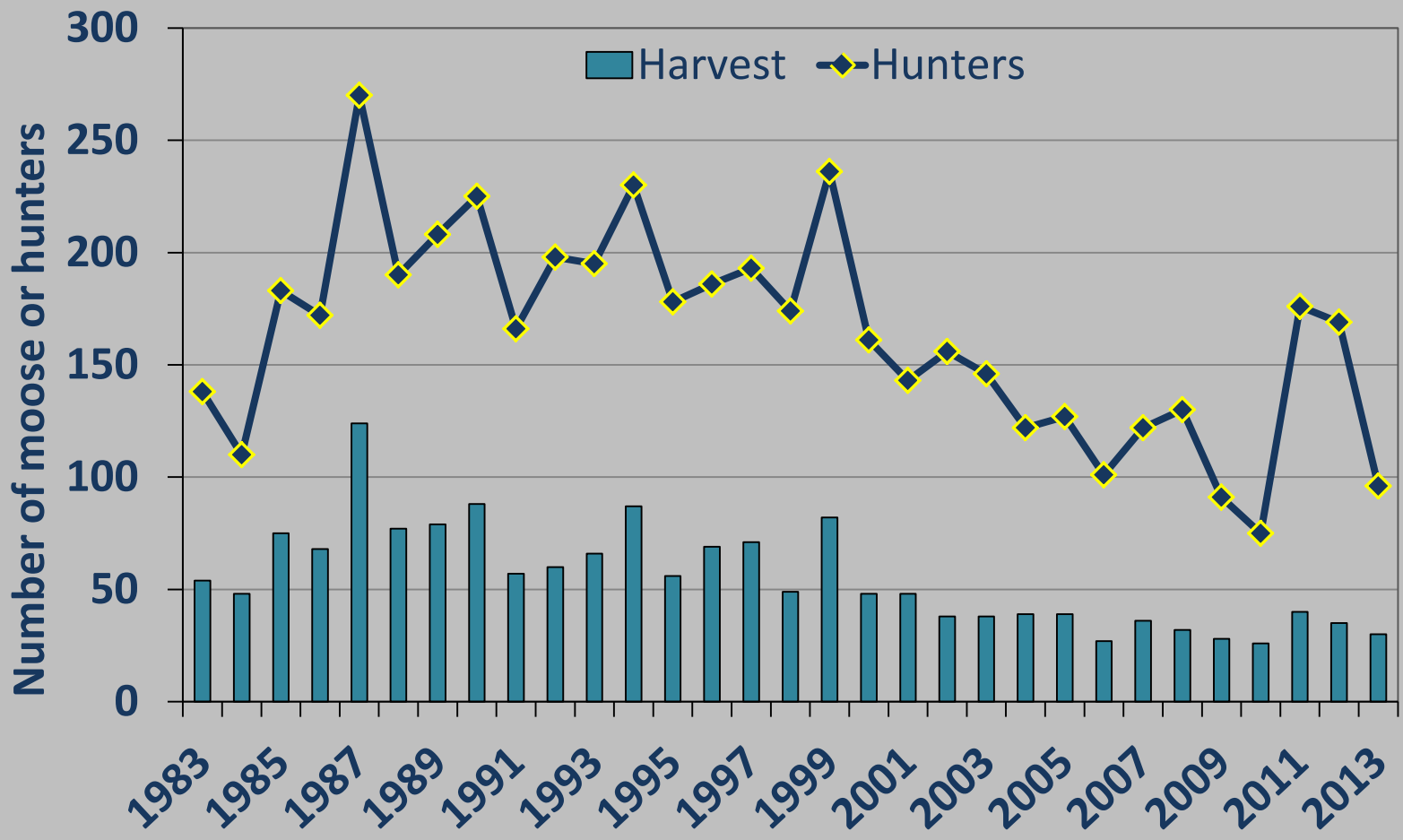
- Recommended by Moose Working Group (2009).
- Protects some bulls while providing opportunity to hunt during winter.
- Below management objective of 40 bulls:100 cows
  - 9B Bull ratio, Nov. 2013: 34 bulls:100 cows

- **85-90% of bulls are harvested in September.**
- **Concern over accidental cow harvest.**

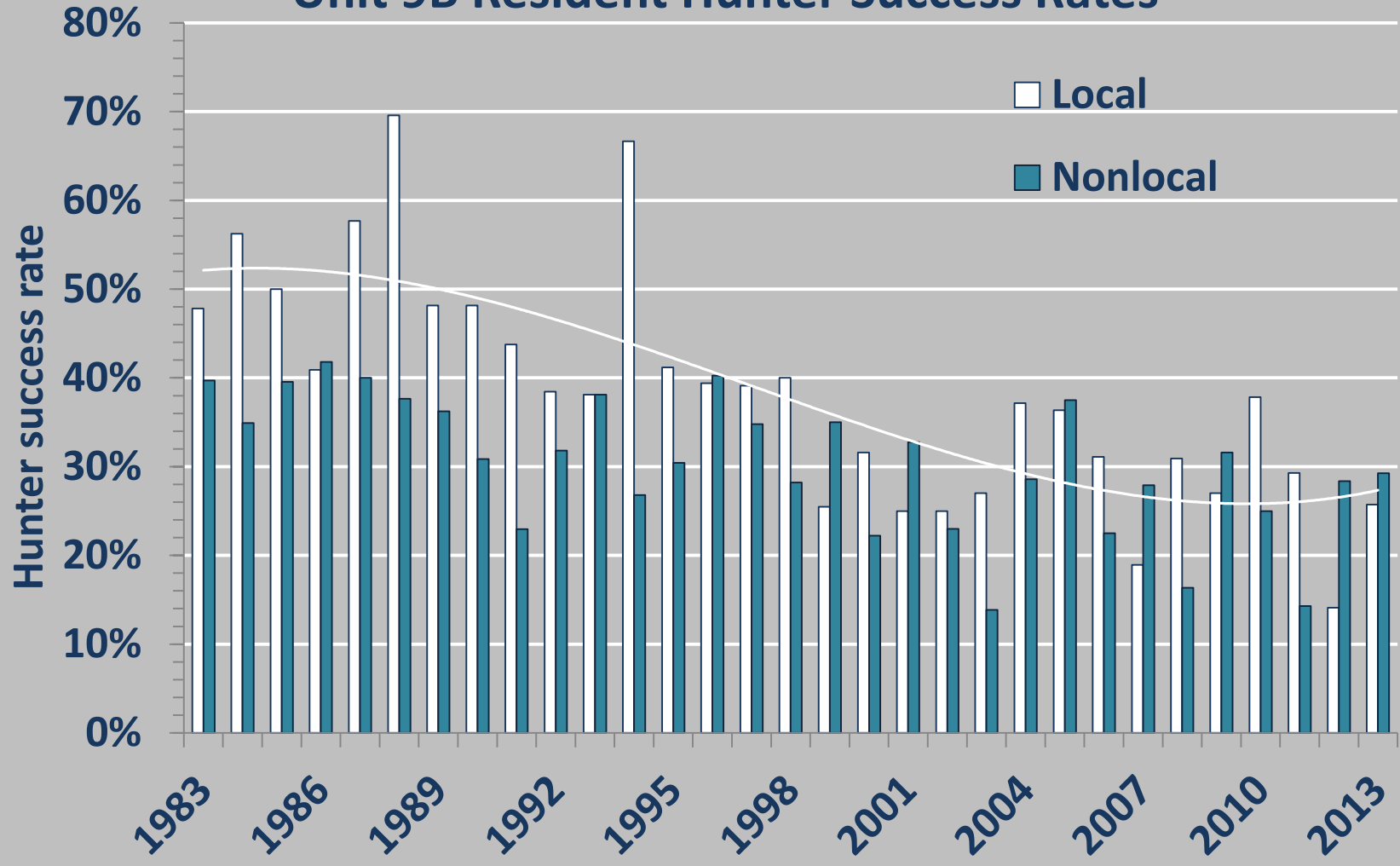
## 9B Moose Composition



## Unit 9B Total Moose Harvest

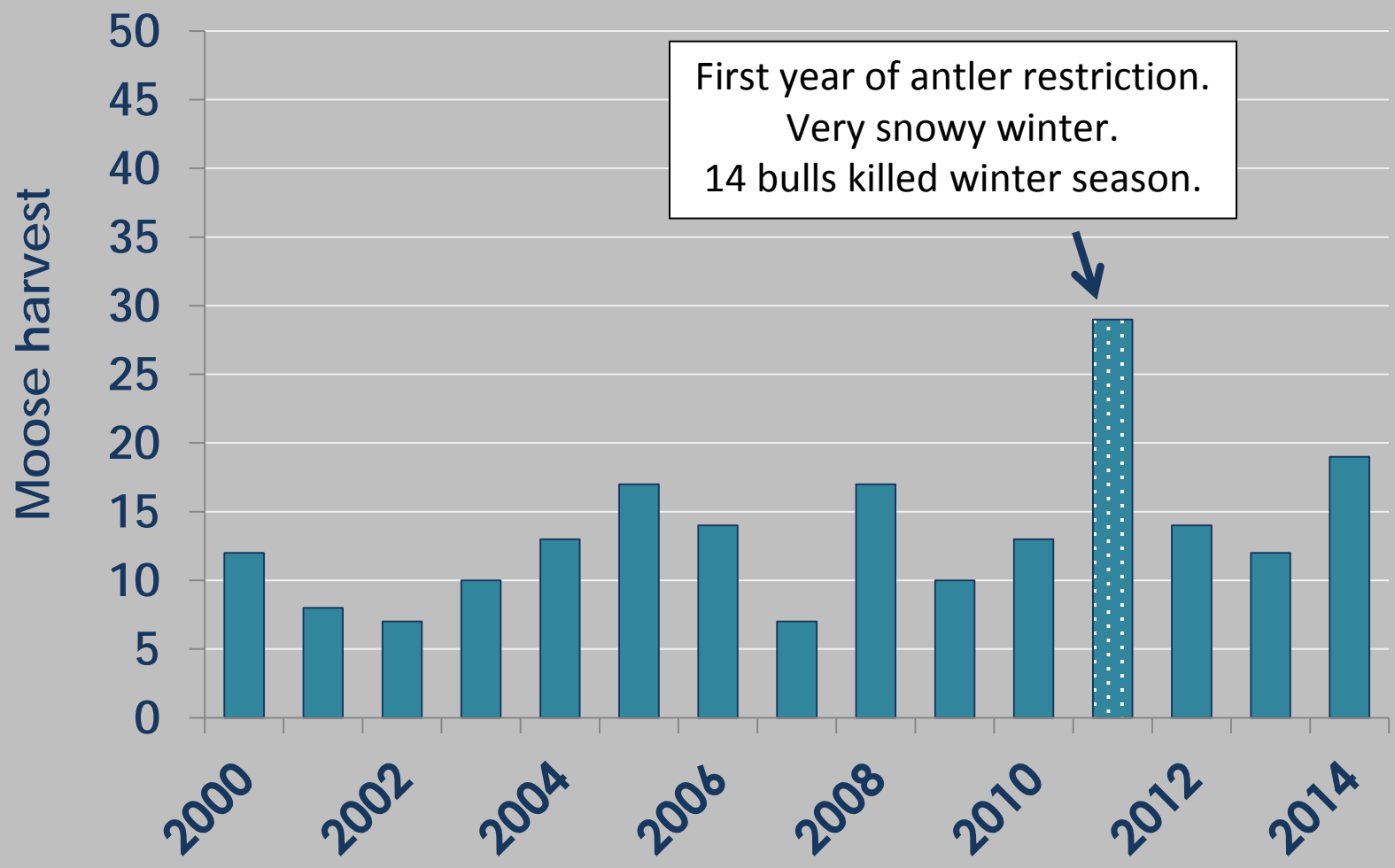


## Unit 9B Resident Hunter Success Rates





## Reported Harvest by Local Hunters, Unit 9B



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Support (8-0)  
No recommendation  
Oppose (1-8)

### Liberalize the brown bear regulations for residents in Unit 9B

Proponent: Lake Iliamna AC

Oppose

*Chignik AC*

*Support (0-0)*

*Lake Iliamna AC*

*Support (7-0), Support if Amended (7-0) – include nonresidents*

*Lower Bristol Bay AC*

*No recommendation*

*Naknek/Kvichak AC*

*Support (9-0), Oppose if amended (2-7)*

### Proposed Changes

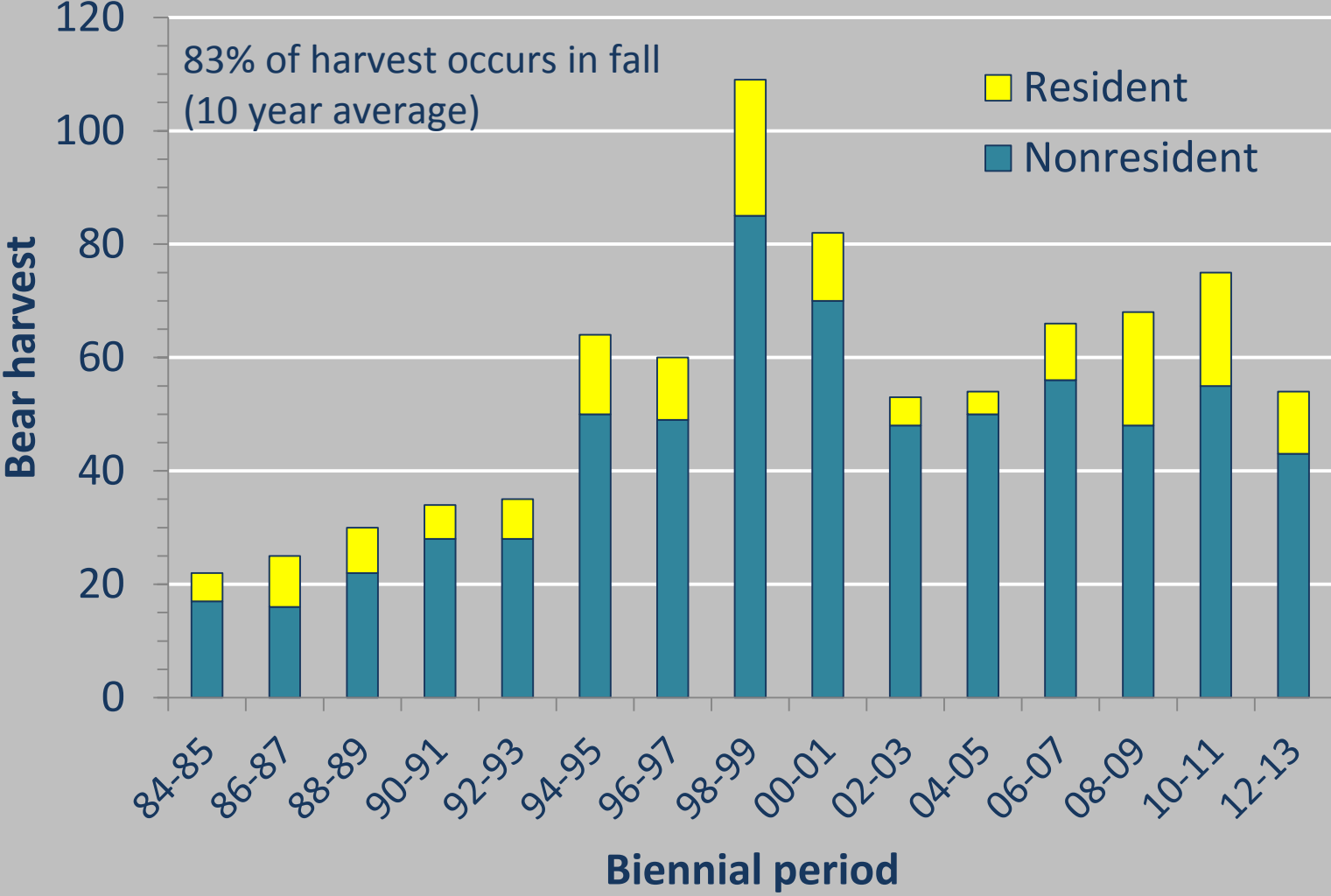
#### Current regulations:

9B, Residents RB369, RB370	Sep 20–Oct 21	May 10–31	Biennially 1 bear per 4 years
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#### Proposed regulations:

9B, Residents RB369, RB370	Sep 20–Oct 21	May 10–31	<b>Annually</b> <b>1 bear per year</b>
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## Unit 9B brown bear harvest



- Reducing bear density enough to increase moose population would require very high harvest.
  - Including sows and cubs
- **Contrary to our management objective for bears:**
  - **High bear density**
  - **Harvest of 60% males; 50 over 7 years of age.**
- **Probably unattainable**
  - **Even with nonresidents included**

- **Local residents have opportunities to take bears in or near town:**
  - **RB525 was designed to address problem bears in villages.**
    - **Near-village hunt open year round.**
    - **No locking-tag required.**
  - **RB502 Subsistence hunt open Sep-May, meat salvage required. No locking-tag required.**

### Liberalize the brown bear regulations for residents in Unit 9B

**Proponent: Lake Iliamna AC**

**Oppose**

*Chignik AC*

*Support (0-0)*

*Lake Iliamna AC*

*Support (7-0), Support if Amended (7-0) – include nonresidents*

*Lower Bristol Bay AC*

*No recommendation*

*Naknek/Kvichak AC*

*Support (9-0), Do not support if amended (2-7)*



### Extend the spring brown bear season in Unit 10, Unimak Island

Proponent: Public

Neutral

*Chignik AC*  
*Lake Iliamna AC*  
*Lower Bristol Bay AC*  
*Naknek/Kvichak AC*

*No recommendation*  
*No recommendation*  
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*No recommendation*

### Proposed Change

Current regulation:

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Sep 20–Oct 21

May 10–25

1 bear every 4 years by drawing permit

Proposed regulation: adds 6 days to spring season

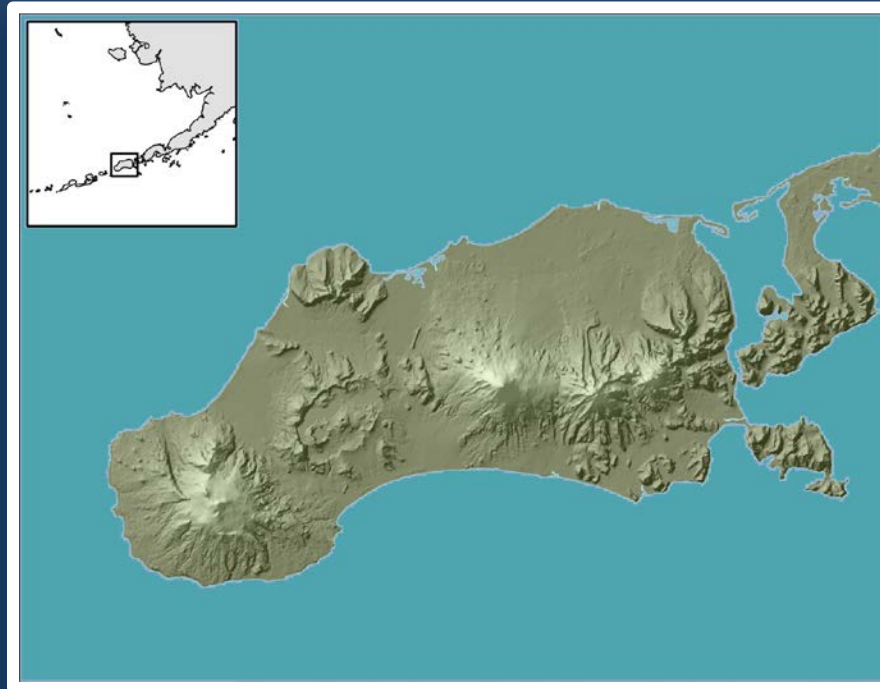
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Sep 20–Oct 21

May 10–31

1 bear every 4 years by drawing permit

- Drawing Permit Hunt DB375 and DB376
  - Board increased permits from 16 to 25 in 2014.
- Harvest was 6 – 13 bears during last 10 years.



- The proposed change would not significantly affect harvest level.
- Weather often hampers hunting activity and logistics. Season extension could improve quality of hunt.
- Regulation would align spring season with Unit 9.

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*No recommendation*

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