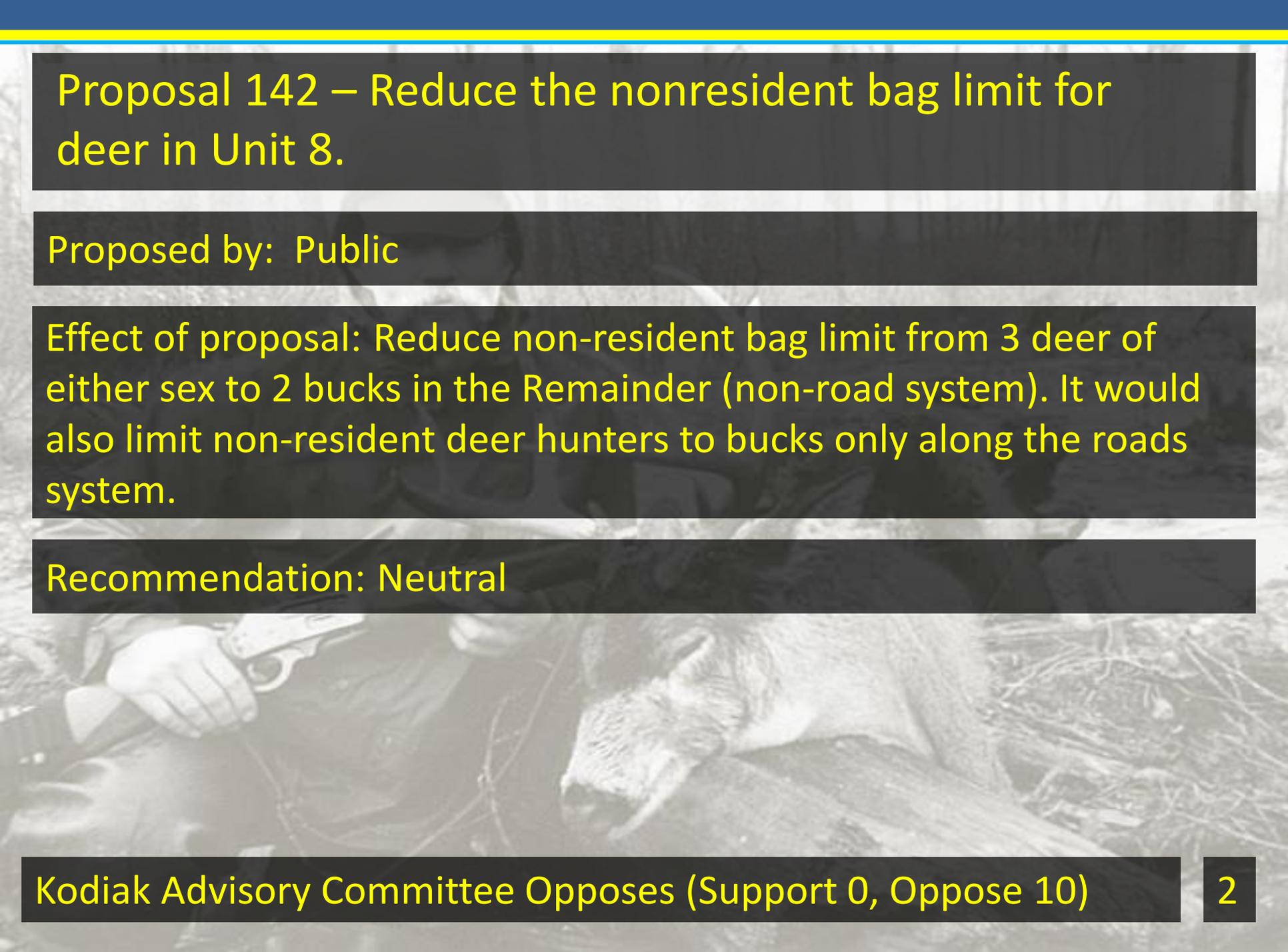


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GMU 8 - Kodiak Archipelago



Proposal 142 – Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8.

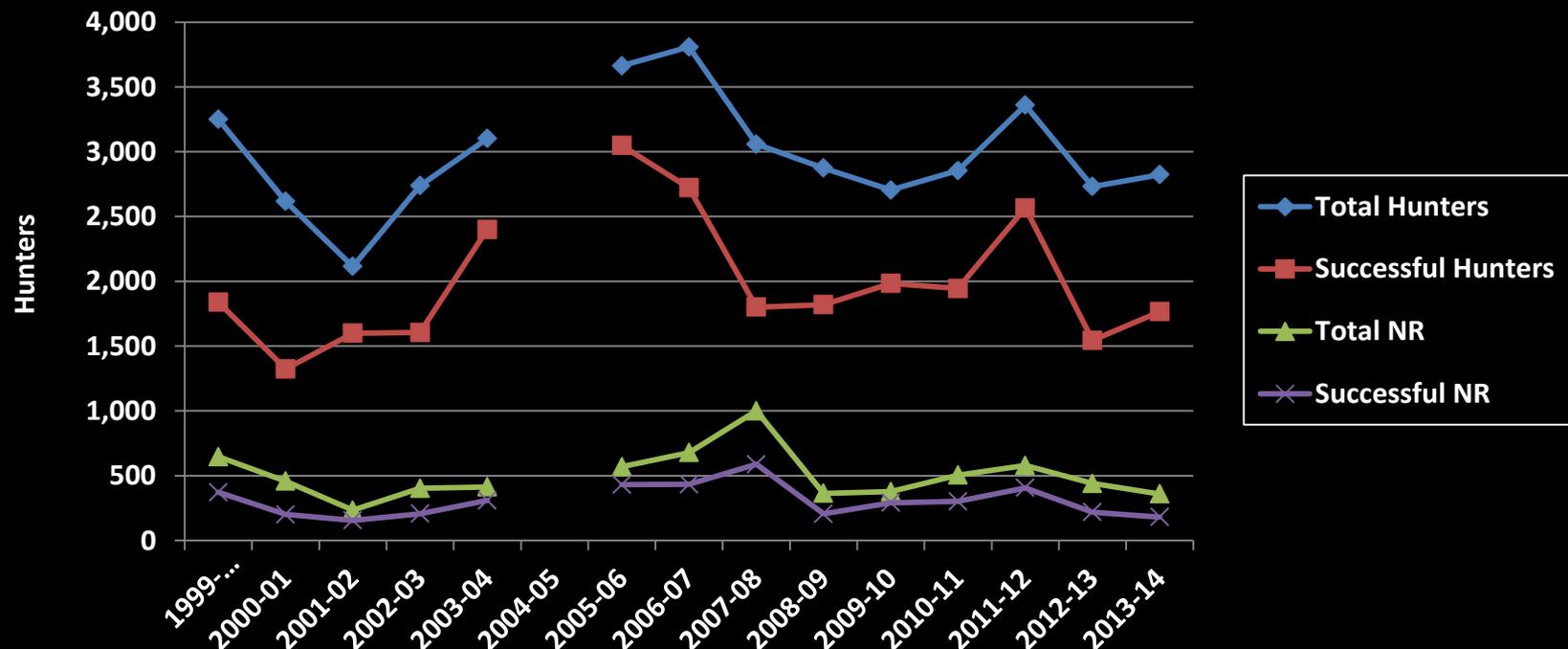
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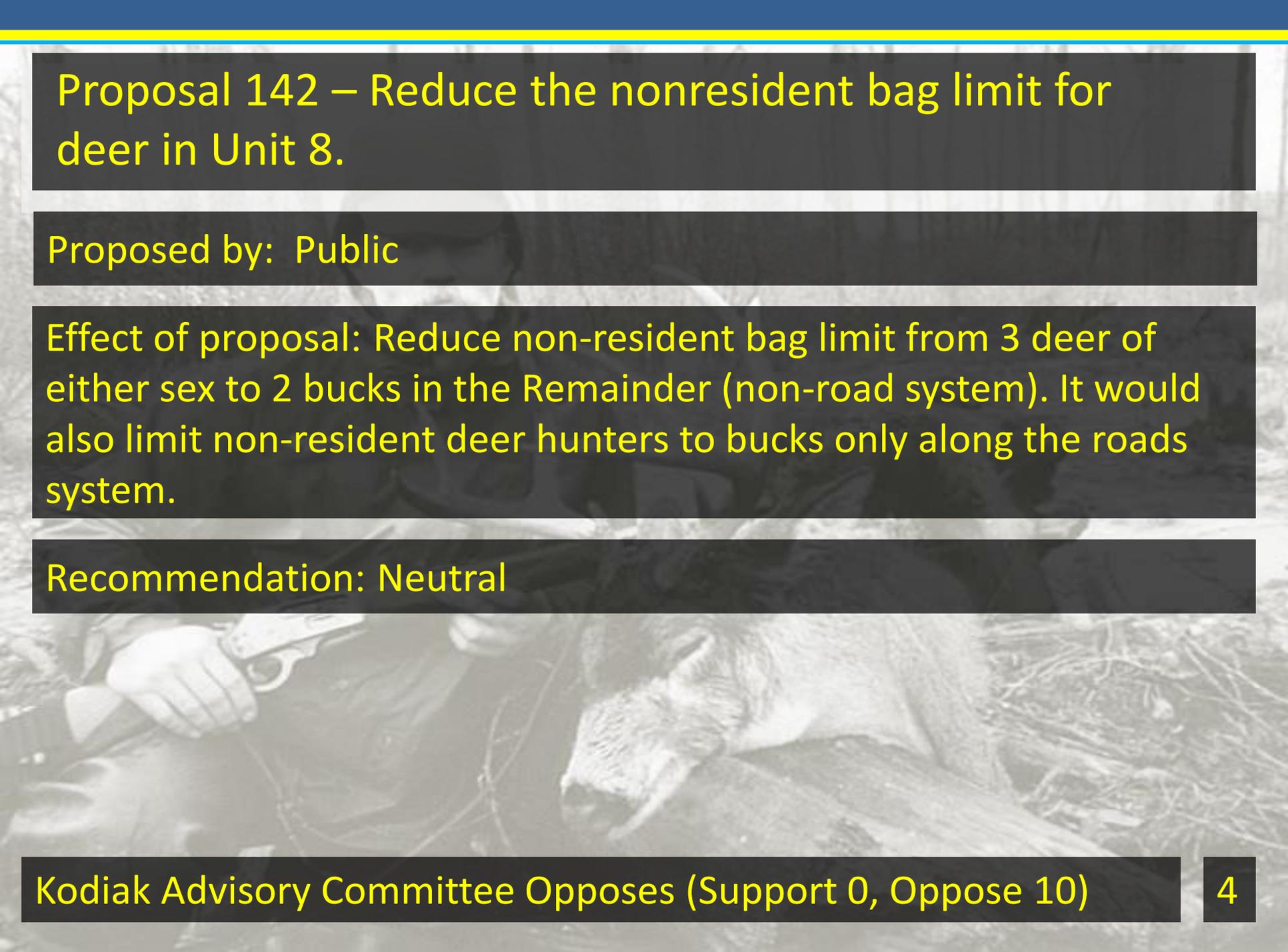
Effect of proposal: Reduce non-resident bag limit from 3 deer of either sex to 2 bucks in the Remainder (non-road system). It would also limit non-resident deer hunters to bucks only along the roads system.

Recommendation: Neutral

Kodiak Advisory Committee Opposes (Support 0, Oppose 10)

- Mortality primarily driven by winter severity
- Estimated 40% loss of herd following 2011-12 winter
- Rebounding quickly
- Non-residents ~16% of hunters (~500) of which ~65% successful
- Non-resident harvest ~300-400 deer; 85% male
- Hunter harvest has minimal impact on overall population size
- Non-resident hunters fluctuate with weather and deer forecasts





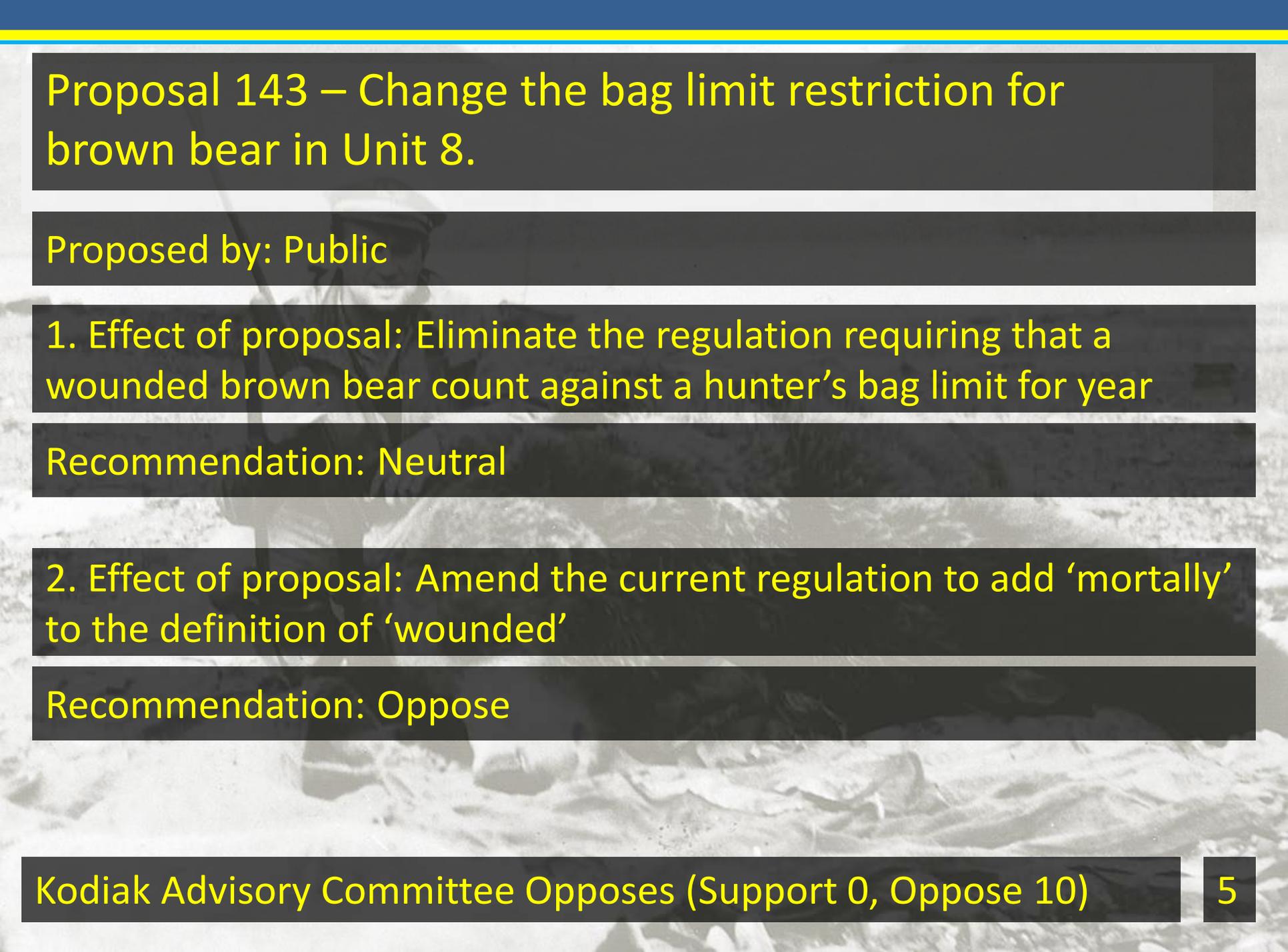
Proposal 142 – Reduce the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 8.

Proposed by: Public

Effect of proposal: Reduce non-resident bag limit from 3 deer of either sex to 2 bucks in the Remainder (non-road system). It would also limit non-resident deer hunters to bucks only along the roads system.

Recommendation: Neutral

Kodiak Advisory Committee Opposes (Support 0, Oppose 10)



Proposal 143 – Change the bag limit restriction for brown bear in Unit 8.

Proposed by: Public

1. Effect of proposal: Eliminate the regulation requiring that a wounded brown bear count against a hunter's bag limit for year

Recommendation: Neutral

2. Effect of proposal: Amend the current regulation to add 'mortally' to the definition of 'wounded'

Recommendation: Oppose

Background:

- 2007, current regulation was proposed by Kodiak AC and supported by Kodiak Unified Bear Subcommittee (KUBS)
- Proposed by AC to maintain a high ethical standard, promote ethical shot selection and minimize wounding loss
- Intent is to avoid additive harvest resulting from hunters wounding a bear and harvesting an additional bear
- Current proposal encourages hunters to make every effort to recover wounded game
- Difficult to determine if an animal is 'mortally' wounded
- Current regulation is supported by Kodiak AC, KUBS, and has gained acceptance on Kodiak

Proposal 143 – Change the bag limit restriction for brown bear in Unit 8.

Proposed by: Public

1. Effect of proposal: Eliminate the regulation requiring that a wounded brown bear count against a hunter's bag limit for year

Recommendation: Neutral

2. Effect of proposal: Amend the current regulation to add 'mortally' to the definition of 'wounded'

Recommendation: Oppose

Proposal 144 – Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would add an Arctic fox hunting season from September 1–February 15 with a bag limit of 2 foxes to the resident and nonresident hunting regulations.

Recommendation: Support

Background:

- Arctic fox exist in harvestable numbers in certain areas within GMU 8, primarily Chirikof Island
- In 1980, Chirikof Island was added to National Maritime Refuge as part of ANSCA
- Current federal management plan – remove all non-native mammals from island and restore native bird species
- The department would like to open an arctic fox hunting season to provide hunters an opportunity to legally harvest arctic fox on Chirikof Island

Proposal 144 – Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would add an Arctic fox hunting season from September 1–February 15 with a bag limit of 2 foxes to the resident and nonresident hunting regulations.

Recommendation: Support

Proposal 145 – Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would add an Arctic fox trapping season from November 10–March 31 with no bag limit for residents and nonresidents to the hunting regulations.

Recommendation: Support

Background:

- Arctic fox exist in harvestable numbers in certain areas within GMU 8, primarily Chirikof Island
- In 1980, Chirikof Island was added to National Maritime Refuge as part of ANSCA
- Current federal management plan – remove all non-native mammals from island and restore native bird species
- The department would like to open an arctic fox trapping season to provide trappers an opportunity to legally harvest arctic fox on Chirikof Island

Proposal 145 – Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to include Arctic fox.

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would add an Arctic fox trapping season from November 10–March 31 with no bag limit for residents and nonresidents to the hunting regulations.

Recommendation: Support

Proposal 146 – Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to remove coyote and lynx

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would remove coyote and lynx from the current resident and nonresident hunting regulations in GMU 8

Recommendation: Support

Background:

- Coyote and lynx do not currently exist within the boundaries of GMU 8
- Leading to confusion among hunters

Proposal 146 – Modify the resident and nonresident hunting regulations for Unit 8 to remove coyote and lynx

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would remove coyote and lynx from the current resident and nonresident hunting regulations in GMU 8

Recommendation: Support

Proposal 147 – Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to remove lynx and wolverine.

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would remove lynx and wolverine from the current resident and nonresident trapping regulations in GMU 8

Recommendation: Support

Background:

- Lynx and wolverine do not currently exist within the boundaries of GMU 8
- Leading to confusion among trappers

Proposal 147 – Modify the resident and nonresident trapping regulations for Unit 8 to remove lynx and wolverine.

Proposed by: ADF&G

Effect of proposal: This proposal would remove lynx and wolverine from the current resident and nonresident trapping regulations in GMU 8

Recommendation: Support



Thank you!