

Proposal 148

Effect of Proposal: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Game Management Unit 14C

Department Recommendation: **Adopt**

Rationale: Department proposal
(Annual reauthorization)

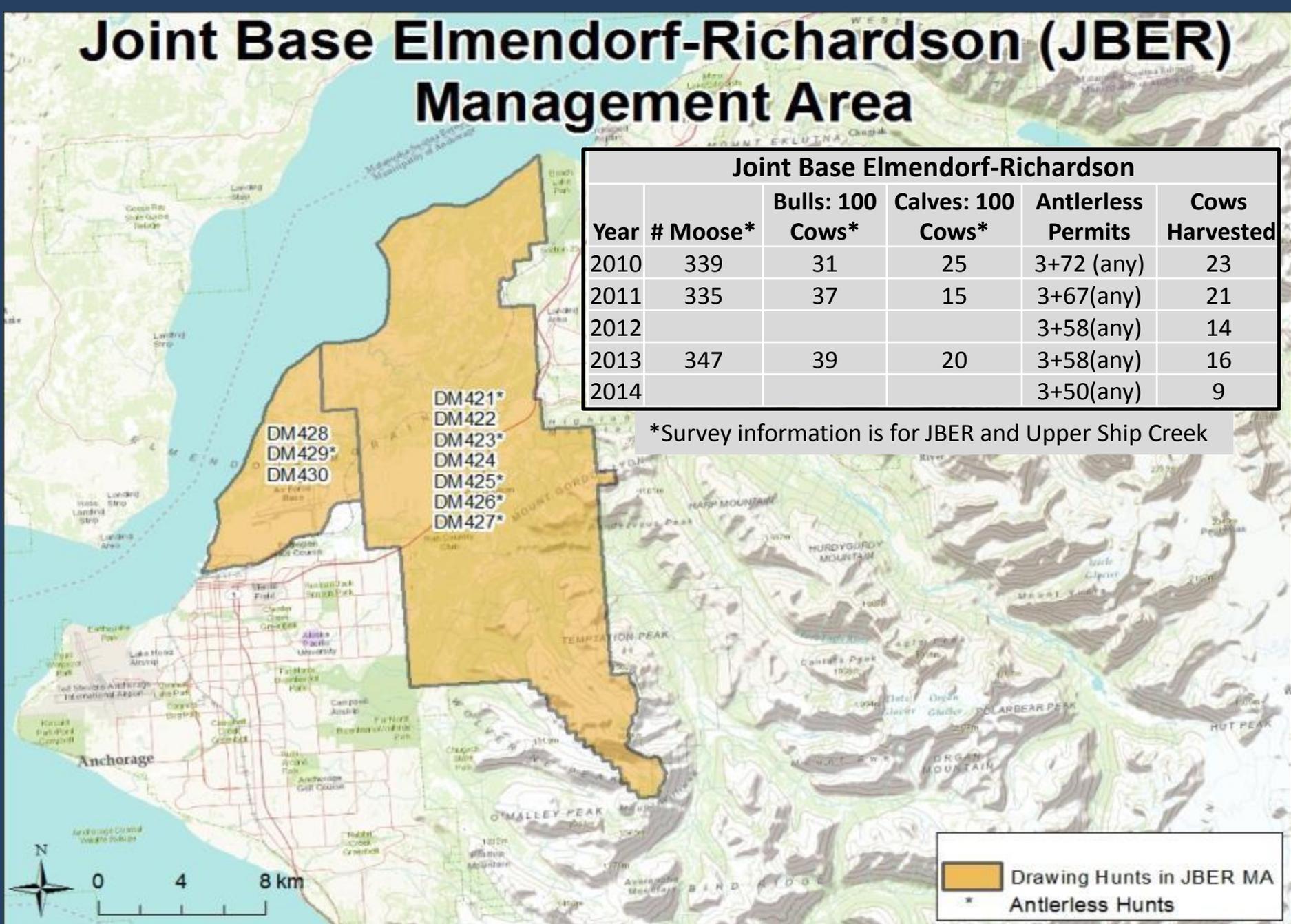
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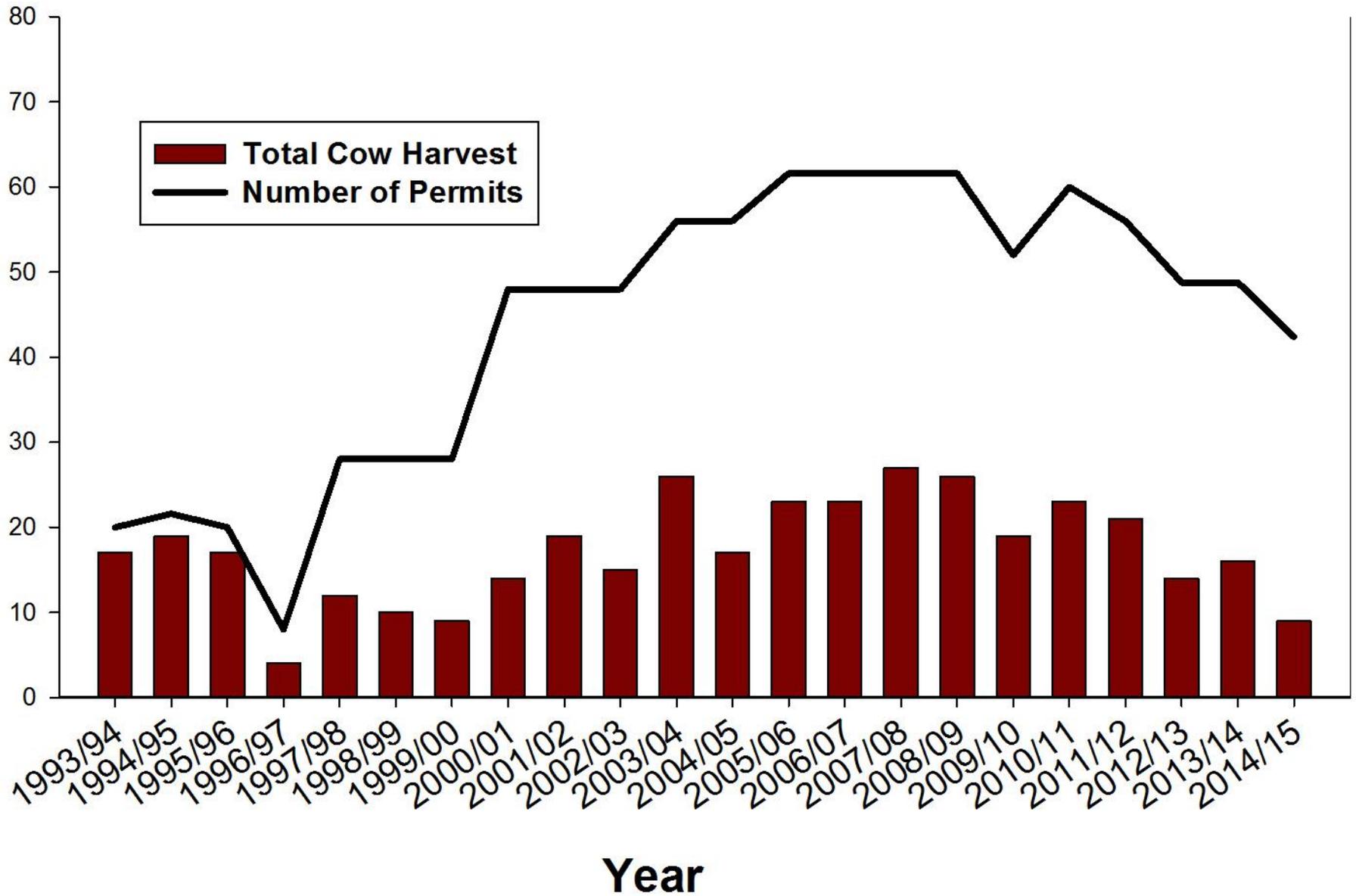
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Management Area

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson					
Year	# Moose*	Bulls: 100 Cows*	Calves: 100 Cows*	Antlerless Permits	Cows Harvested
2010	339	31	25	3+72 (any)	23
2011	335	37	15	3+67(any)	21
2012				3+58(any)	14
2013	347	39	20	3+58(any)	16
2014				3+50(any)	9

*Survey information is for JBER and Upper Ship Creek



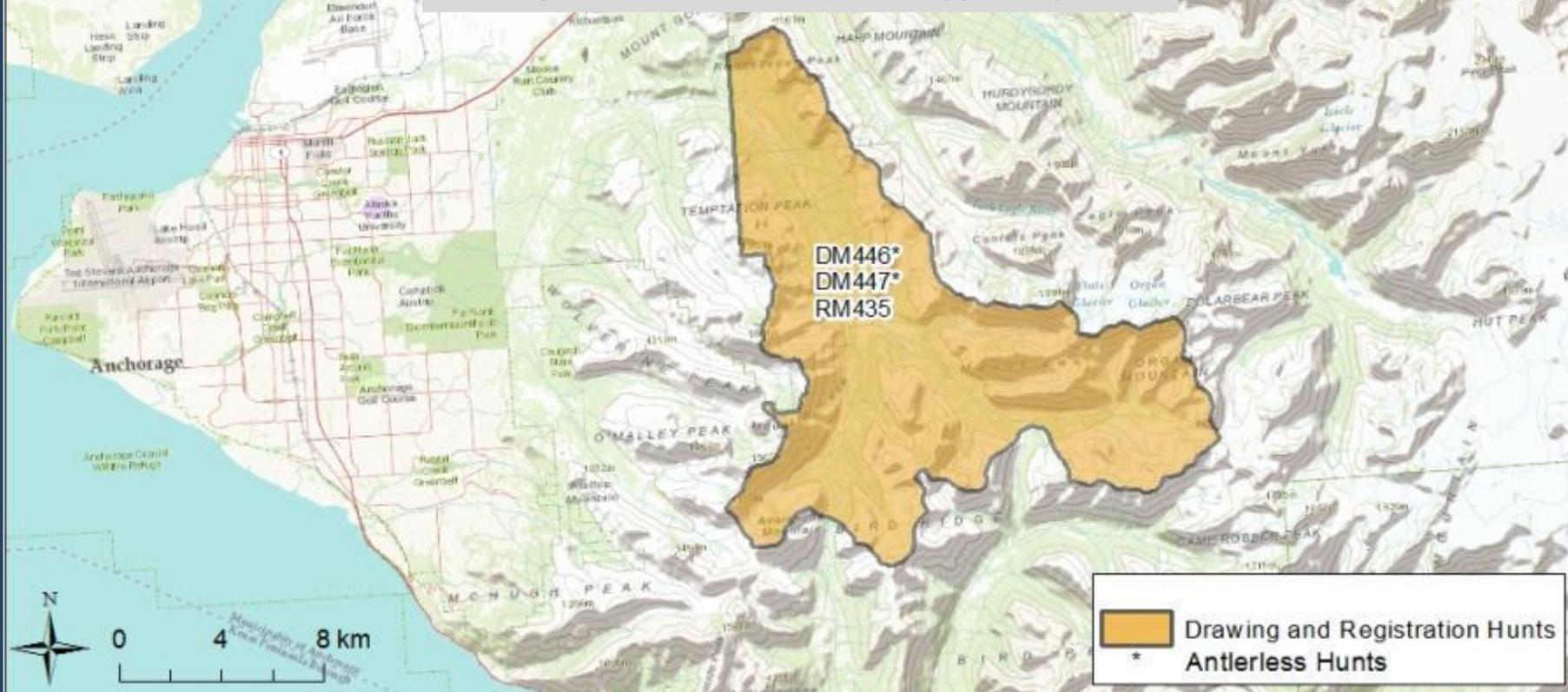
JBER Antlerless Moose Harvest



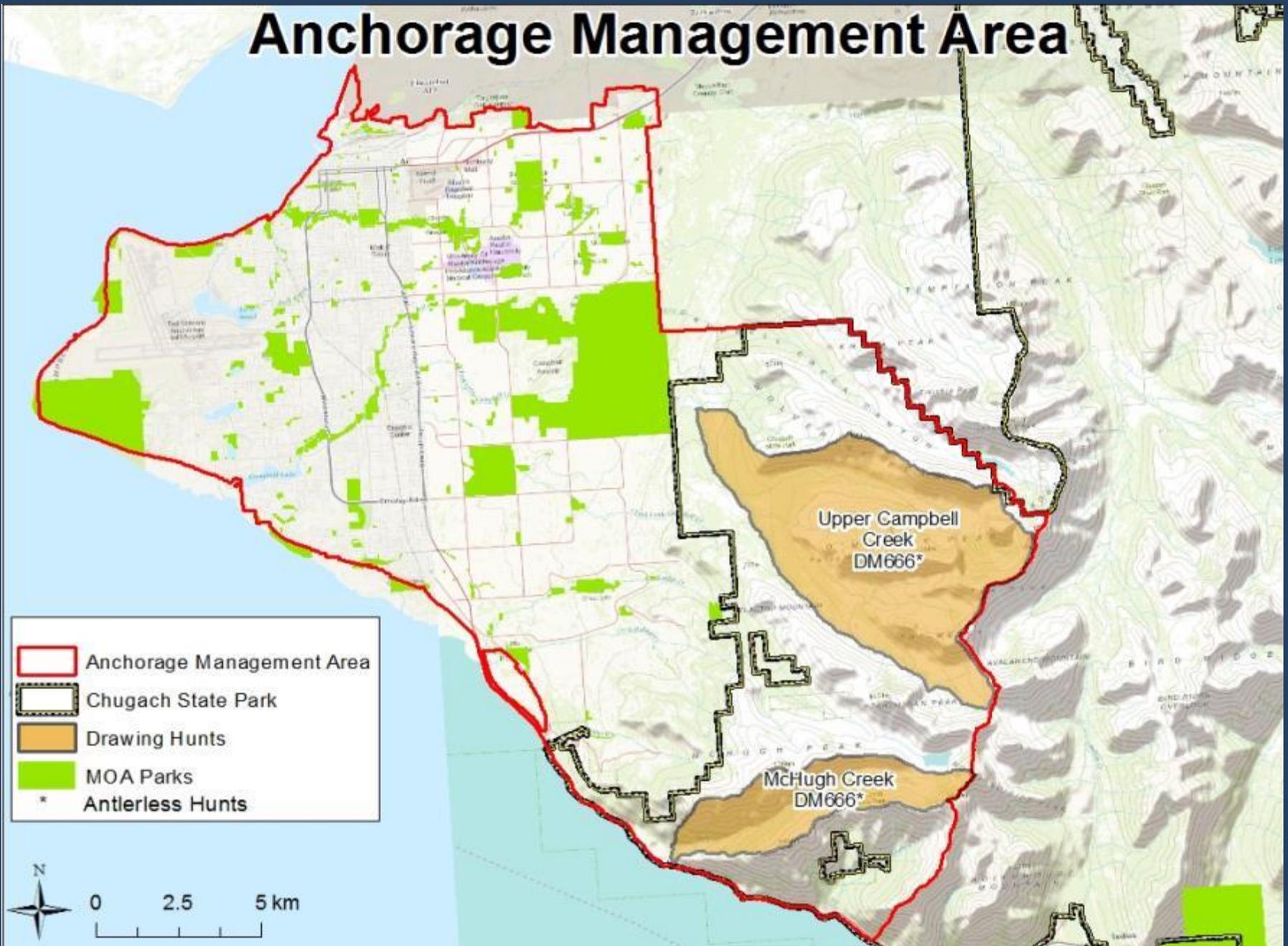
Upper Ship Creek Antlerless Moose Hunts

Upper Ship Creek						
Year	# Moose*	Bulls:100 Cows*	Calves: 100 Cows*	Antlerless Permits	Cows Harvested	Bulls Harvested
2010	339	31	25	40(any)	1	14
2011	335	37	15	0	0	16
2012				0	0	15
2013	347	39	20	0	0	9
2014				0	0	15

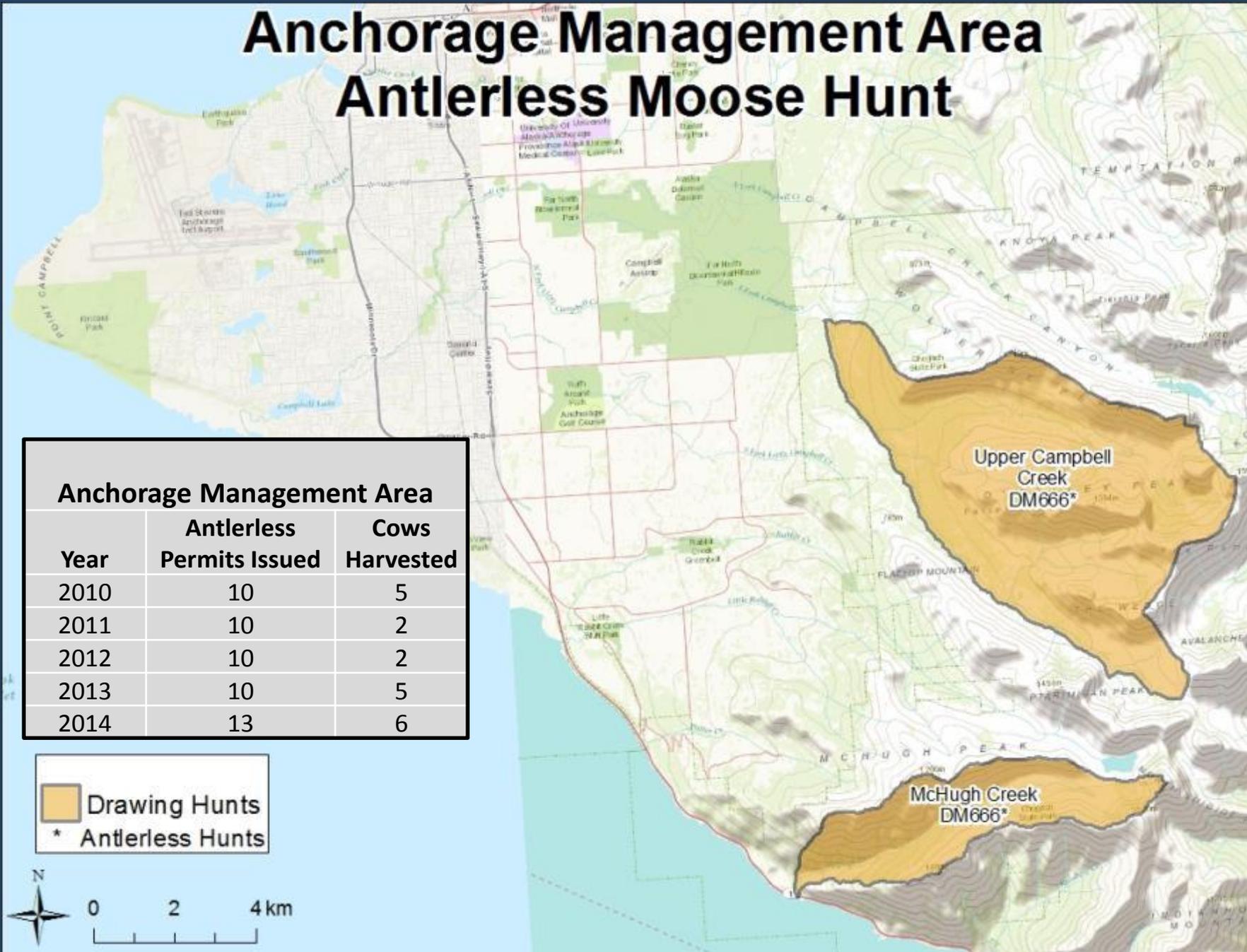
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Anchorage Management Area



Anchorage Management Area Antlerless Moose Hunt



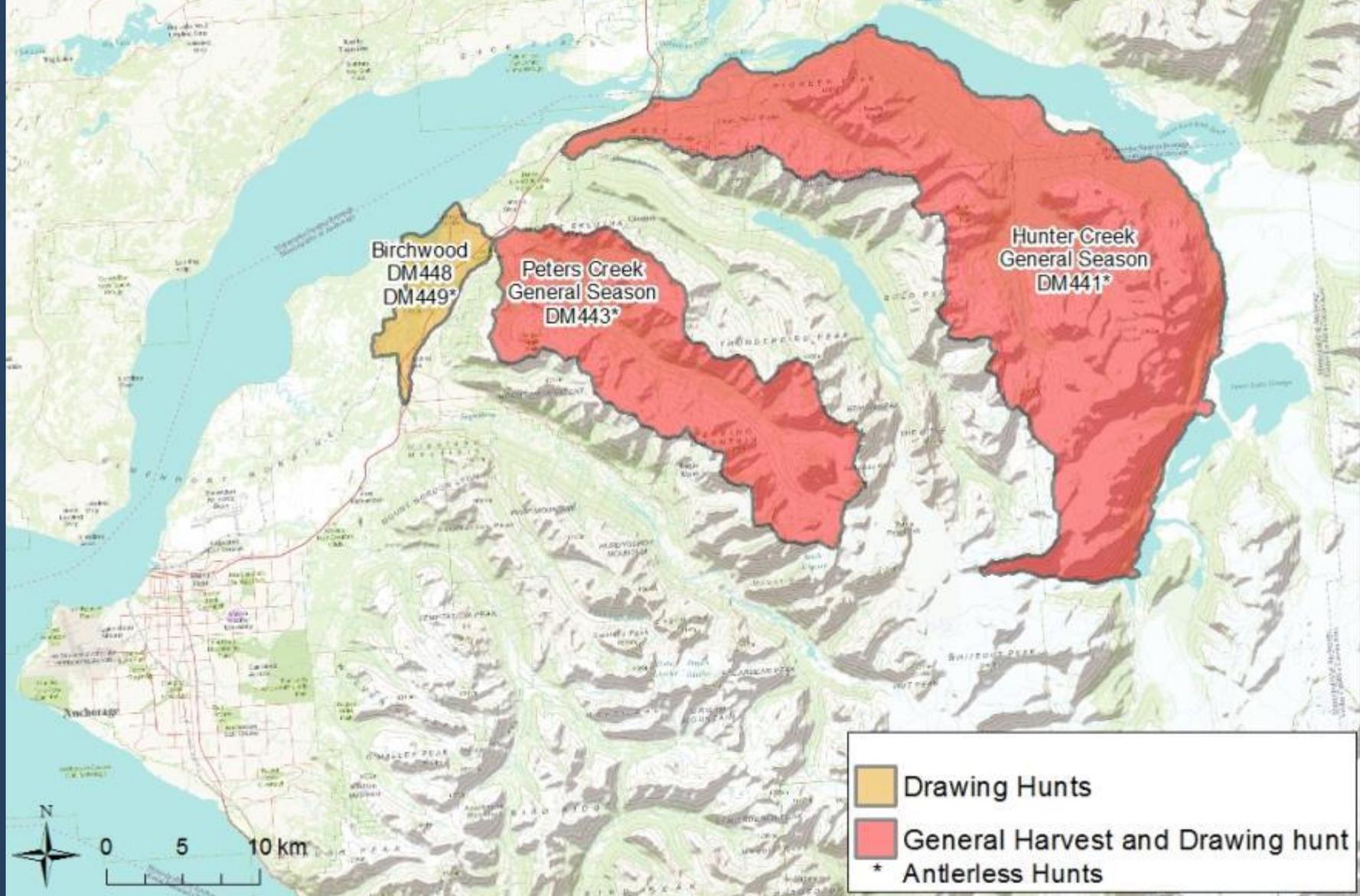
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Year	Antlerless Permits Issued	Cows Harvested
2010	10	5
2011	10	2
2012	10	2
2013	10	5
2014	13	6

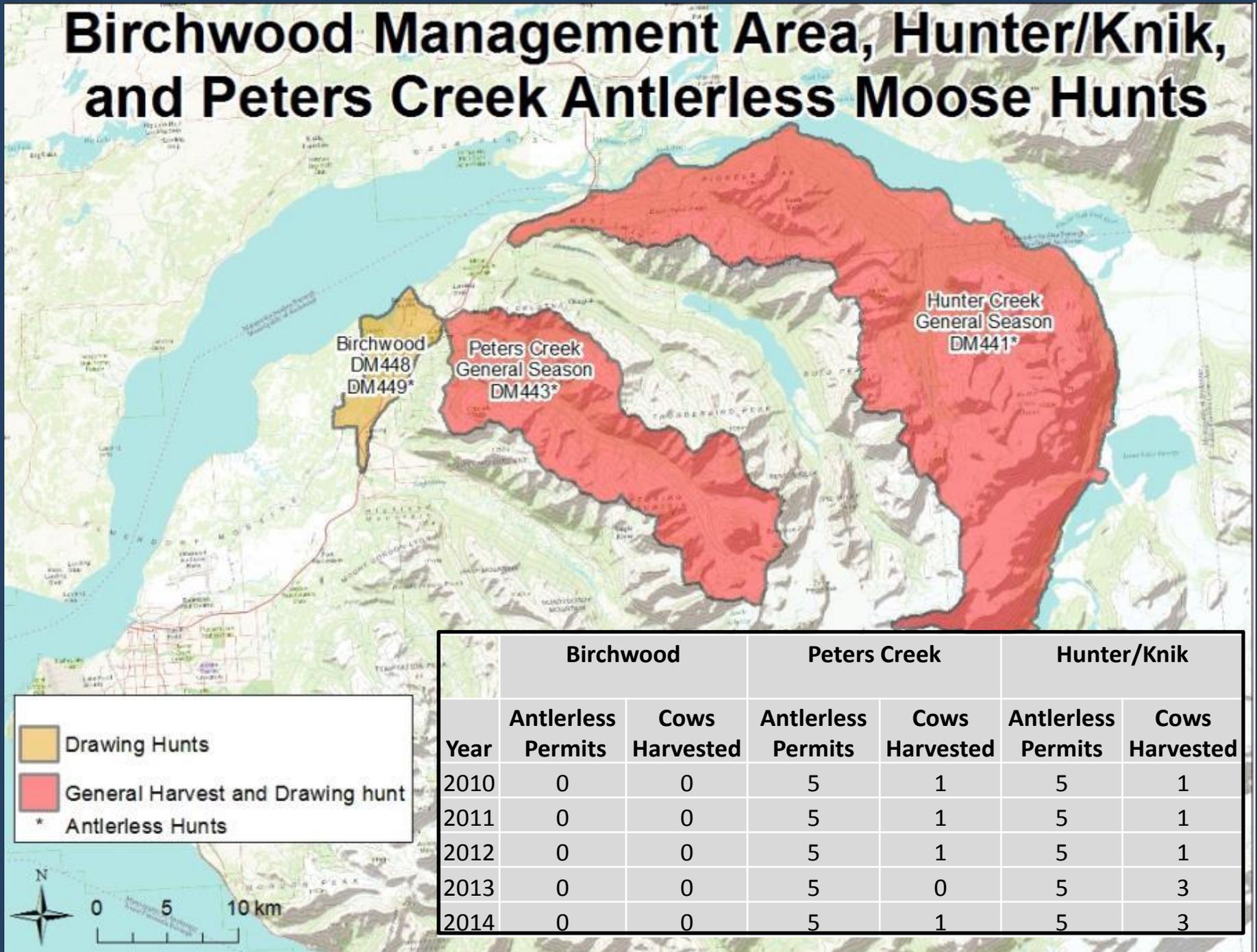
 Drawing Hunts
 * Antlerless Hunts



Birchwood Management Area, Hunter/Knik, and Peters Creek Antlerless Moose Hunts



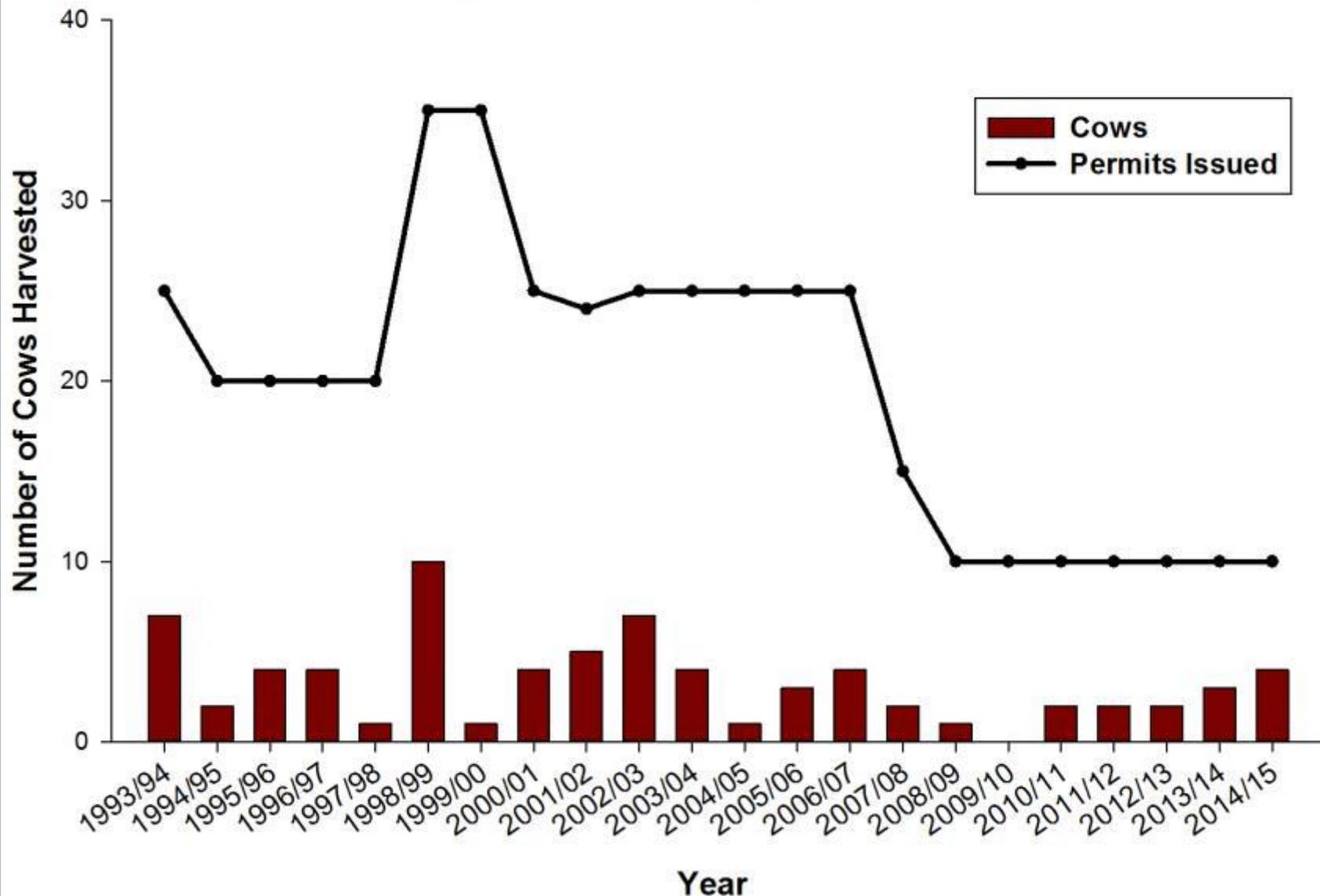
Birchwood Management Area, Hunter/Knik, and Peters Creek Antlerless Moose Hunts



Drawing Hunts
 General Harvest and Drawing hunt
 * Antlerless Hunts

Year	Birchwood		Peters Creek		Hunter/Knik	
	Antlerless Permits	Cows Harvested	Antlerless Permits	Cows Harvested	Antlerless Permits	Cows Harvested
2010	0	0	5	1	5	1
2011	0	0	5	1	5	1
2012	0	0	5	1	5	1
2013	0	0	5	0	5	3
2014	0	0	5	1	5	3

Birchwood and Remainder of 14C Antlerless Moose Harvest



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Proposal 149

Effect of Proposal: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer Hunt area in Game Management Units 7 and 14C

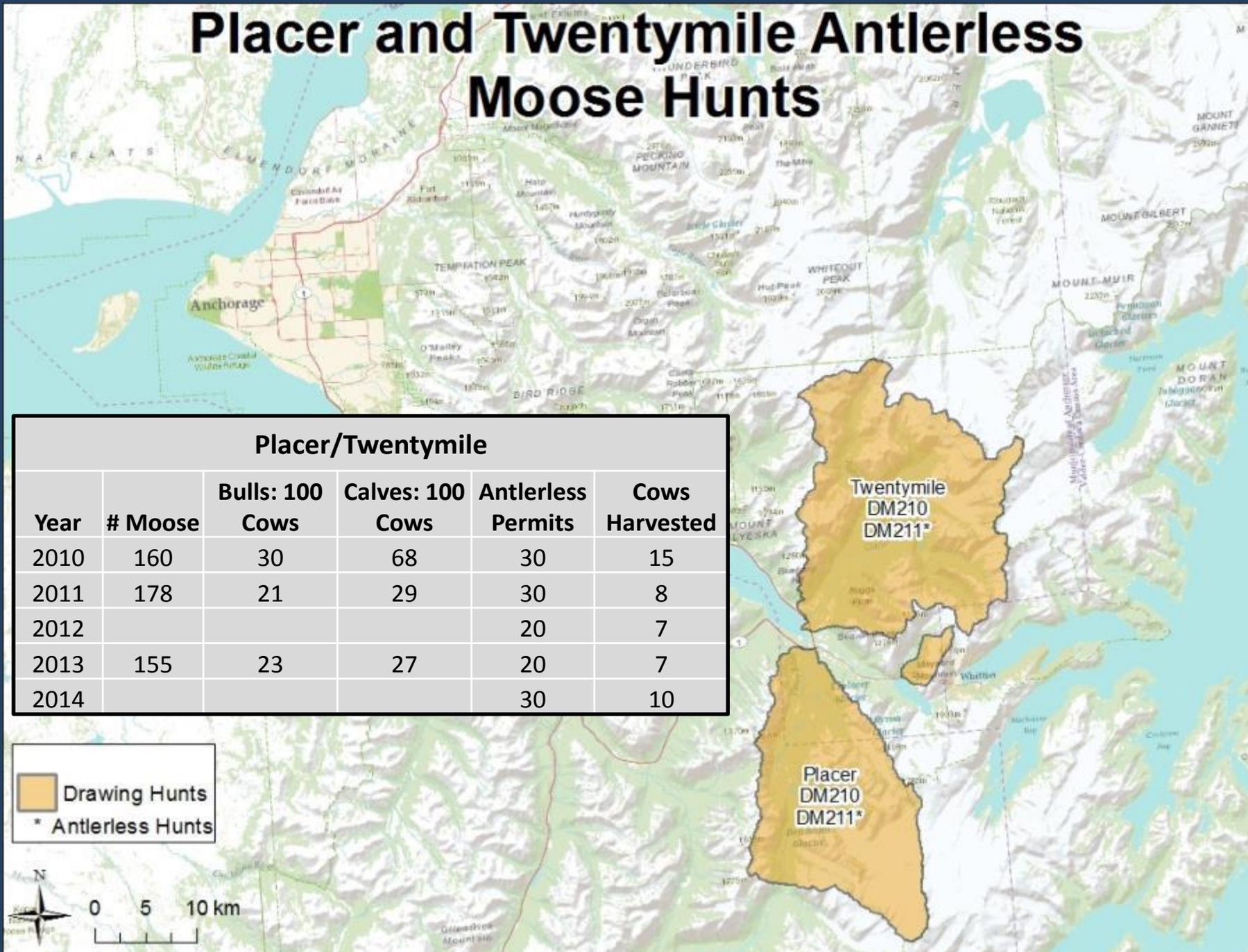
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Placer and Twentymile Antlerless Moose Hunts

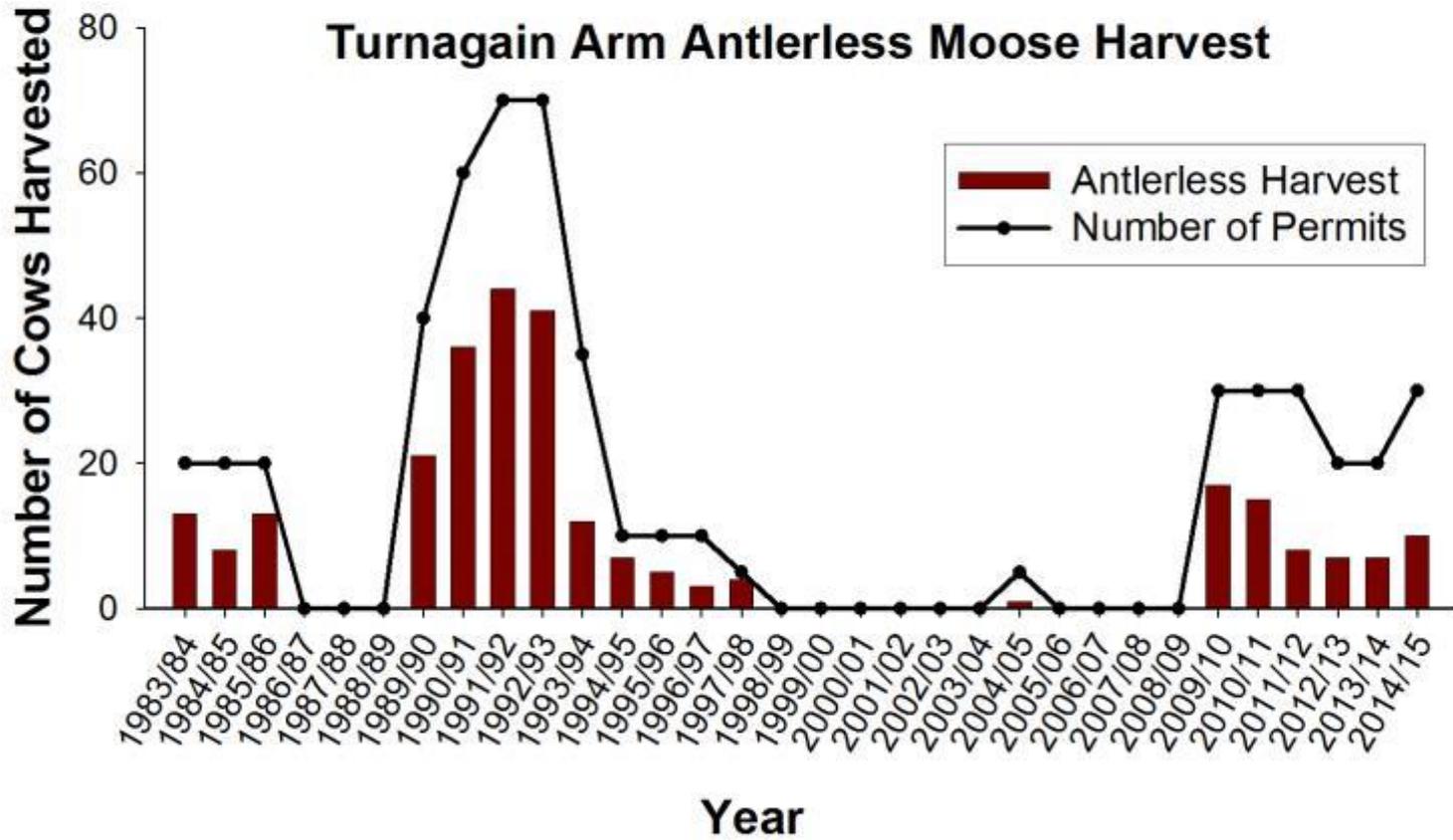


Placer/Twentymile

Year	# Moose	Bulls: 100 Cows	Calves: 100 Cows	Antlerless Permits	Cows Harvested
2010	160	30	68	30	15
2011	178	21	29	30	8
2012				20	7
2013	155	23	27	20	7
2014				30	10

 Drawing Hunts
 Antlerless Hunts





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Proposal 150

Effect of Proposal: Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for mobility impaired Alaska residents in Kincaid Municipal Park in GMU 14C

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale: Allocation issue

Proposed by: Public

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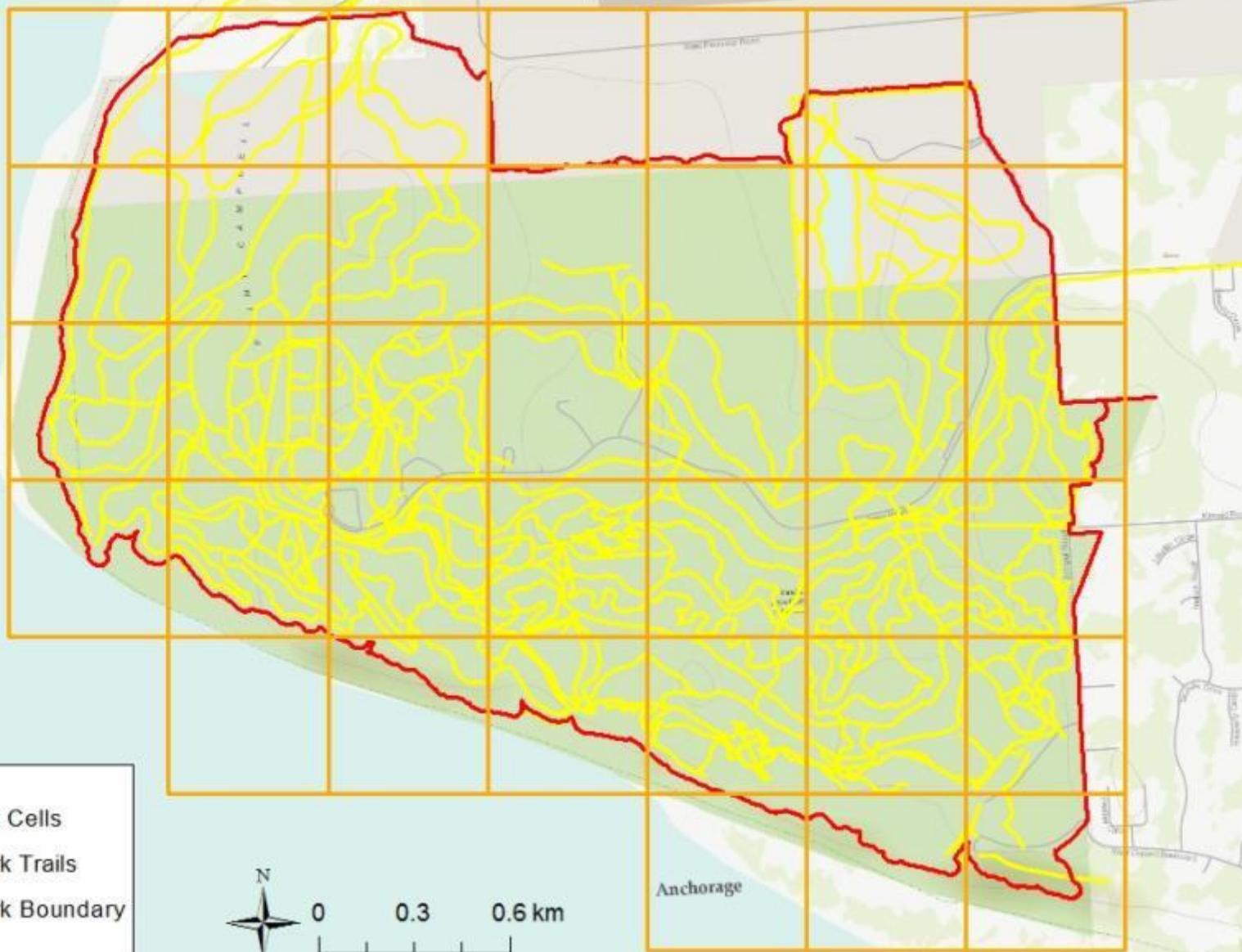


Current Regulations

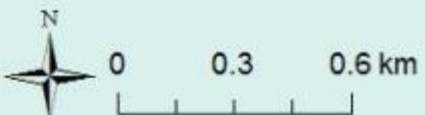
Unit 14(C), that portion known as the Anchorage Management Area:

1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only, and by bow and arrow, shotgun, or muzzleloader only; up to 50 permits may be issued

Kincaid Park Trail System and Survey Grids

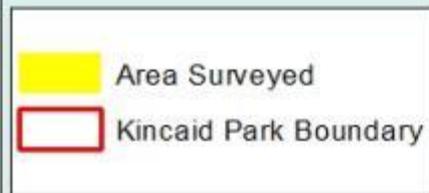


- 1kmsq Grid Cells
- Kincaid Park Trails
- Kincaid Park Boundary



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Kincaid Park Area Surveyed



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Ground-based Surveys

During 2014, two ground based surveys were conducted, using teams of observers walking trails.

- February 26: Approximately 60% of the park was covered;
4 moose counted, estimated 7 moose
- November 6: Approximately 70% of the park was covered;
10 moose counted, estimated 14 moose

Poor Winter Habitat

Moose abundance appears to vary within the park seasonally

During both surveys (conducted during winter), moose abundance in the park seemed to be greatly reduced from summer

During winter, moose likely move into surrounding neighborhoods in order to find sufficient forage

Issues

High density of trails

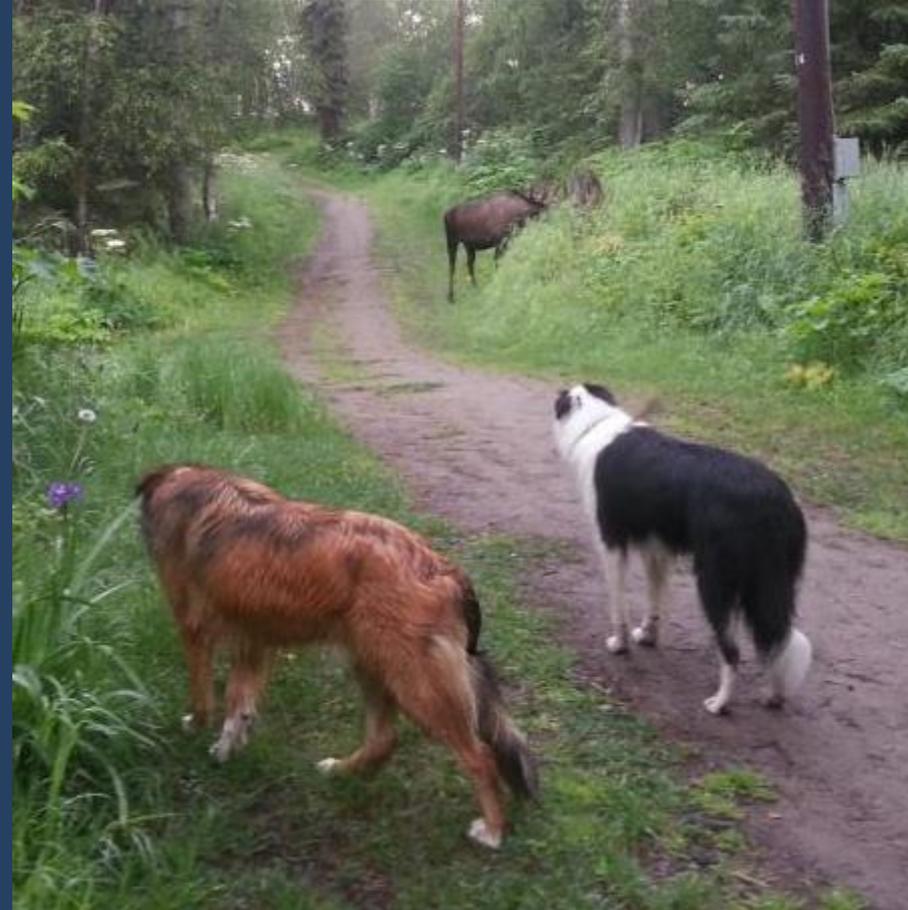
High density of recreational users

Differing opinions of recreational users

Harvestable surplus

Hunting opportunity

Possible reduction of conflicts



Not supported by MOA Parks and Recreation Department

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Proposal 151

Effect of Proposal: Change the bag limit for drawing permit hunts DS140, DS141, DS240, and DS241 in Unit 14C from **any sheep** to **any ram**.

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale:

- Allocation issue
- No biological concern
- Reduced hunting opportunity and success rate

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Archery Only Hunts

DS140: Residents Only, Any Sheep (57 permits)

Oct 1- Oct 10

DS240: Non-residents, Any Sheep (3 permits)

Oct 1- Oct 10

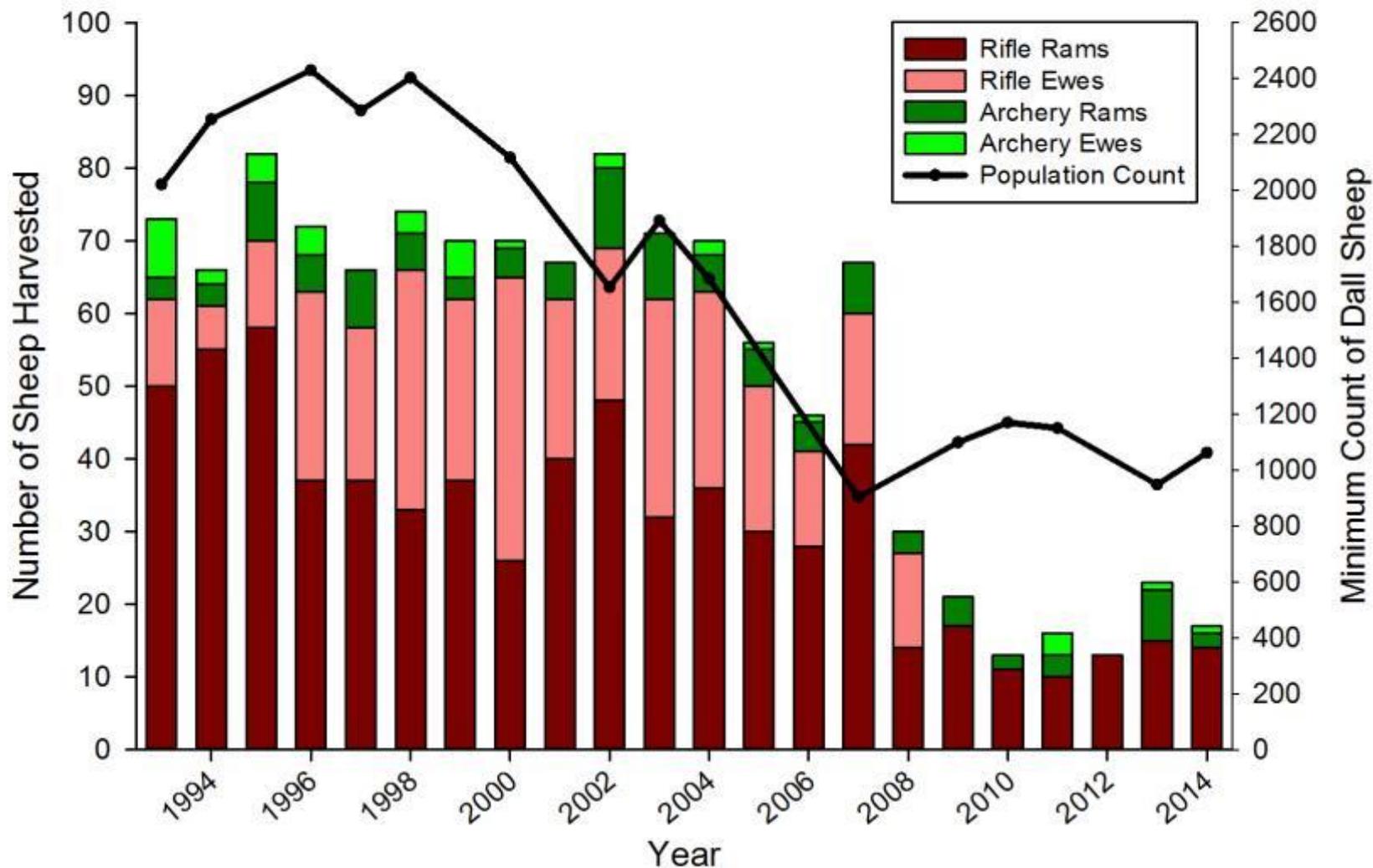
DS141: Residents Only, Any Sheep (24 permits)

Day after Labor Day – Sept 30

DS241: Non-residents, Any Sheep (1 permit)

Day after Labor Day – Sept 30

Unit 14C Dall Sheep Harvest and Population Count



- Since 2009 population > 1000 sheep
- 2014 minimum count: 1062 sheep
- Archery hunts have low success rate
 - 2010: 0 ewes, 2 rams harvested (2% success rate)
 - 2011: 3 ewes, 3 rams harvested (7% success rate)
 - 2012: 0 sheep harvested (0% success rate)
 - 2013: 1 ewe, 7 rams harvested (7% success rate)
 - 2014: 1 ewe, 2 rams harvested (13% success rate)
- Since 1993: total harvest of sheep has averaged 3% of total population.

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Proposal 152

Effect of Proposal: Establish Chugach State Park in Unit 14(C) as a resident-only sheep hunt area.

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

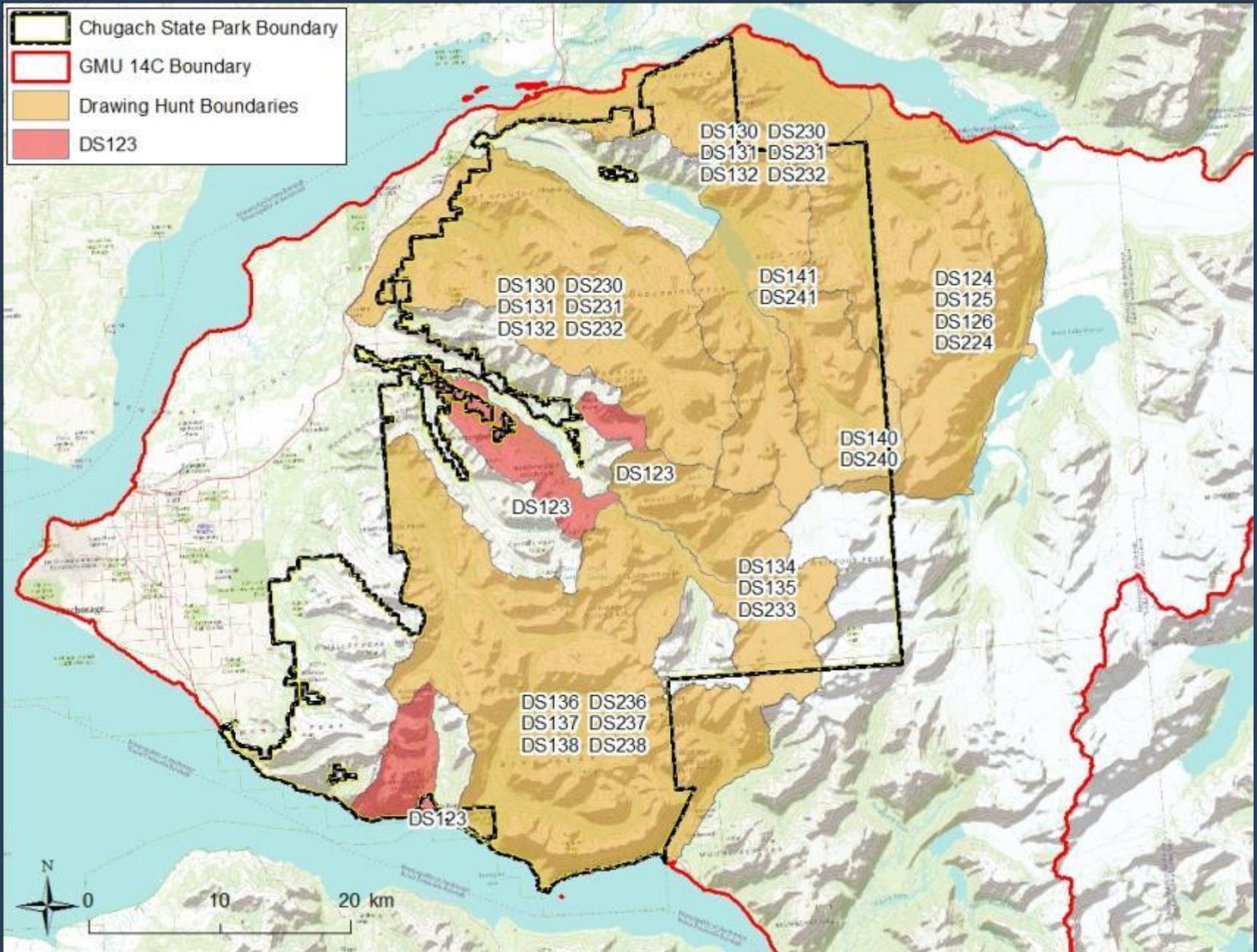
Rationale:

- Allocation issue
- No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

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Dall Sheep Permits

- In March 2008, the Board of Game allocated 13% of all rifle permits and 5% of all archery-only permits to non-resident sheep hunters.
- New permit hunts were created to accommodate both non-resident and resident hunters.
- If this proposal passes, the winner of the Governor's tag would no longer be able to hunt in 14C.

Proposal 152

Effect of Proposal: Establish Chugach State Park in Unit 14(C) as a resident-only sheep hunt area.

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale:

- Allocation issue
- No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

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Proposal 153

Effect of Proposal: Create 2 additional drawing permit hunts (1 permit each) for second degree of kindred, non-residents only for Dall sheep in Unit 14 (C).

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale:

- Allocation issue
- No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

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Effect of the Proposal

- Divide nonresident tags between second degree of kindred and guided nonresident hunters.
- Reduce hunting opportunity for nonresident hunters that do not use a guide.
- All but 2 nonresident permits would be guaranteed to guided nonresidents, regardless of number of permits issued.

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Current Permit Allocation

- 2014: 45 resident, 8 nonresident rifle permits
81 resident, 4 nonresident archery permits

Under the Requested Scenario:

- 1 out of 8 (13%) rifle permits
- 1 out of 4 (25%) archery permits
- Remaining nonresident permits would go to guided hunters only

2004-2013: 26% of non-resident hunters indicated they were not guided.

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Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale:

- Allocation issue
- No biological concern

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Proposal 154

Effect of Proposal: Establish new goat drawing permits in Unit 14(C) open only to guided nonresident hunters

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale:

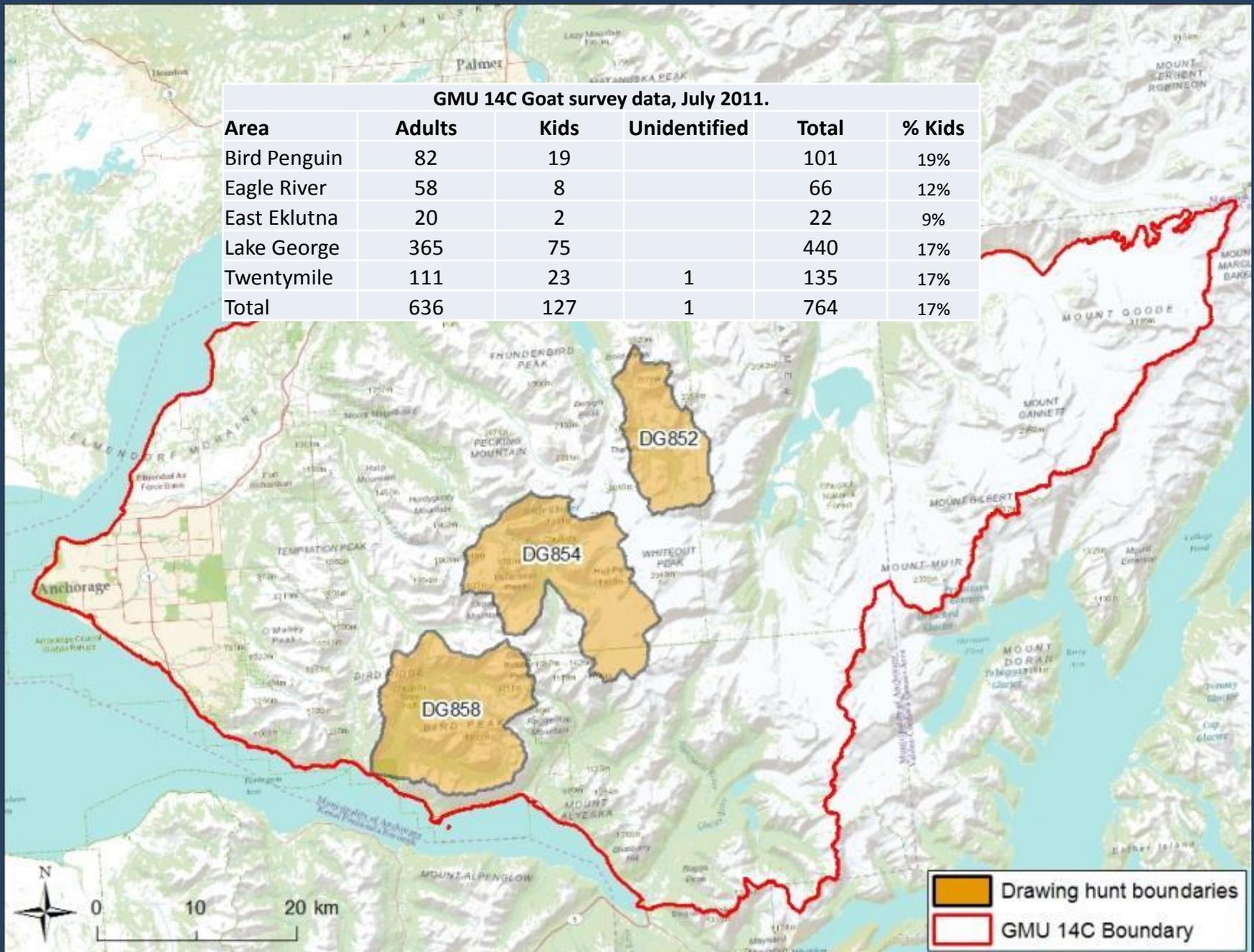
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GMU 14C Goat survey data, July 2011.

Area	Adults	Kids	Unidentified	Total	% Kids
Bird Penguin	82	19		101	19%
Eagle River	58	8		66	12%
East Eklutna	20	2		22	9%
Lake George	365	75		440	17%
Twentymile	111	23	1	135	17%
Total	636	127	1	764	17%



10-Year Allocation

- 2004-2013: 112 permits issued
 - 8% of applicants and 9% of permit winners were nonresidents (67% of these were guided)
- DG852: 5 permits
- DG854: 5 permits
- DG858: 5 permits
- Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy (2007-173): Under this policy, the proposed number of permits and ability for nonresidents to apply would exceed allocation

Proposal 154

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Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

Rationale:

- Allocation issue
- No biological concern

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Proposal 155

Effect of Proposal: Create a drawing permit hunt for black bears in the JBER Management Area in Unit 14(C)

Department Recommendation: **Support**

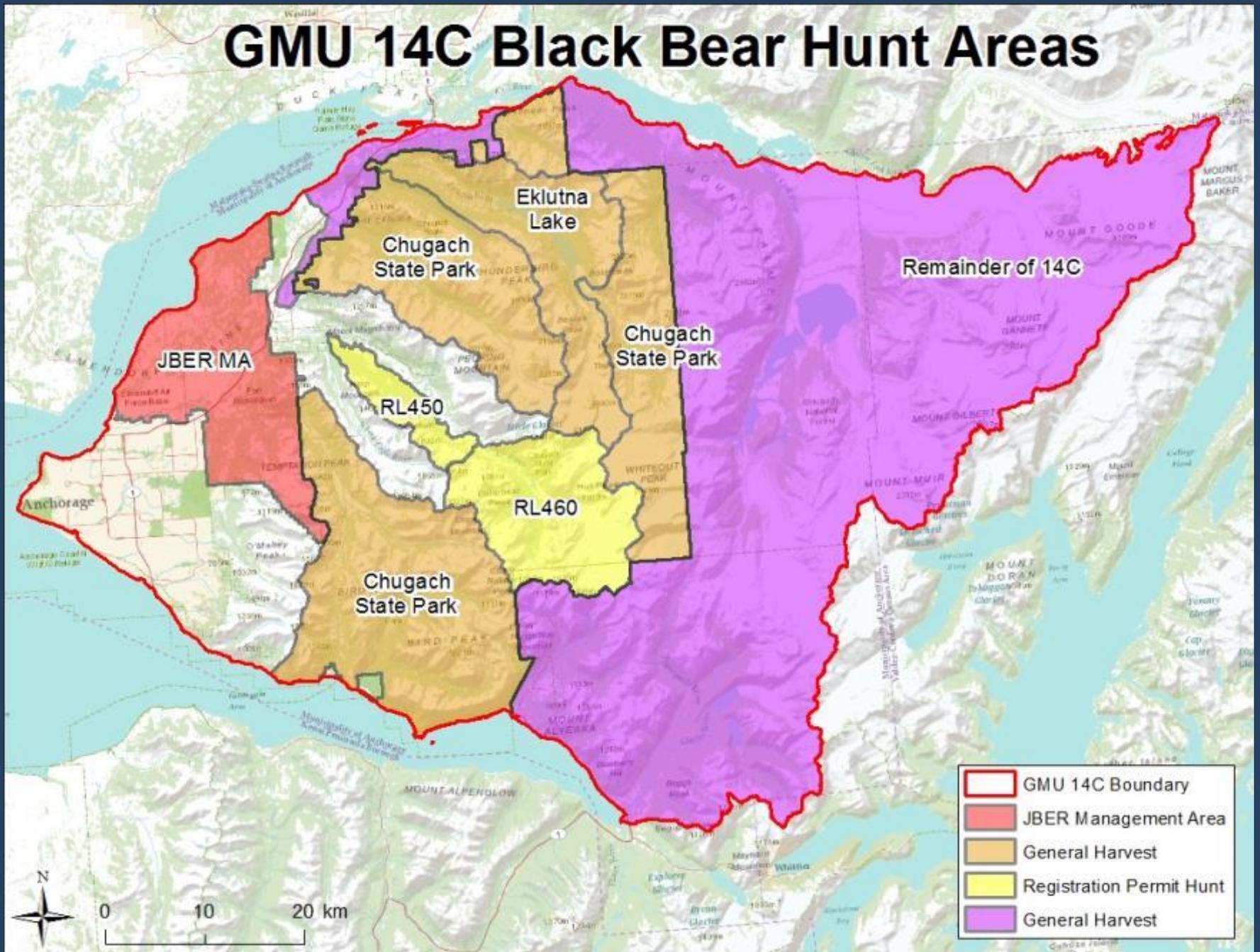
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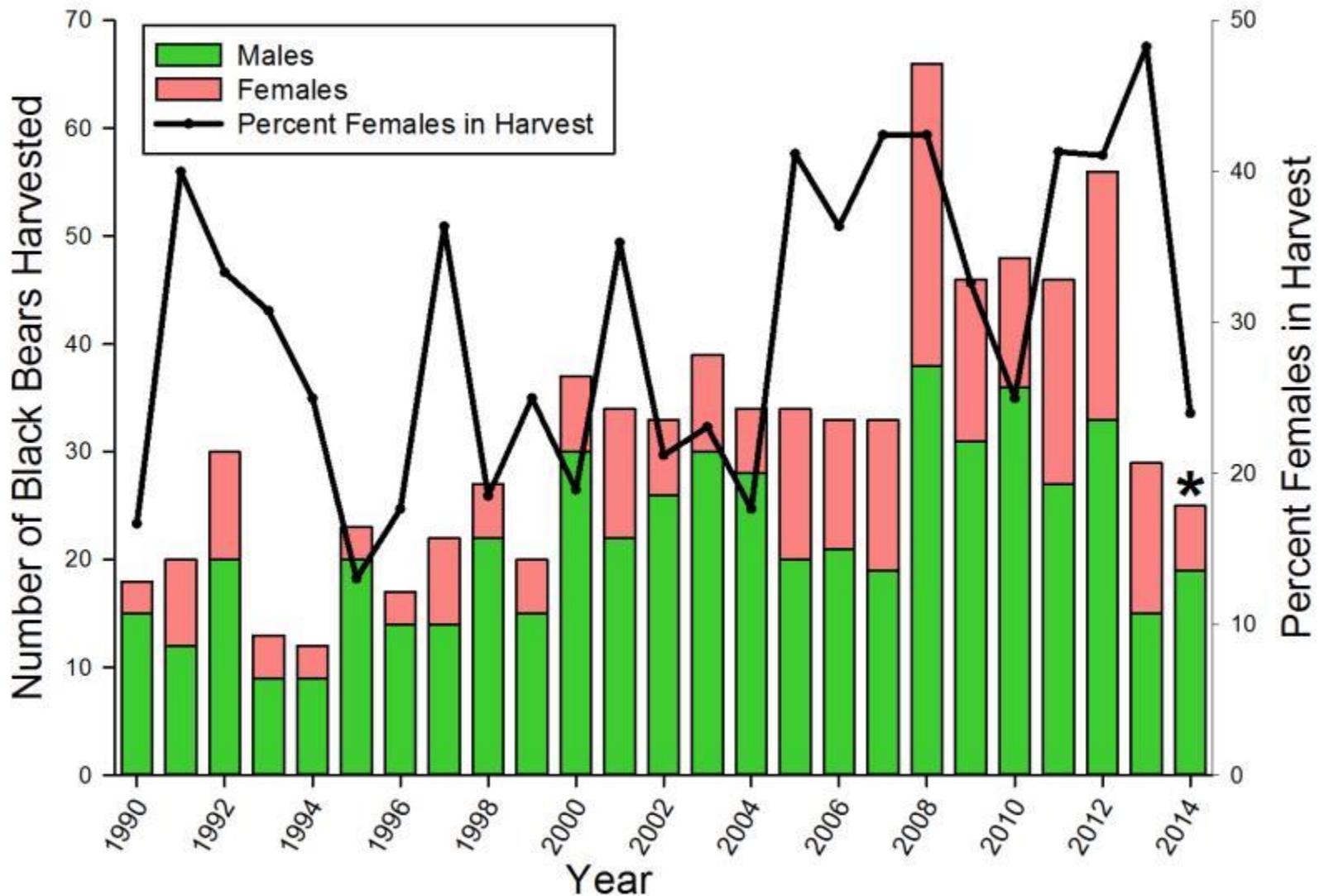
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GMU 14C Black Bear Hunt Areas



Black Bear Hunter Harvest



* Incomplete harvest records for 2014

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Department Recommendation: **Support**

Rationale:

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