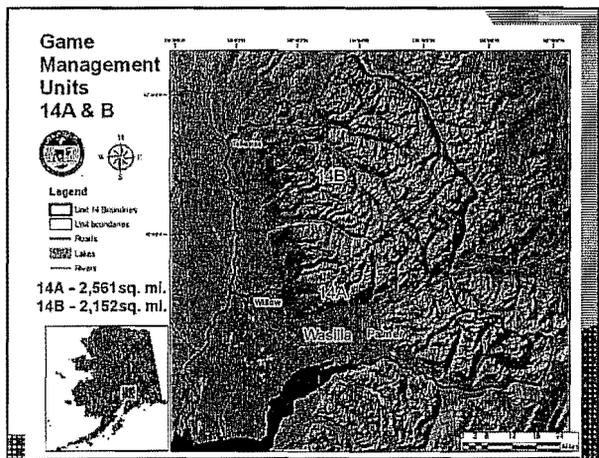
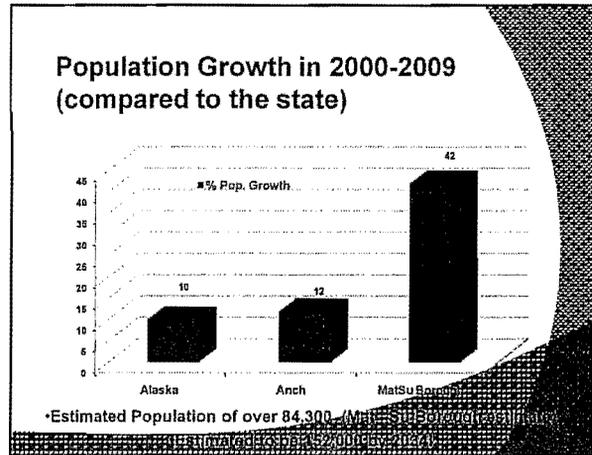
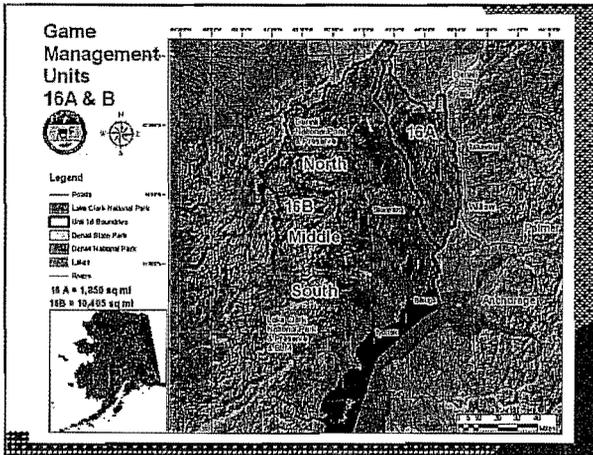


### Palmer Area Issues

- ❖ High growth in the Matanuska-Susitna valley
- ❖ Increased development impacts to wildlife
- ❖ Moose are our bread and butter species
- ❖ Predator populations and control activities require a significant amount of staff time
- ❖ High public service and front office work demand
- ❖ Road and Railroad moose collisions can impact moose numbers and staff time





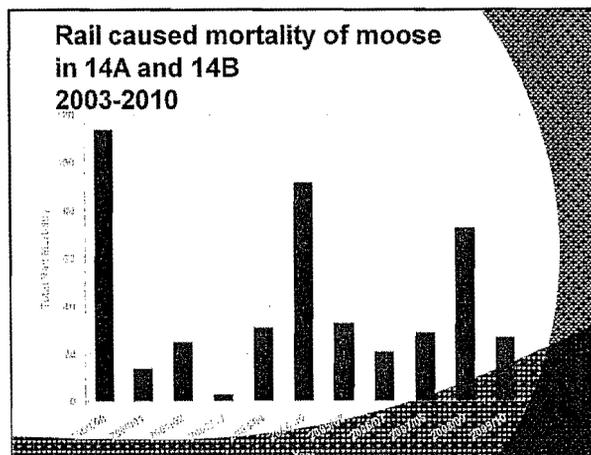
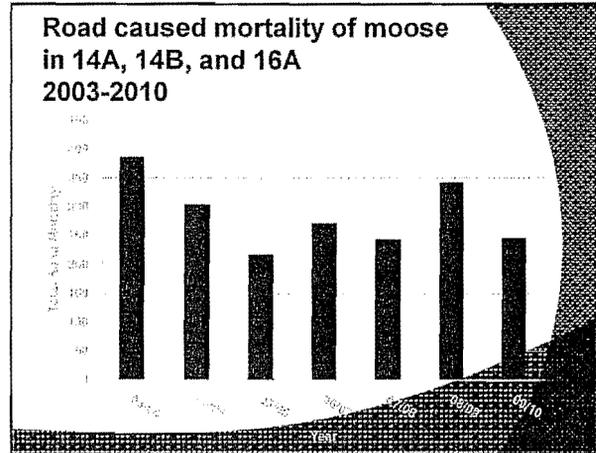
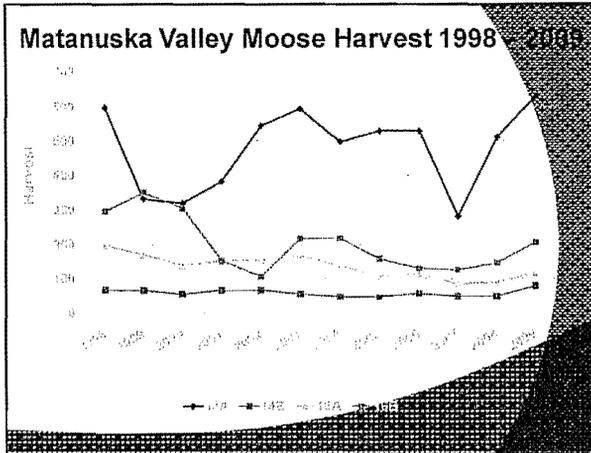
**Moose**

- ❖ GMU 14A: Stable at or above objectives, high demand
- ❖ GMU 14B: Low pop. and harvest, higher bull:cow ratios
- ❖ GMU 16A: Low pop. and harvest, high hunting pressure due to access
- ❖ GMU 16B: Low pop and harvest, but improving populations in portions of unit, high bull:cow ratios resident only spike-fork 50 or 3 brow tines
- ❖ GMU 16B, Kalgin Island: Stable at high numbers, continues to provide either-sex opportunity with limited access

**19 Proposals for Moose**

**Current Moose Population Estimates**

GMU	Estimate	Bull/100 Cows	Calves/100 Cows
14A	6,613	23	42
14B	1,662	34	18
16A	2,574	26	29
16B - N	1,042	58	12
16B - M	2,446	54	21
16B - S	2,372	52	18
16B Total	5,860		



## Sheep

- ❖ Draw Permit hunt in the Chugach Range
- ❖ Chugach population stable at low level (14A)
- ❖ Alaska Range population low but maybe increasing?
- ❖ Talkeetna population is recovering from the winter of 2000
- ❖ Sealing of sheep for the first time in 2004

**Proposals for Sheep**  
(addressed later in the BOC meeting)

## Mountain Goat

- ❖ Talkeetna population unknown  
No hunting season at this time
- ❖ Chugach population stable to increasing
- ❖ New Drawing hunt DG 866 in 2008  
(formerly RG 866)
- 3 Proposals for registration goat hunts

## Caribou

- ❖ Rainy Pass (16B) herd stable (declining?)  
General Season (1 Bull)
- ❖ Talkeetna population small
  - ❖ Drawing hunt DC 590
  - ❖ 10 Year average is 33 caribou
  - ❖ We will be doing a population study to identify herd size, movement patterns and determine future harvest levels

## Black Bear

- ❖ We have not completed bear surveys for 14A and 14B
- ❖ Estimated 3600 to 4300 in Unit 16
- ❖ Increased harvest opportunity in 2006
- ❖ Predation on moose calves an issue
- ❖ Unit 16 Black Bear Control in 2007, and is on going

4 Proposals for Black Bear  
(including control)

## Brown Bear

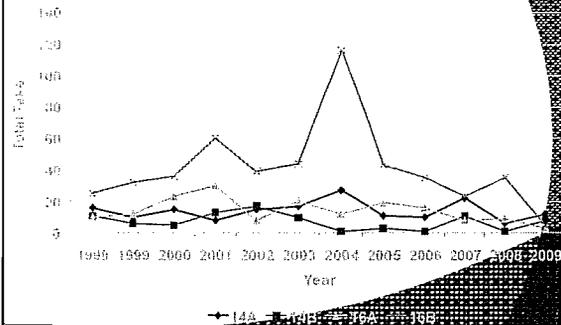
- ❖ No population surveys for 14A or 14B however harvest is good and brown bear appear to be abundant.
- ❖ Increased harvest opportunity in 16B in 2005
- ❖ Predation on moose a concern
- ❖ Growing bear viewing industry in southern 16B
- ❖ Few nuisance bear complaints near communities

## Wolf

- ❖ Reduced numbers (Unit 16 PCA) since 2001
- ❖ Stable to increasing (Unit 14A and 14B)
- ❖ Predation on moose a concern
- ❖ SDA Wolf Control in Unit 16B from 2004
- ❖ SDA Wolf Control Area expanded to include portions of Unit 16A Spring 2006

2 Proposals

## Wolf Take 1998 to 2009



## Furbearers (other than wolves)

- ❖ Most species stable to increasing harvest
- ❖ Issued 19 nuisance beaver control permits last year
- ❖ Higher reported harvest of wolverine and otter during recent years
- ❖ Lynx Harvest Tracking Strategy

2 Proposals

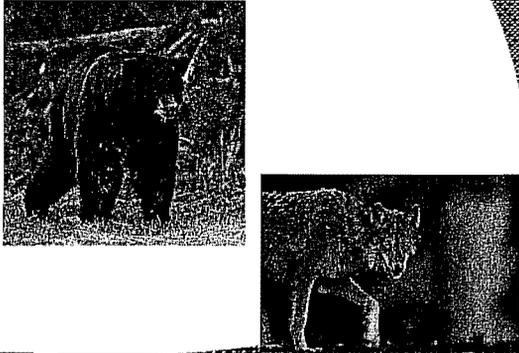
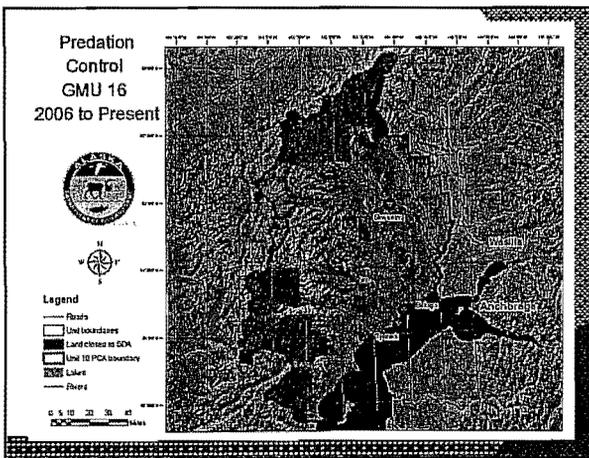
## Habitat Enhancement Activities

- ❖ Matanuska Moose Range ADF&G/Ruffed Grouse Society habitat enhancement project
- ❖ Division of Forestry proposed timber sale activities
- ❖ Mat-Su Borough and private timber sale activities
- ❖ Demand for valley firewood and saw logs for milling
- ❖ Miller's Reach Fire (Big Lake) – major moose wintering area

### Department Proposals

- ❖ Antlerless Moose Permit hunt reauthorizations for 14A and Kalgin Island
- ❖ Create registration goat hunt for Unit 14A
- ❖ Establish winter "Hot Spot" moose hunt in 14A
- ❖ Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 16

### Predator Control in Unit 16

### Unit 16 PCA Wolf Harvest & Statistics

Year	Fall Estimate	Harvest and SDA	Spring Estimate	Population objective
2004-05	180-200	115	65-85	22-45 (16B)
2005-06	85-114	42	43-72	22-45 (16B)
2006-07	98-145	47	51-98	30-60 (16)
2007-08	105-113	33	72-80	30-60 (16)
2008-09	86-105	33	53-72	30-60 (16)
2009-10	74-110	7	68-104	30-60 (16)
2010-11	57-105	9*	?	30-60 (16)

**Black Bear Management Objectives for GMU 16**

- ❖ Reduce the black bear population to 600 – 800 bears
- ❖ Maintain opportunity for hunters to take black bears in GMU 16

**Black Bear Population Estimates**

16A	400 - 500
16B	3200 - 3800

**Unit 16 Black Bear Control Program**

- ❖ Black Bear Control Permits issued to licensed residents
- ❖ No bag limit and no closed season
- ❖ Allow for up to four bait stations per control permit
- ❖ Allow for the taking of cubs or sows with cubs
- ❖ Permittees may take black bears the same day they have flown, provided that they are at least 300 feet from the airplane
- ❖ Permittees may use aircraft to maintain bait stations and snare sets, and may take black bears the same day they have flown providing they are at least 300 feet from the aircraft

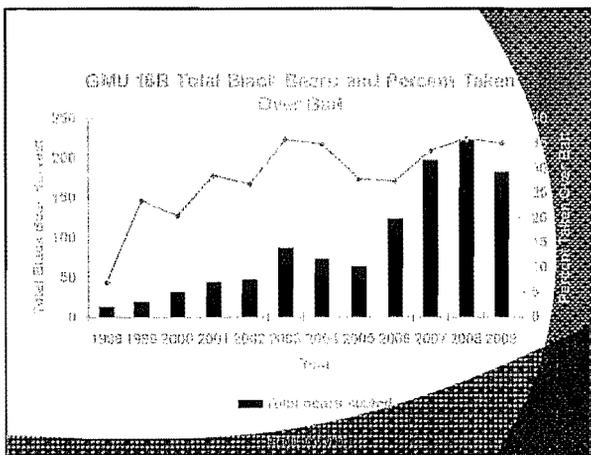
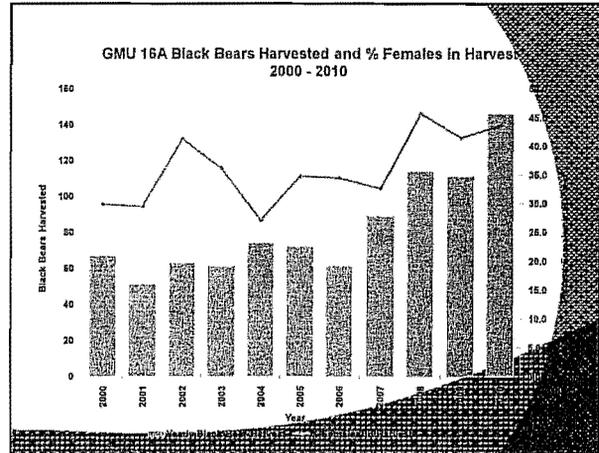
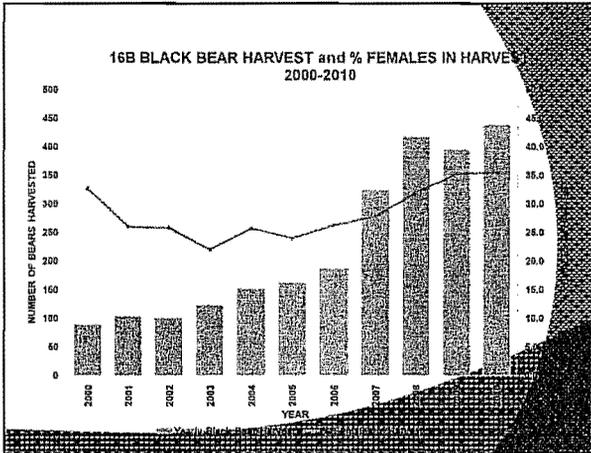
**Black Bear Take in Unit 16**

Spring 2008 through Spring 2010  
Includes Control and General Harvest

- Avg. 520 Black Bears a year taken in Unit 16
- 77% in GMU 16B, 23% in GMU 16A
- 77% Resident vs. 23% Non-resident
- 66% Males vs. 33% Females

**Black Bear Snaring Control – 2009 & 2010**

	2009	2010
Applications Received	17	37
Applicants Trained & Permits Issued	8	26
Permittees Participated	7	14
Total Black Bears	77	62
Brown Bears Shared	8	7
Brown Bears Released	5	7
Other Non-Target Catches	0	0



now for the fun part....

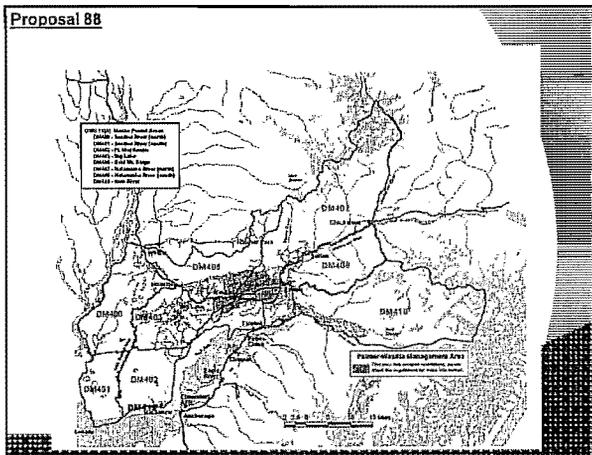


## Proposal 88

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 14A.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

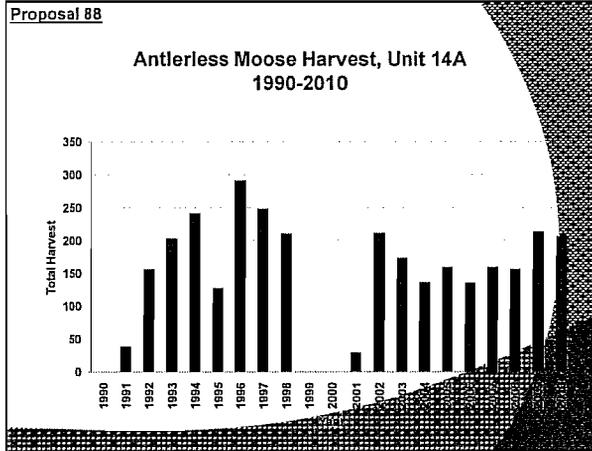
Staff proposal



**Proposal 88**

### GMU 14A Antlerless Hunts 2010

Hunt	Description	Permits	Harvest
❖ DM400	Big Su – Redshirt Lake	25	16
❖ DM401	Big Su – Figure 8 Lake	10	5
❖ DM402	Point MacKenzie	48	35
❖ DM403	Big Lake	30	20
❖ DM406	Bald Mountain Ridge	49	29
❖ DM407	Matanuska River (North)	80	52
❖ DM408	Matanuska River (South)	65	20
❖ DM410	Knik River	40	26
❖ DM412	Point MacKenzie (Youth)	12	8
TOTAL		359	



**Proposal 88**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 14A.**

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt**

**Staff proposal**

**Proposal 87**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Establish a winter antlerless moose 'spot' hunt in Unit 14A to address vehicle collisions and serious nuisance moose issues in the Matanuska/Susitna Valley area.**

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Amend and Adopt**

**Staff proposal**

**Amend: to allow the taking of any moose.**

**Proposal 87**

**Proposed:**

- ❖ The hunt is for residents only
- ❖ Hunters register for this hunt from Oct 1 to Oct 31.
- ❖ Possible hunt dates are from December 1 to Mar 31.
- ❖ Hunters entered are randomly drawn and are phoned as the need arises to deal with problem moose.
- ❖ If a hunter is called and doesn't answer or cannot go in a reasonable time the next hunter on the list is called.

### Proposal 87

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Establish a winter antlerless moose 'hot spot' hunt in Unit 14A to address vehicle collisions and serious nuisance moose issues in the Matanuska/Susitna Valley areas.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Amend and Adopt

Staff proposal

Amend: to allow the taking of any moose.

### Proposal 89

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Adjust the winter antlerless moose drawing hunt season in Unit 14A

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Amend and Adopt

Staff proposal

Current: Winter season, Nov. 1 – 15

Proposed: Dec. 1 – Feb. 25

Amended: Jan.1 – Feb. 25

### Proposal 85

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Provide antlerless moose permits for archery only hunt dates (Aug 10 – Aug 17) in Unit 14A.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation

This is an allocation issue

Current Season: Aug. 10 – 17 (archery) Aug. 25 – Sept. 25 (antlerless)

### Proposal 91

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Open a registration hunt for antlerless moose in Units 14A and 14B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Take No Action

- ❖ Based on action for proposal 87 as it pertains to Unit 14A.
- ❖ Current Unit 14B population is 1662 which is below objective (2500 – 2800).
- ❖ An antlerless hunt in unit 14B at this time would reduce the potential for this population to meet the objective.

### Proposal 82

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Restrict antlerless moose permit holders in Unit 14 from hunting antlered moose.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation

Current: Moose hunters holding an antlerless permit in unit 14A may take either an antlerless moose or a bull under the spike/fork 50" or more brow tines regulation.

- ❖ From 2002 to 2010 an average of 4.88 bulls are taken each year by antlerless moose permit holders
- ❖ 17923 hunters applied for the antlerless draw hunt in 2011

### Proposal 83

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Extend the hunting season for spike/fork bulls only by adding an October 1 to October 15 season in GMU 14B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Do Not Adopt

- ❖ 2008 November survey spike/fork component of the bulls was 41 (41 out of 290)
- ❖ Overall bull: 100 cow ratio was 23 (24.7 in a comp count in 2008)
- ❖ Extending the hunting season for the spike/fork component will make them exceptionally vulnerable to hunters during the hunting period and reduce the bull to cow ratio to a less than desirable number.

### Proposal 86

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Open an any bull moose draw permit hunt for Unit 14A.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Do Not Adopt

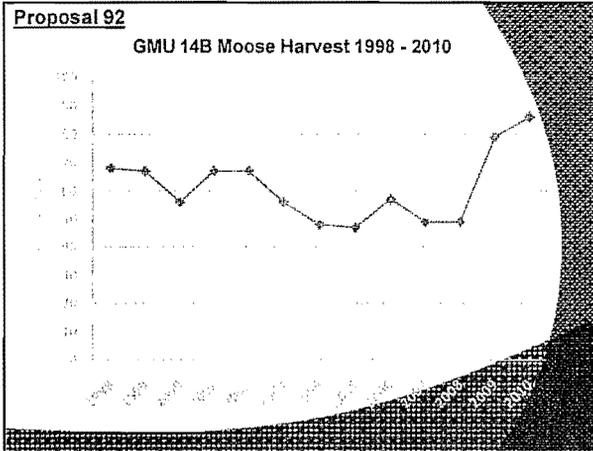
- ❖ Overall bull: 100 cow ratio was 23 (24.7 in a comp count in 2008)
- ❖ Bull to 100 cow ratio in Unit 14A seems to be sensitive to harvest
- ❖ Harvest last year was 467 which is 24% above the 10 year average.

### Proposal 92

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Establish an antlered bull draw hunt in Unit 14B from Sept. 25 – 29.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Do Not Adopt

- ❖ The overall population estimate was 1662. The population objective is 2500 – 2800.
- ❖ Harvest has been high the last 2 years.
- ❖ Modeling of population shows extra harvest is not sustainable.



**Proposal 92**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Establish an antlered bull draw hunt in Unit 14B from Sept. 25 – 29.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Do Not Adopt

- ❖ The overall population estimate was 1662. The population objective is 2500 – 2800.
- ❖ Harvest has been high the last 2 years.
- ❖ Modeling of population shows extra harvest is not sustainable.

**Proposal 84**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Require antlers and jaw bones of bull moose to be provided to the Department of Fish and Game for Unit 14A.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Do Not Adopt

This proposal would place an extra burden on moose hunters and the information is not critical to manage the herd.

**Proposal 93**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Delay the start of the general moose season in 16B to September 1 and extend the season until September 25.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Amend and Adopt

- ❖ Amend season dates to August 25<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ We currently have the moose to shift the season in Unit 16B by 5 days.
- ❖ This amendment provides a compromise on the dates and would align the seasons.
- ❖ The department recommends aligning the season with other seasons in the valley areas including 14A, 14B, and 16A. As such the amendment would include 16A and align the general moose season in all of the units to August 25 through September 25.
- ❖ The department also recommends non resident seasons be aligned with resident seasons in all units.

**Proposal 95**

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Delay the moose season for residents in Unit 16B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Take No Action

Based on the board action on proposal 93.

**Proposal 96**

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Change the general moose hunting season date to September 1 – September 30 in Unit 16B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Take No Action

Based on the board action on proposal 93.

**Proposal 98**

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Change the season for moose in Unit 16B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Take No Action

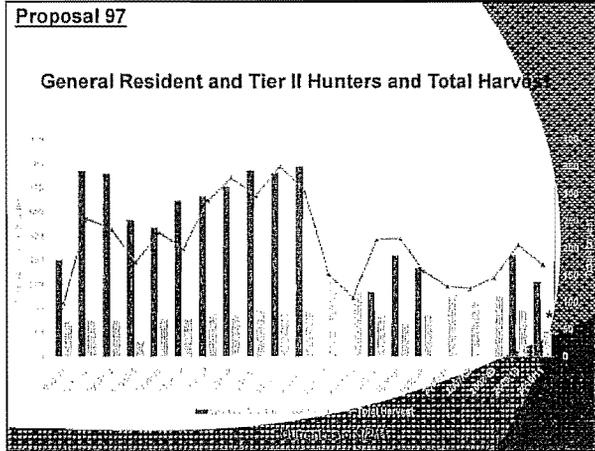
Based on the board action on proposal 93.

**Proposal 97**

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Close all moose hunts in Unit 16B except the Tier II moose hunt.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Do Not Adopt

The combined ANS findings for the mainland portion of 16B is 199 – 227 moose. Currently the harvest with Tier I hunting has been able to provide more opportunity to resident hunters while providing for subsistence needs.



**Proposal 97**

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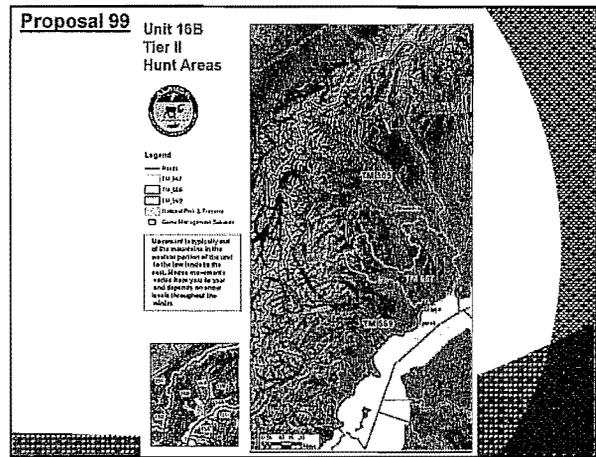
**Proposal 99**

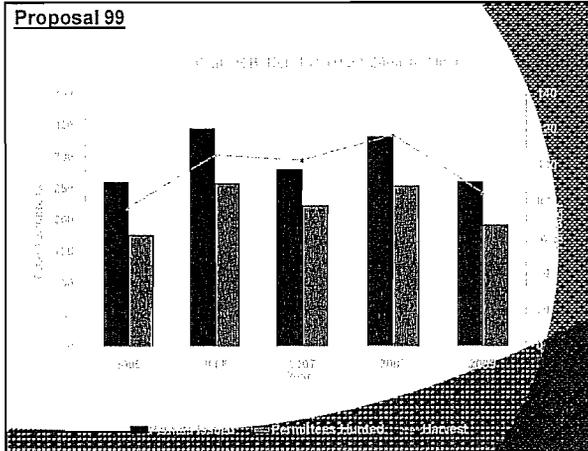
**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Eliminate the winter Tier II moose hunts in Unit 16B.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Do Not Adopt

**Issues:**

- ❖ The board has found that the current fall and winter seasons provide reasonable opportunities for subsistence hunting of moose in Unit 16B.
- ❖ There is limited disturbance from hunters.
- ❖ Moose are believed to be from a different subpopulation and not available in the fall hunt.





**Proposal 99**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Eliminate the winter Tier II moose hunts in Unit 16B.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Do Not Adopt

**Issues:**

- ❖ The board has found that the current fall and winter seasons provide reasonable opportunities for subsistence hunting of moose in Unit 16B.
- ❖ There is limited disturbance from hunters.
- ❖ Moose are believed to be from a different subpopulation and not available in the fall hunt.

**Proposal 94**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Open a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16B.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** No Recommendation

**This is an allocation issue.**

**Proposal 94**

**Current Regulation**

- < 241 Tier II and Resident Hunting
- > 240 Tier II, resident, and nonresident hunting
- Nonresident season dates Aug. 20 – Sept. 30

Current sustainable surplus estimated at 250 for a 25 bull: 100 cow ratio

### Proposal 94

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Open a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation

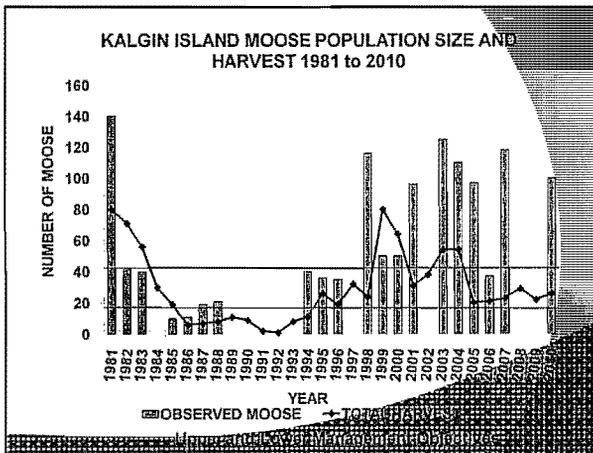
This is an allocation issue.

### Proposal 100

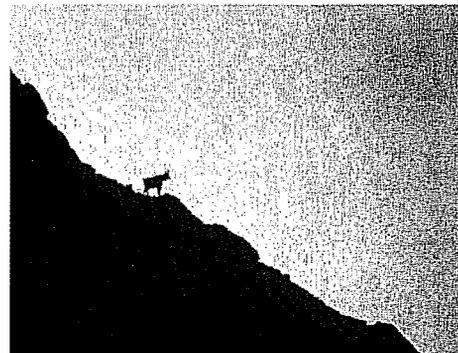
EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

Staff proposal



### Goat Proposals

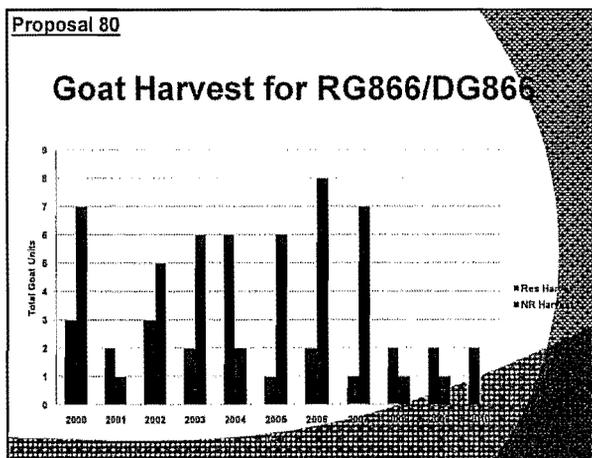
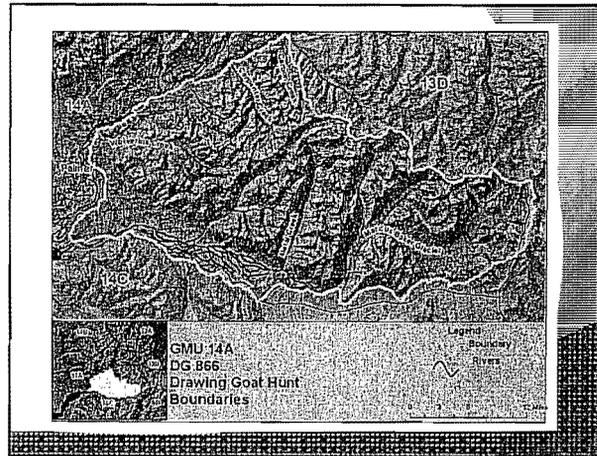


### Proposal 80

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Retain the unit 14A drawing goat hunt and add an October 1 – 31 registration hunt for residents only.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

Staff proposal



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DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

Staff proposal

### Proposal 79

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Change the goat drawing hunt in Unit 14A to a registration hunt for residents and a draw hunt for nonresidents.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Take No Action

Based on the decisions the Board makes on proposal 80

### Proposal 81

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Change the Unit 14A goat drawing hunt to a registration hunt and split it into two hunts.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Take No Action

Based on the decisions the Board makes on proposal 80

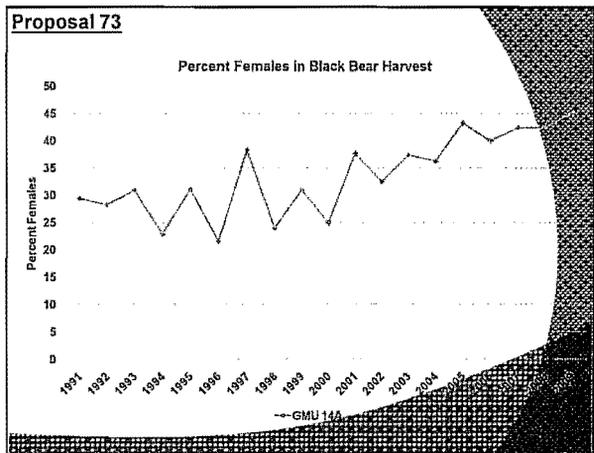
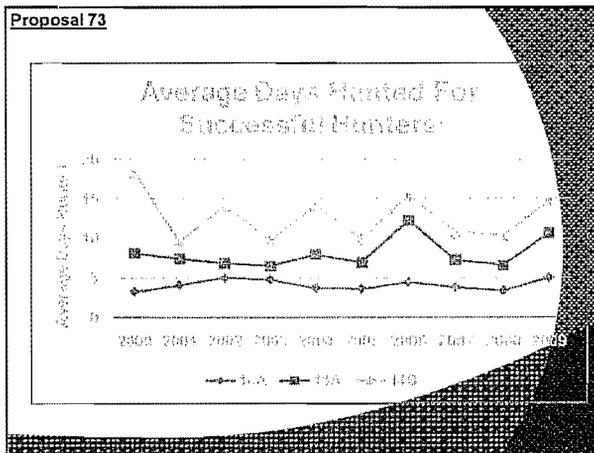
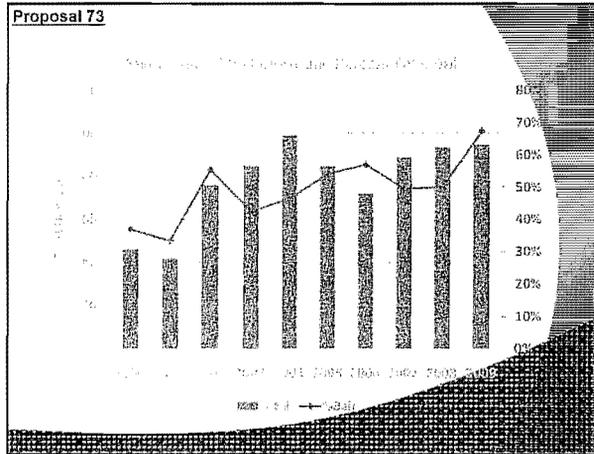
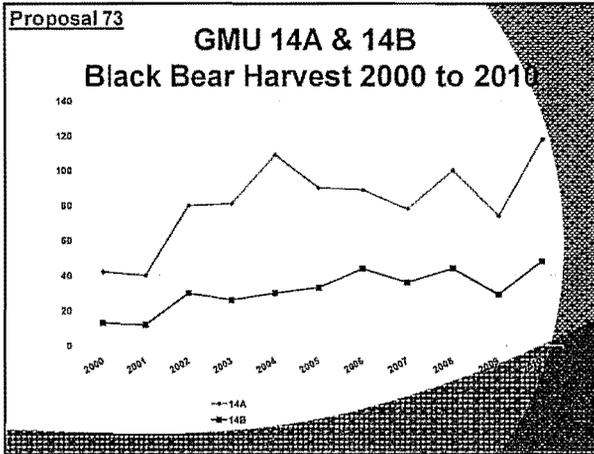


### Proposal 73

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Raise the bag limit for black bear in Unit 14A.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

Current: Unit 14(A) has no closed season and the one bear a bag limit .



### Proposal 73

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Raise the bag limit for black bear in Unit 14A.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

Current: Unit 14(A) has no closed season and the one bear a year bag limit .

### Proposal 74

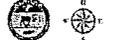
EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Allow guide-outfitters to have up to 10 bait stations in Unit 16.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation

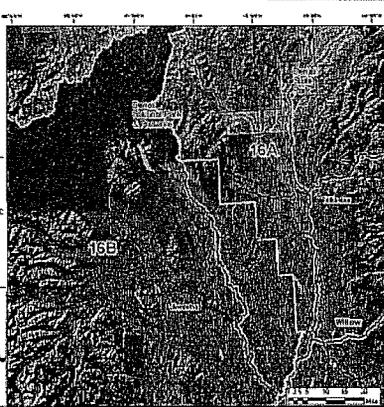
- ❖ There is no biological issue.
- ❖ Currently 5 AAC 92.044 provides for guide-outfitters to have up to 10 bait stations in the predator control portion of 16.
- ❖ Allowing guides to have up to 10 bait stations in the remainder of Unit 16A may be problematic due to the number of bait hunters already in the area, cabins and homes.

### Proposal 74

Game Management Unit 16A



- Legend
- Roads
  - Predator Control Boundary
  - Park & Preserve land created in RC
  - ▨ Birch Creek Park
  - ▨ Birch River Park
  - Game Management Subunits
- 16 A = 1,358 sq mi



### Proposal 74

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Allow guide-outfitters to have up to 10 bait stations in Unit 16.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: No Recommendation

- ❖ There is no biological issue.
- ❖ Currently 5 AAC 92.044 provides for guide-outfitters to have up to 10 bait stations in the predator control portion of 16.
- ❖ Allowing guides to have up to 10 bait stations in the remainder of Unit 16A may be problematic due to the number of bait hunters already in the area, cabins and homes.

### Proposal 90

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Close the antlerless moose permit hunt in Unit 14A and open a spring brown bear season allowing the use of bait stations.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Do Not Adopt

Currently the moose population in GMU 14A is above population objective. Antlerless hunts in GMU 14A have not had a negative effect on the population and continue to provide extra opportunity for hunters.

The brown bear bag limit is one bear every four years. Moose calving and recruitment is not significantly impacted by the current brown bear population.

### Proposal 76

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Open a year long season for brown bear in Unit 16

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Amend If Adopted

- ❖ No biological concerns have been identified for brown bears.
- ❖ Moose calf recruitment in GMU 16 is low, other parameters high.
- ❖ Predation by brown and black bears is responsible for the low recruitment.
- ❖ Allowing the additional brown bears to be taken in the summer may help reduce the brown bear population and may increase moose calf recruitment.
- ❖ Amend to exclude the Wolverine Creek area and keep their season open from May 15 – September 31

### Proposal 103

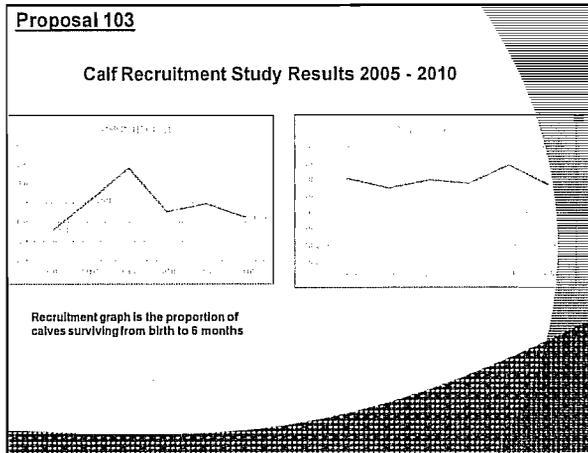
EFFECT OF PROPOSAL: Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan to reduce wolf and black bear predation on moose for Unit 16

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

### Proposal 103

Predator Reduction in GMU 16B:

- ❖ SDA for wolves began in December of 2004 with a population estimate of 180 – 200 wolves.
- ❖ Latest estimate of wolves in Unit 16 is between 57 – 108
- ❖ Spring 2007 estimate of black bears in Unit 16B was 3200 – 3800.
- ❖ Over 1200 black bears taken in Unit 16B since the start of control.



- Proposal 103**
- Summary:**
- ❖ Reduction of wolves has led to an increase in over winter survival of cows, calves, and yearlings.
  - ❖ The unit has high productivity with good pregnancy rates, birthing rates, twinning rates, rump fat, & calf weights.
  - ❖ All indications show that nutrition is not a limiting factor.
  - ❖ Calf mortality is still high in the first few months of life.
  - ❖ Calf recruitment is low.
  - ❖ Black bear harvest has more than doubled since the start of the control program.
  - ❖ Population and harvest are still below objectives.

**Proposal 103**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan to reduce wolf and black bear predation on moose for Unit 16.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt

**Proposal 77**

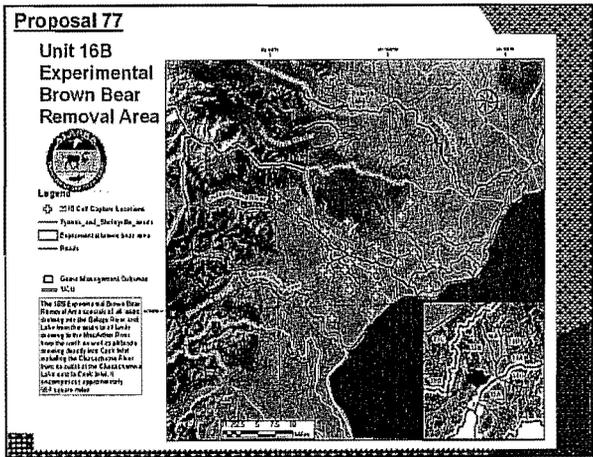
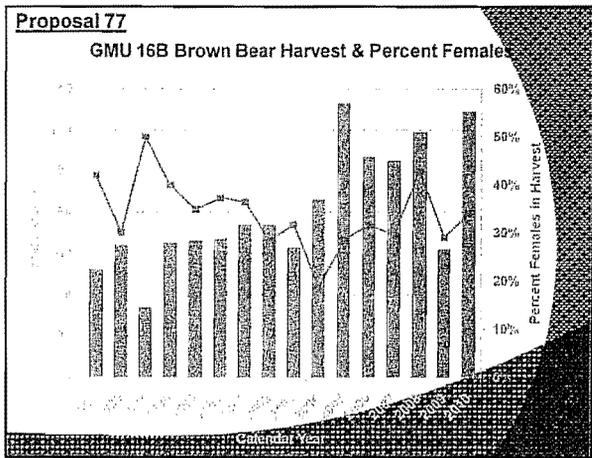
**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Include brown bear control in the Unit 16 predator management program.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt

**Proposal 77**

**Issue:**

- ❖ Calf recruitment in 16B is still low, ranging from 11-19 calves per 100 cows.
- ❖ Calf mortality study in 16B South showed that brown bears were responsible for 47% of the calf mortality.
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**Proposal 77**

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**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt

### Proposal 78

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Remove brown and black bear harvest authorized in the Unit 16 intensive management plan.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Do Not Adopt

Unit 16 has been identified under the intensive management provisions in state law (A.S. 16.05.255 (e-g)) as an area where the "consumptive use of big game prey populations is a preferred use". Under this law, the Department is required to take steps to increase the prey populations. Moose in Unit 16 are below population and harvest objectives.

The first part of this proposal is not a proposal for regulatory change.

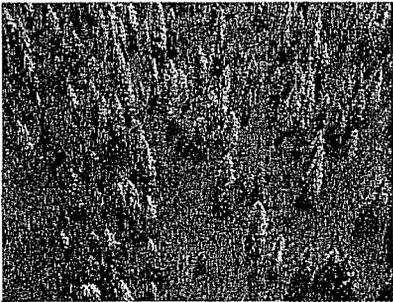
### Proposal 75

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Consider a customary and traditional finding for bears and moose in Unit 16A.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Take No Action

Unit 16A is designated as a non-subsistence area by the Joint Boards. That decision would need to be reversed before a customary and traditional finding for moose and bear in GMU 16A could be established.

### Furbearer Proposals



### Proposal 102

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Modify the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for Wolves in Unit 16.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** No Recommendation

- ❖ If the Board acts on this proposal, it would only apply to Unit 16B, as 16A is currently a non-subsistence area.
- ❖ Wolves occur throughout Unit 16 and no biological concerns have been identified.

**Proposal 101**

**EFFECT OF PROPOSAL:** Reduce the bag limit for wolves in Unit 16A and close the nonresident season.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** No Recommendation

This proposal allocates wolf hunting opportunity.

Current: 10 wolves for residents and nonresidents

Proposed: 1 wolf for residents and no nonresident hunting

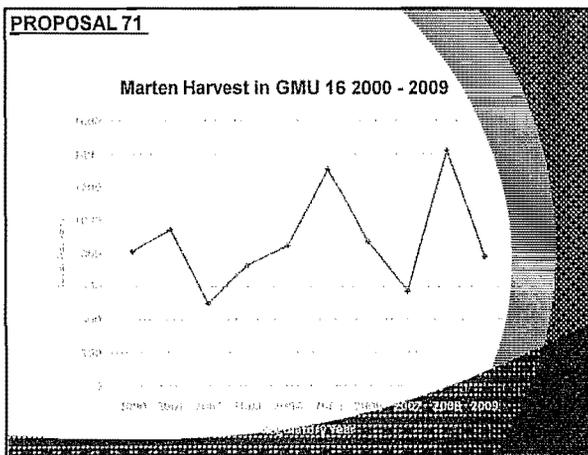
- ❖ Current regulations allow for sustainable harvest of the population.
- ❖ No hunter in Unit 16(A) in the last 20 years has taken more than 4 wolves in any single season.
- ❖ In the last 20 years only 6 wolves were harvested by nonresident hunters in 16(A).

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**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** Amend and Adopt

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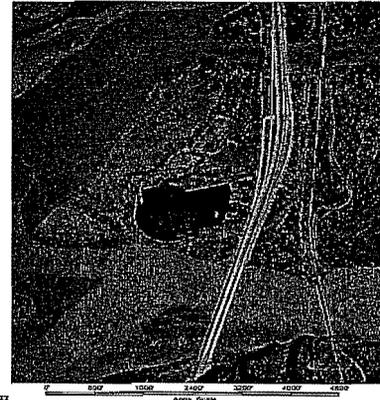
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