

### Proposal 59

Shortens the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou DC001 in Unit 7 to Aug. 10–Sept. 20

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

- Anchorage 5-1-0
- Central Pen. 11-1-0
- Homer 14-1-0
- Kenai Soldotna 10-0-0

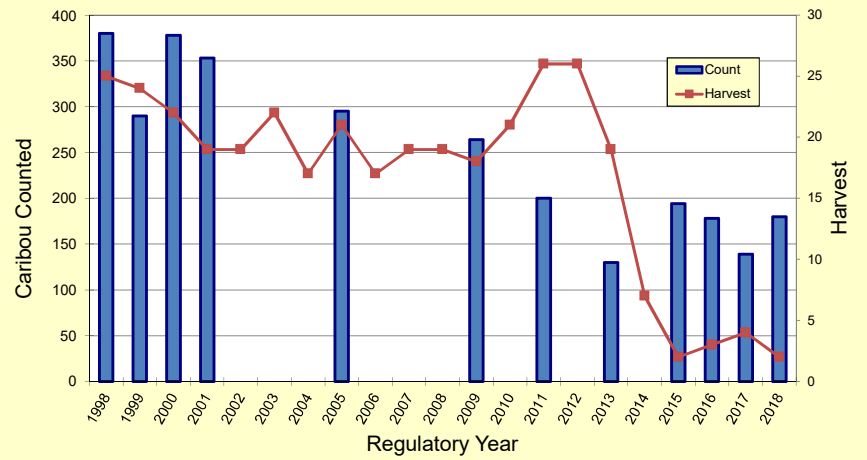
**Oppose**

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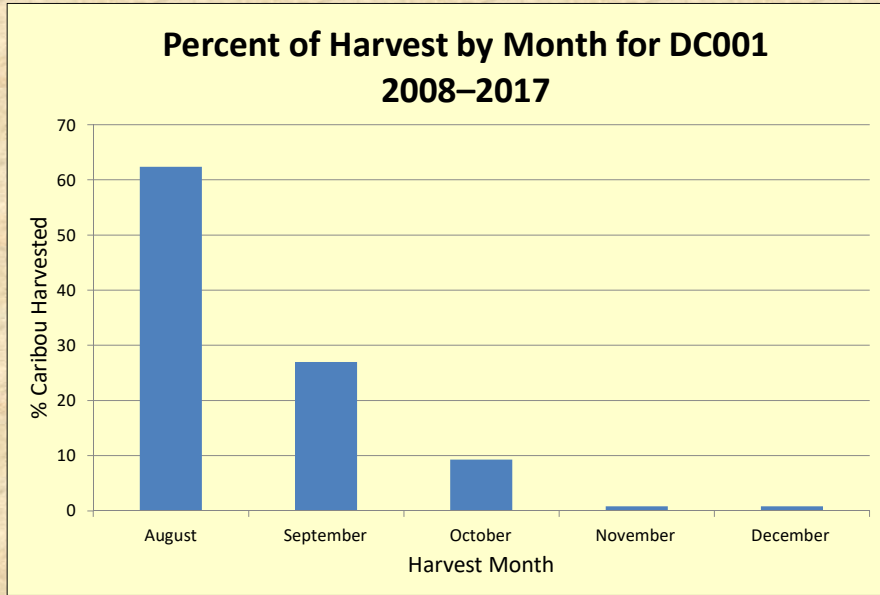
- Current season dates for DC001 are Aug. 10–Dec. 31. Federal subsistence dates currently match this season.
- Proposed season dates of Aug. 10–Sept. 20 would align all state caribou hunts on the Kenai Peninsula.
- New season dates would allow the department to collar animals when they are in optimum condition, and avoid conflicts with hunters.
- New season dates would eliminate any hunting during rut.



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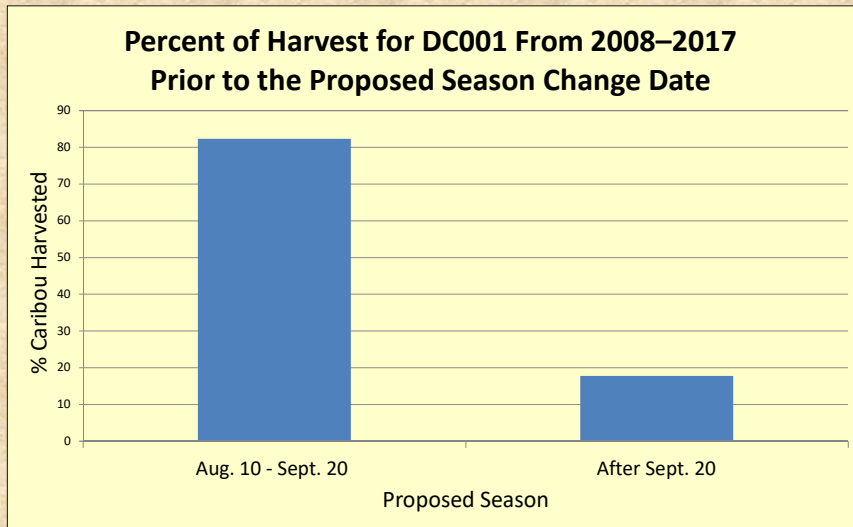


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## Proposal 60

Changes the hunting season dates for mountain goats in Units 7 & 15 as follows: Aug. 10–Sept. 30 and Oct. 10–Oct. 24

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Central Pen. 12-0-0

Homer 11-2-2

Seldovia 4-0-0

### Oppose

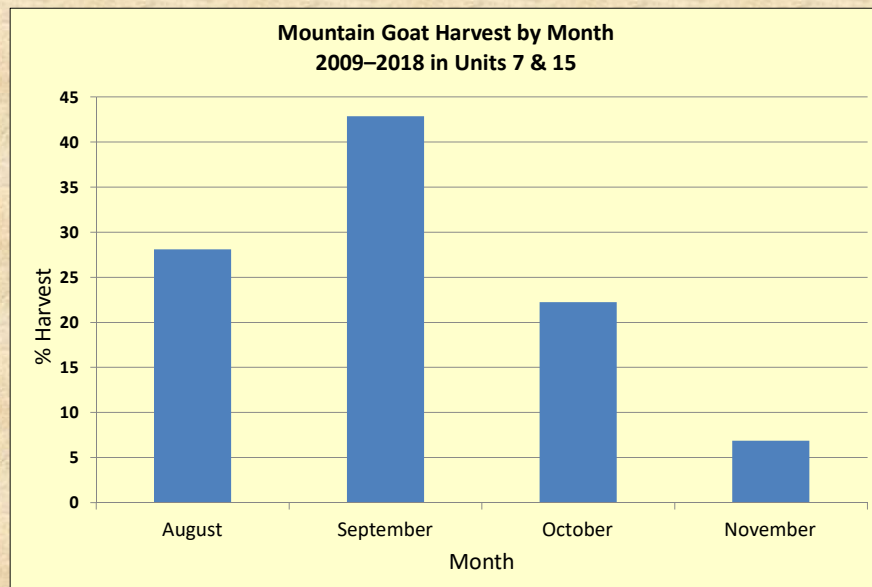
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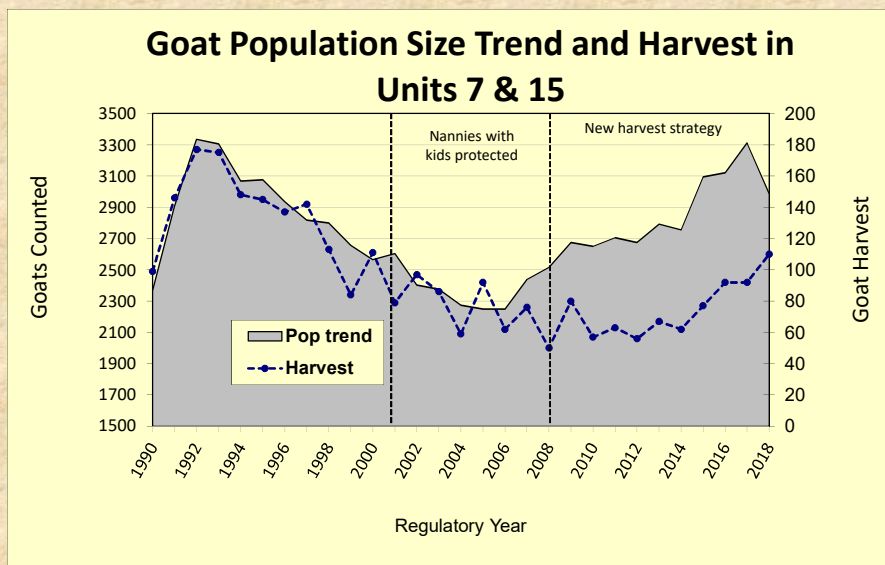
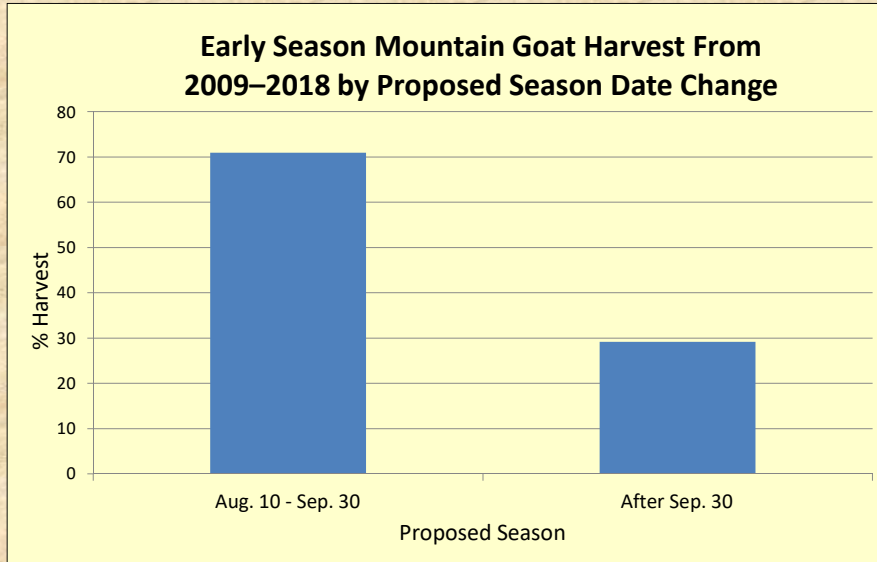
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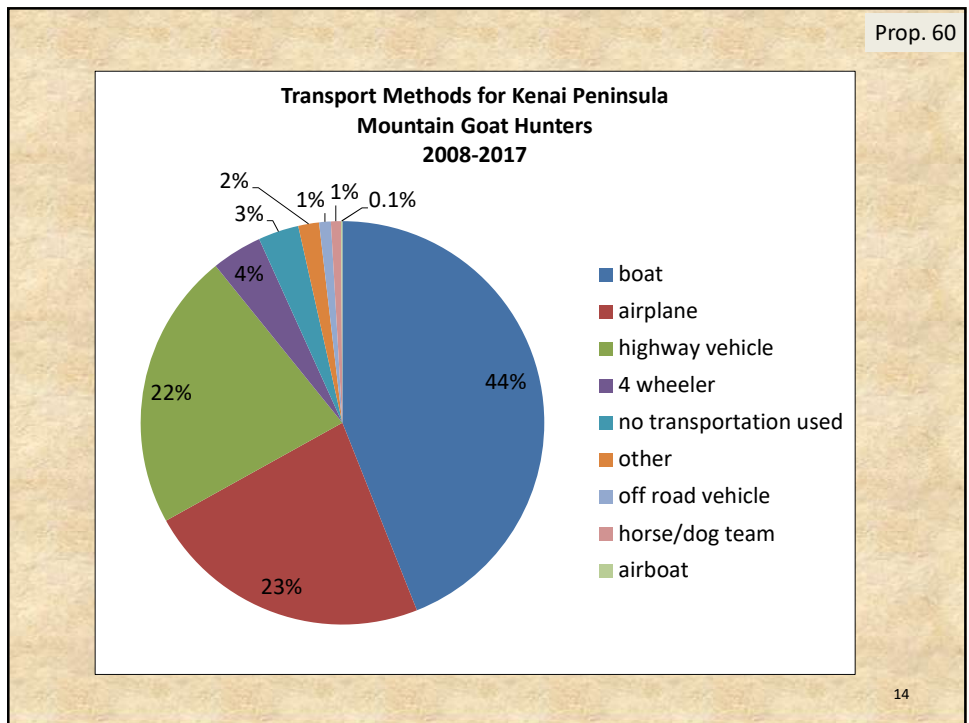
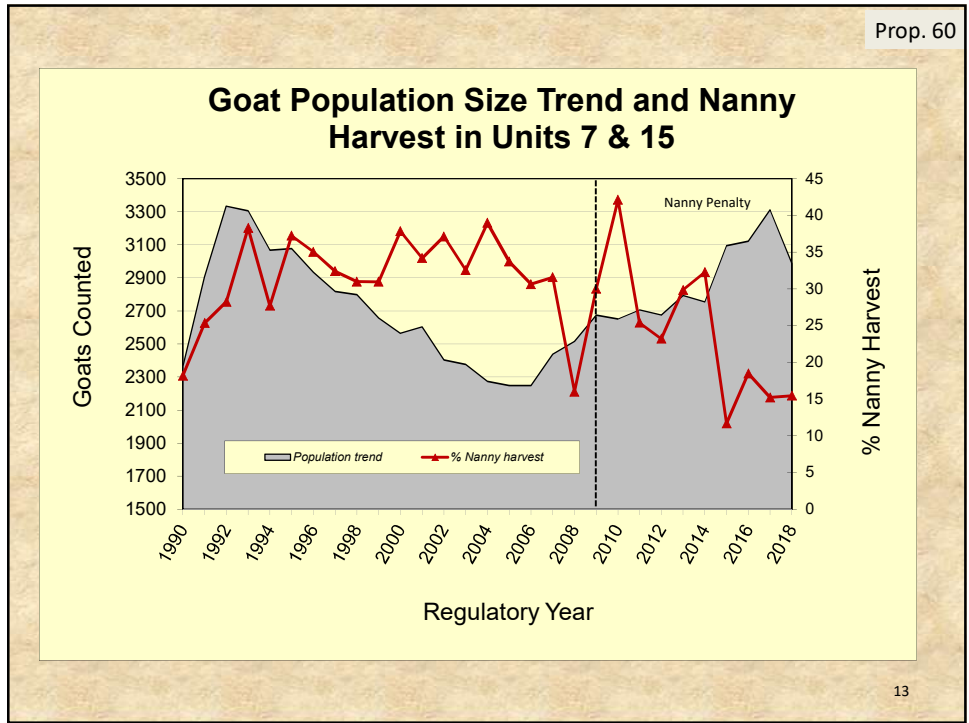
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## Background

- Current season dates
  - Early season: Aug. 10 – Oct. 15
  - Late season: Nov. 1 – Nov. 14
- New date moves the late registration season outside of the rut
  - Beneficial for breeding
  - Meat quality of billies (animals we want hunters to target)
- Hunters might have to choose between hunts due to overlapping seasons
  - Sheep: Aug. 10 – Sept. 20
  - Moose: Sept. 1 – Sept. 25
- Hide quality: Majority of animals have nice hides by late September
- Access issues due to weather during the current late season hunt
- ANS: 7–10 goats outside the nonsubsistence area (harvestable surplus currently exceeds high end of the ANS range)







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### Proposal 61

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**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

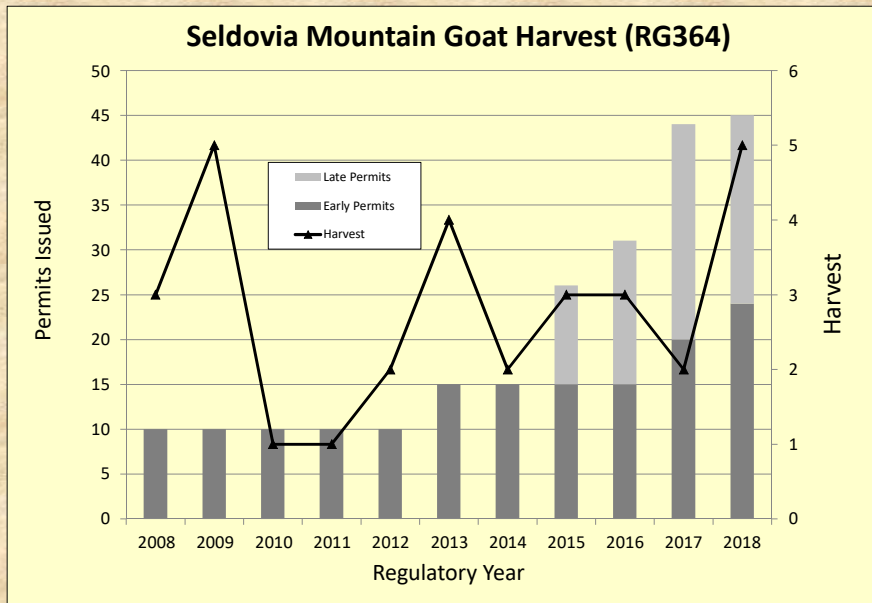
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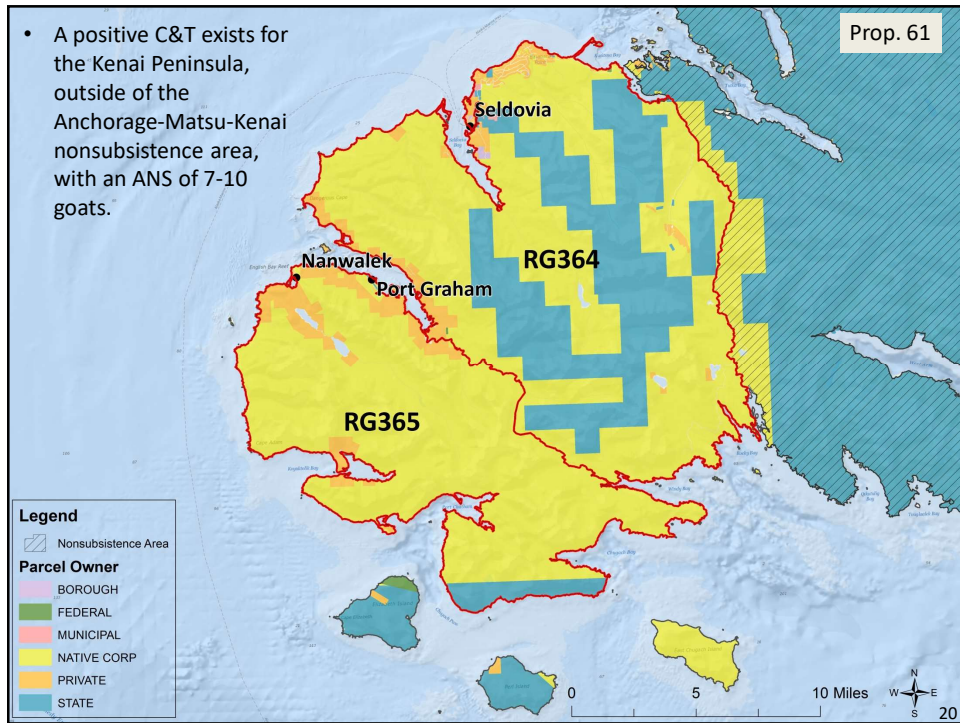
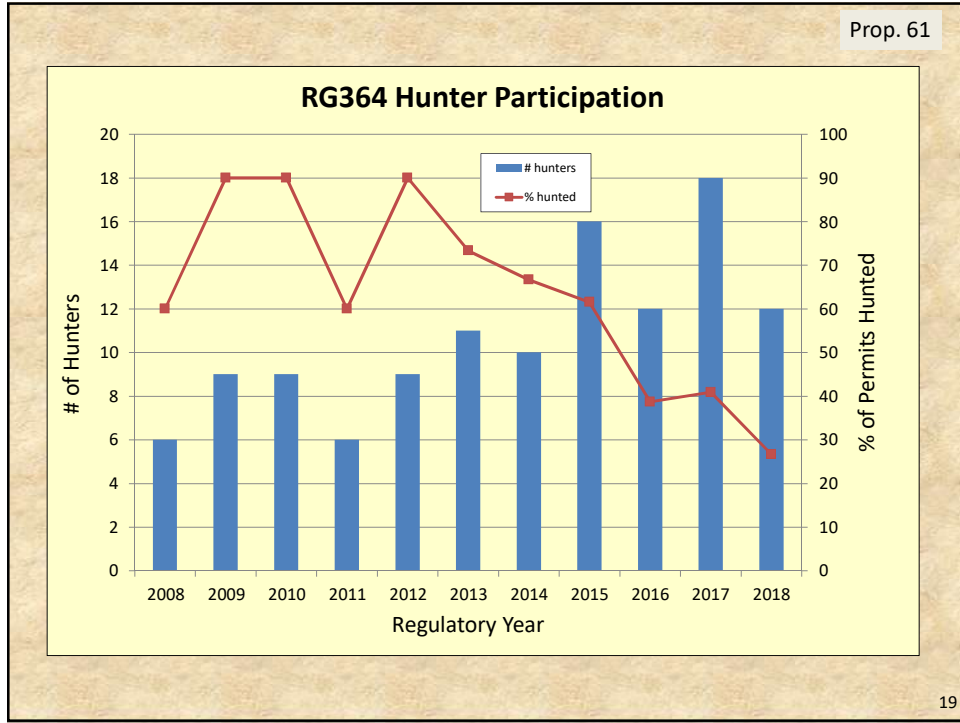
**Oppose**



## Background

- Permits originally set at 10 due to perceived community need and low mountain goat population level when hunt established
- Permit numbers have been increased as mountain goat population increases
- Low harvest and additional opportunity (points available vs. taken)
- Permits have been leftover the last 4 years after initial distribution
- Proposal allows hunters to apply for a permit without going to Seldovia





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### Oppose

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Separate the early and late season registration mountain goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C and adjusts the issuance date for permits.

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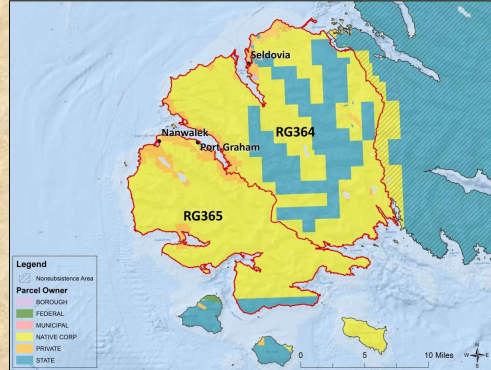
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## Background

- The requested separation of early (RG364, RG365) and late (RG364, RG365) season hunt numbers will allow the early and late seasons to be managed and tracked as separate hunts.
- The change in permit distribution date is a request from the Seldovia AC to better meet the needs of the community.
- The current permit distribution date is the second Wednesday in July.
- This proposal does not affect current season dates or quotas.



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### Oppose

## Proposal 65

Changes the bag limit for moose in Units 7 & 15 to Spike, 50", or 3 brow tines

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

<p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Anchorage 6-0-0                  Central Pen 8-4-0                  Homer 14-1-0                  Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0                  Seldovia 7-0-0</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>
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## Background

**Bull:Cow Management Objective:**  
 20-25:100 cows across the Kenai except in 15B east, Skilak Loop Management Area, and Kalgin Island

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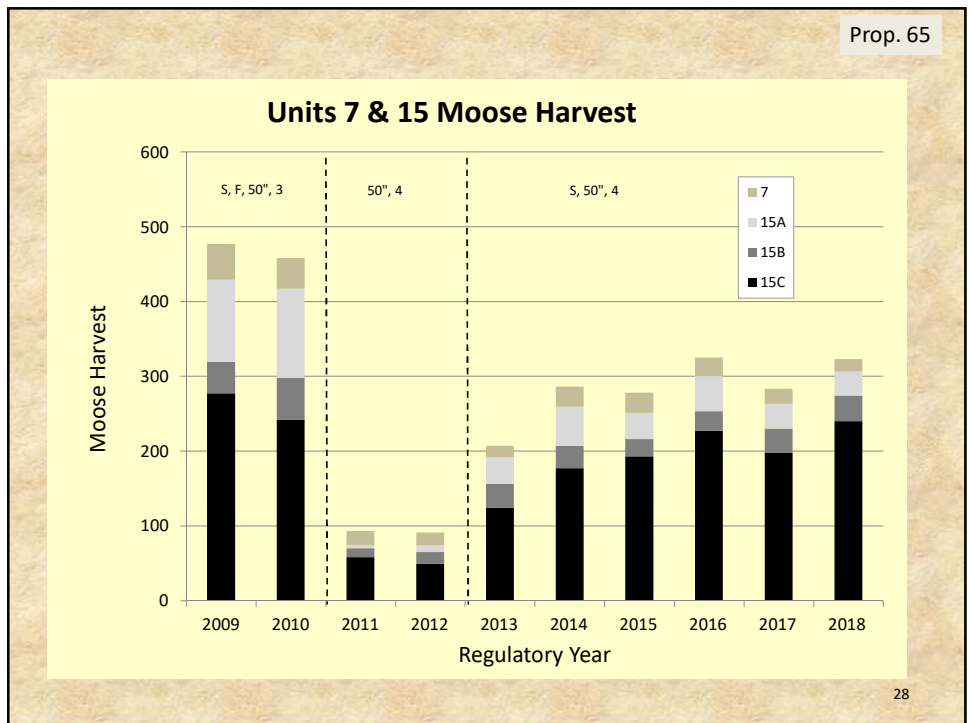
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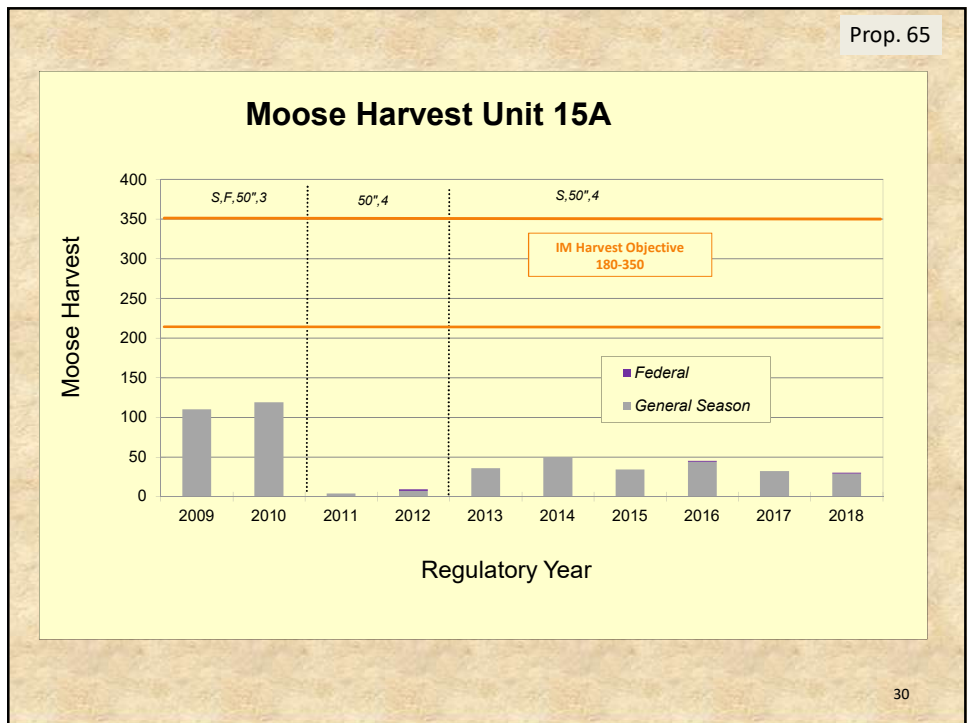
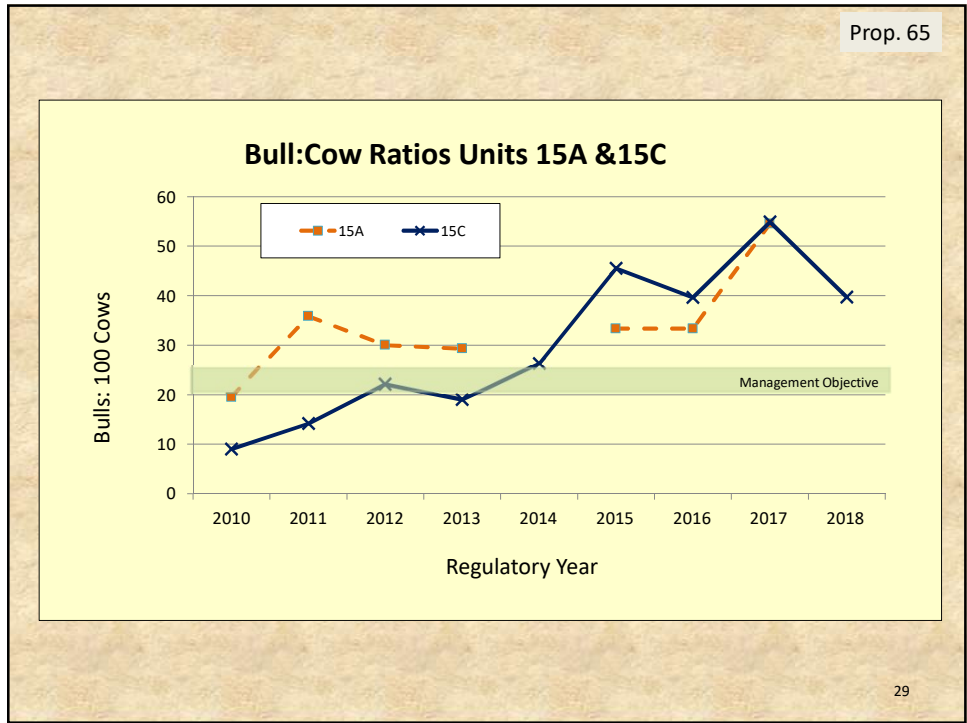
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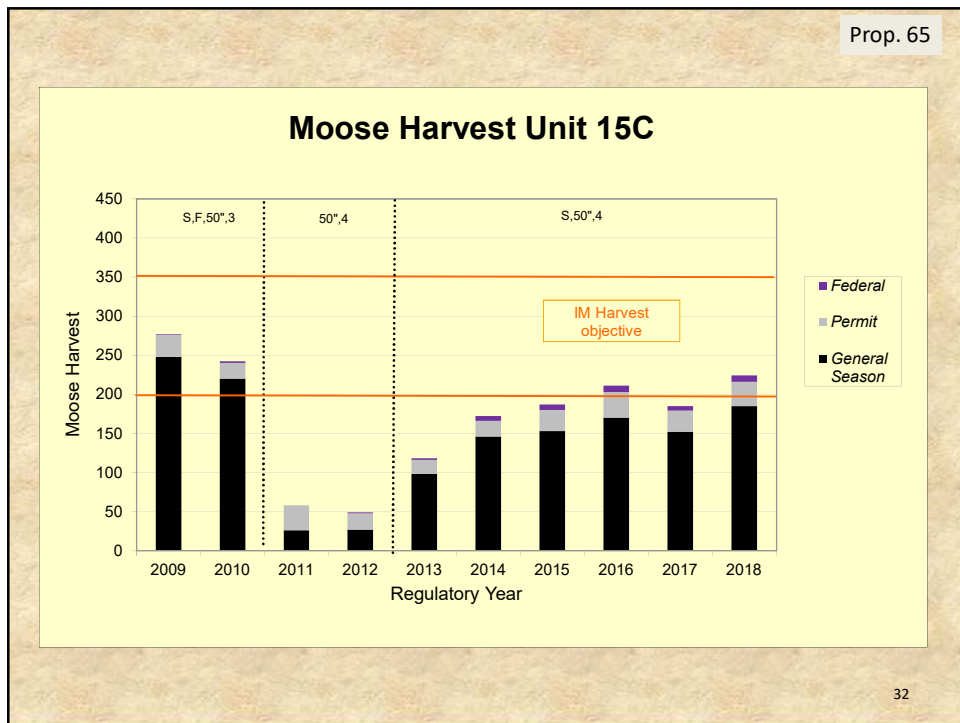
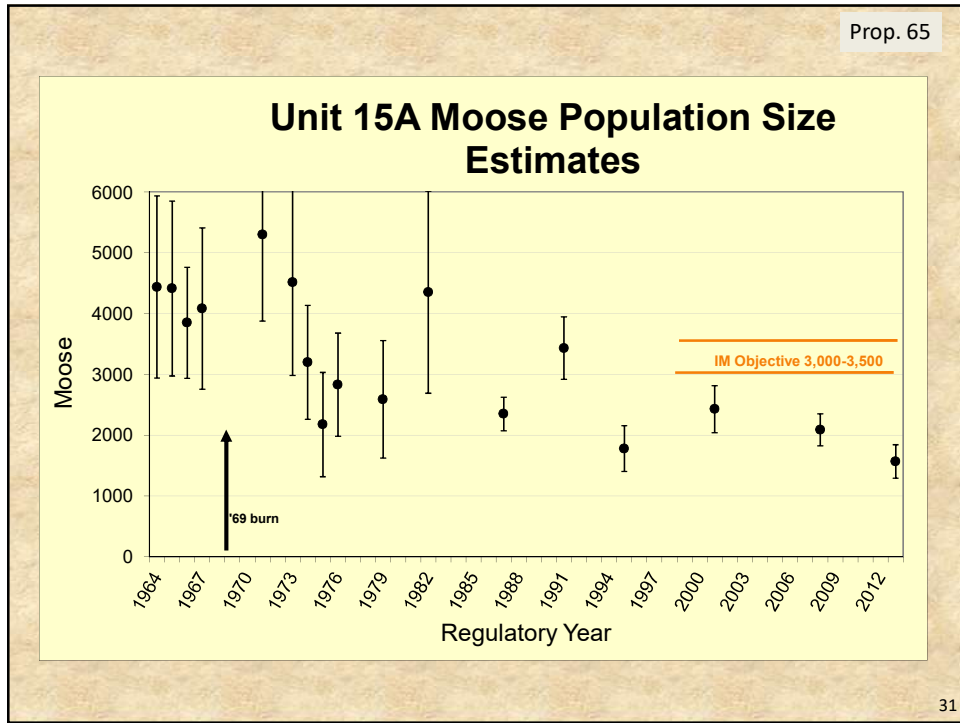
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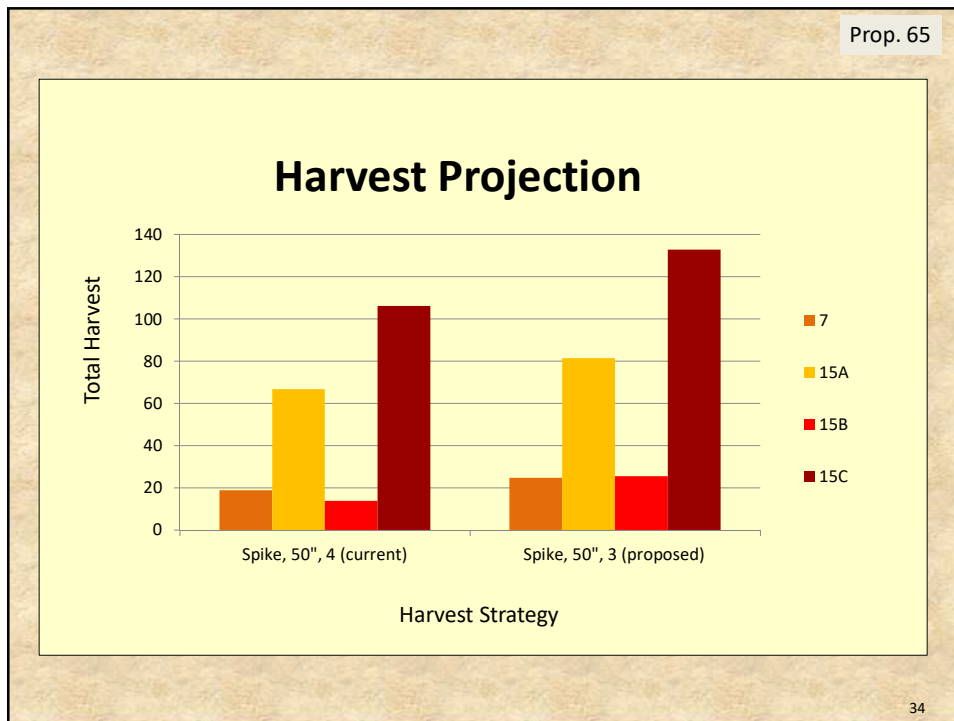
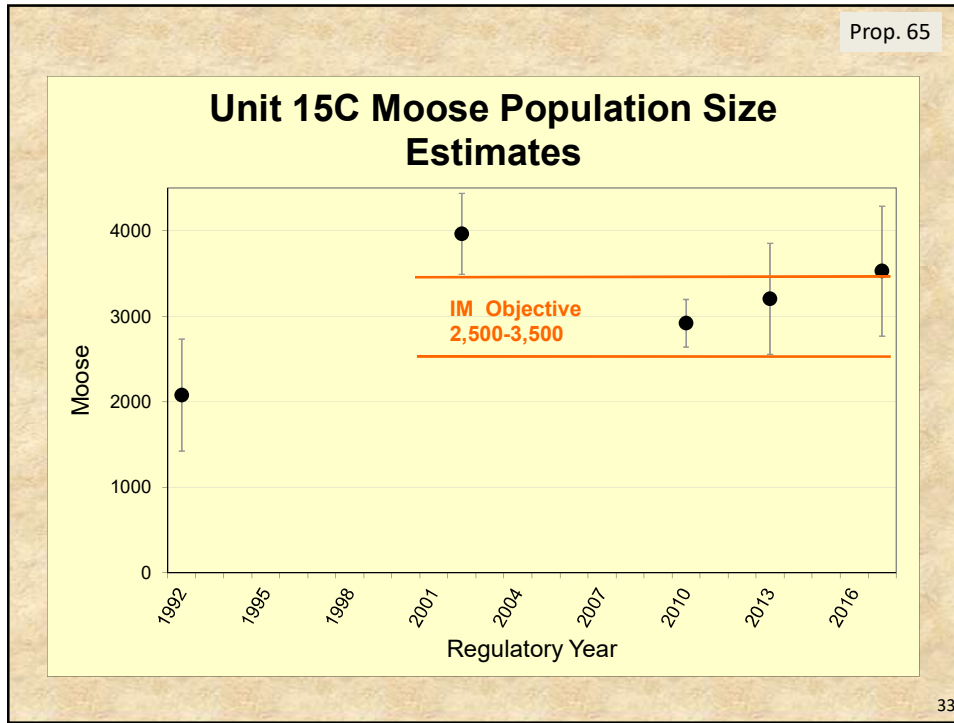
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**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Anchorage 6-0-0  
Central Pen 8-4-0  
Homer 14-1-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0  
Seldovia 7-0-0

### Oppose

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## Proposal 66

Changes the resident bag limit in Unit 15 to Spike, 50", 3 brow tines

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**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Anchorage 6-0-0  
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### Oppose

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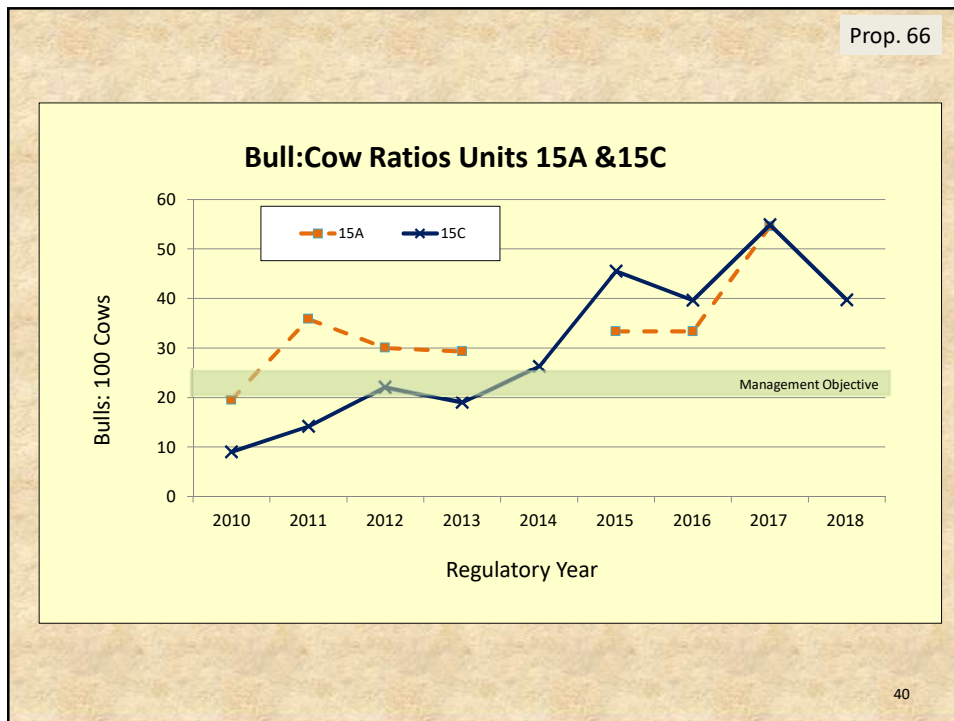
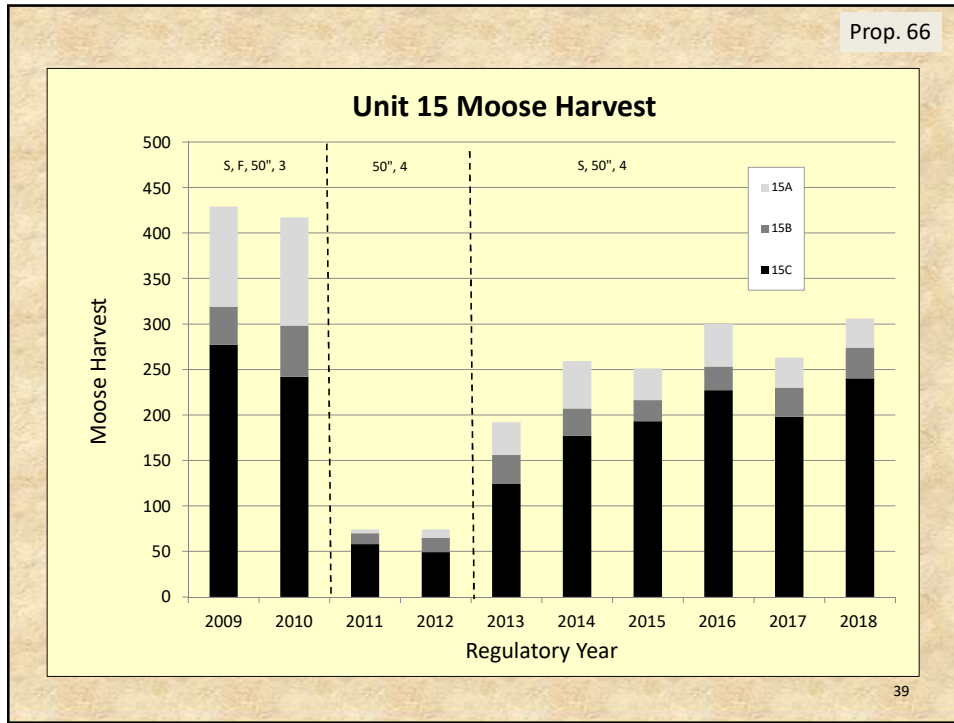
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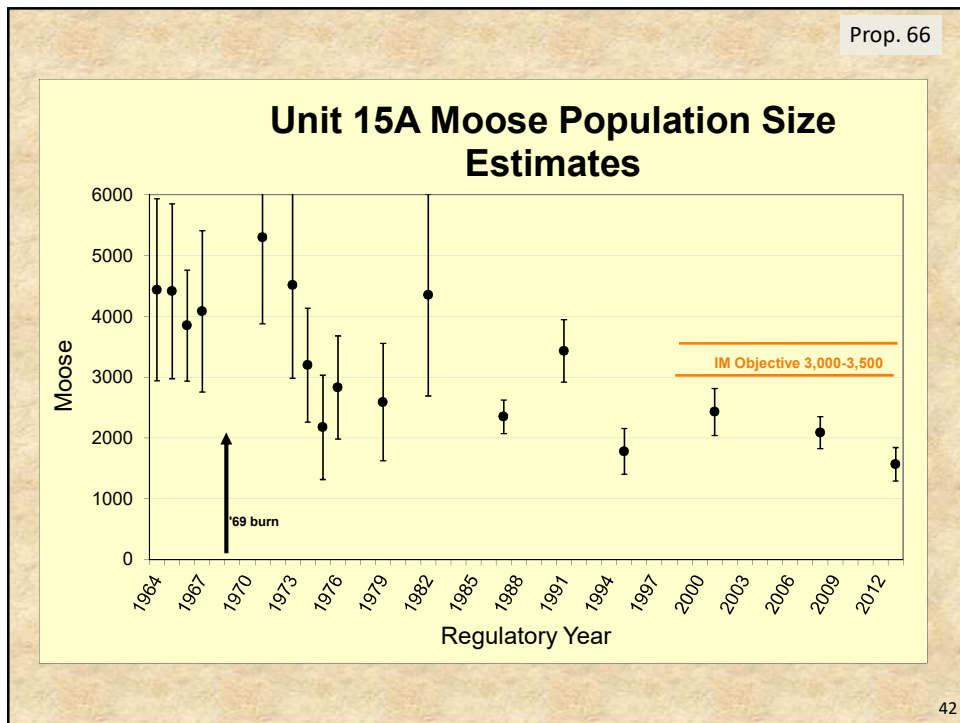
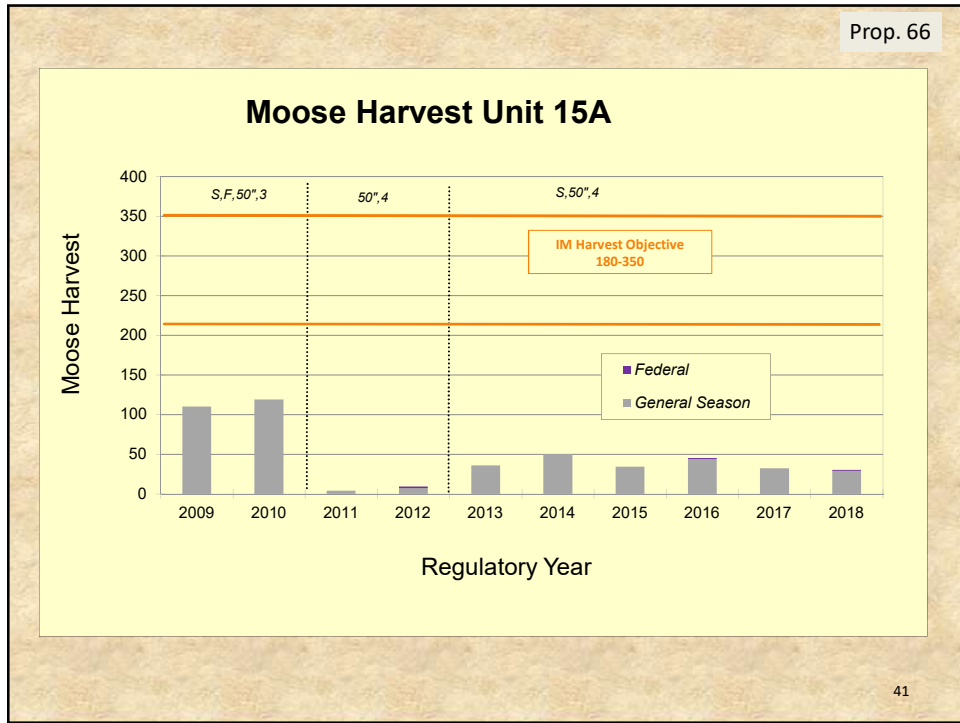
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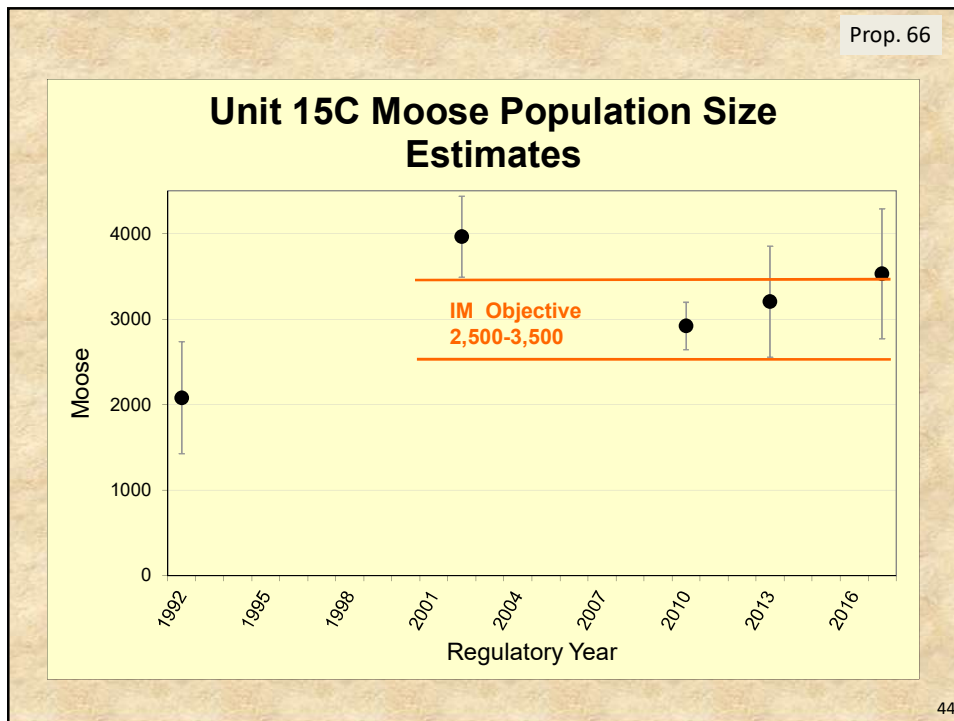
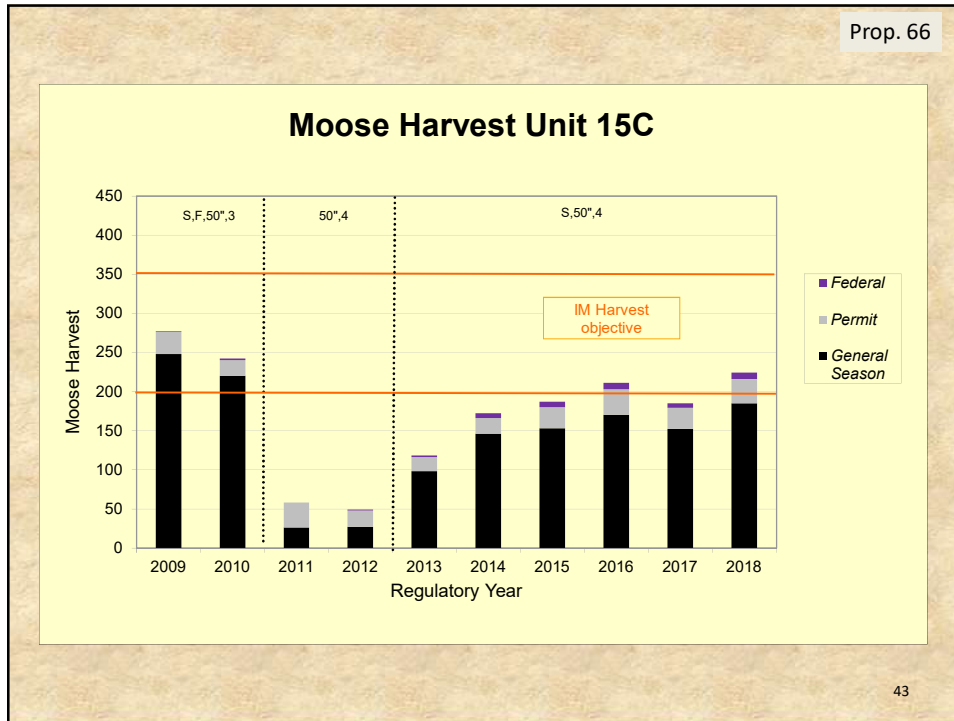
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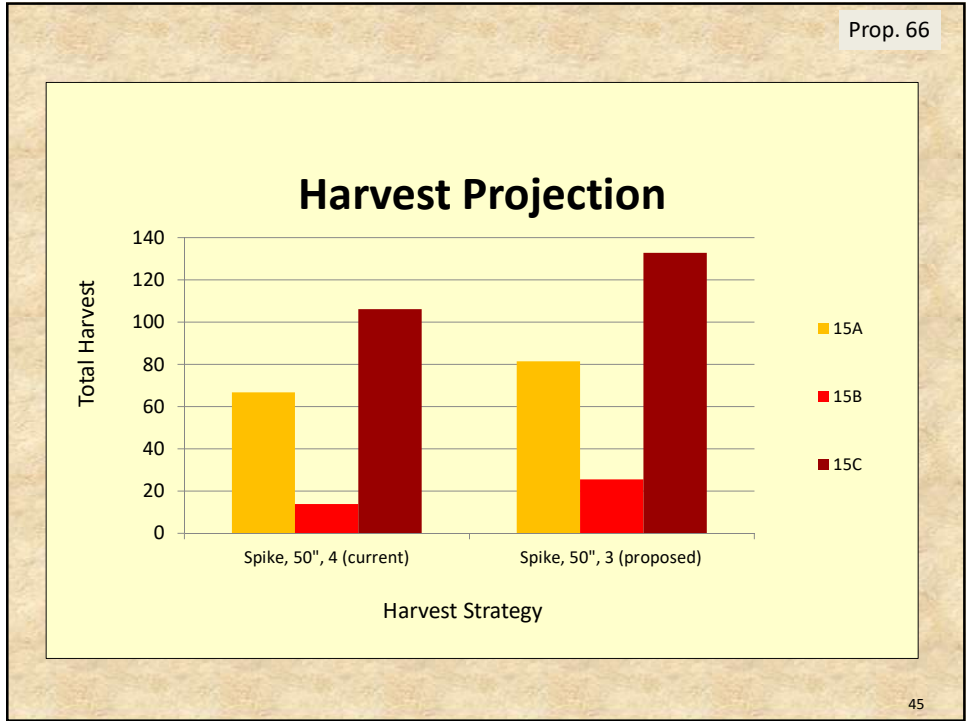
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### Support

### Oppose

Anchorage 0-5-1

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Homer 0-11-0

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## Background

- Adds fork antlered bulls to the harvest
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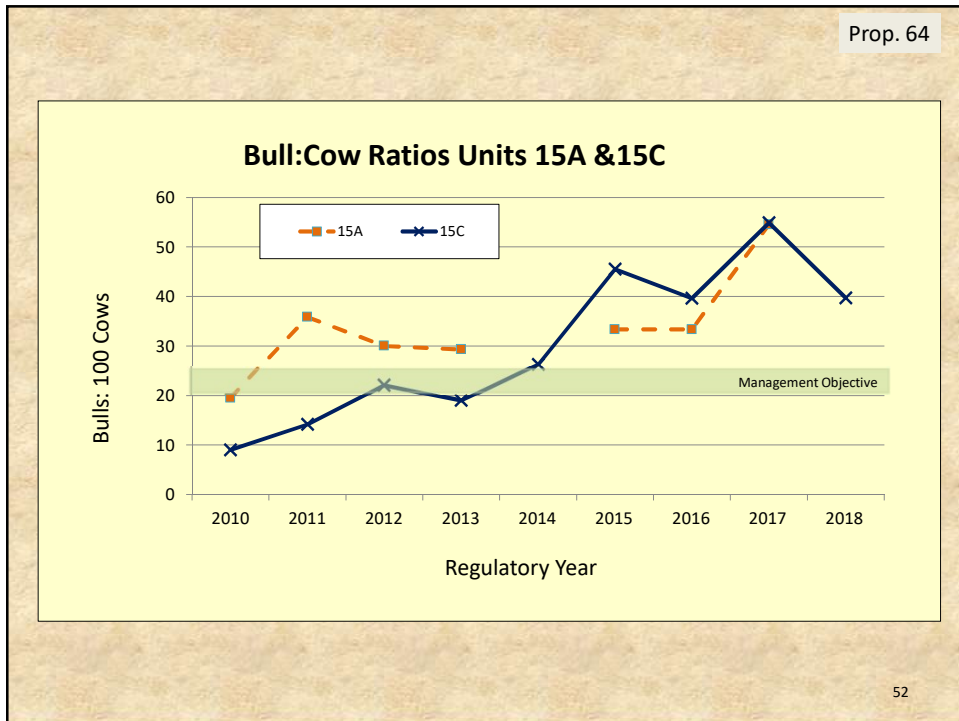
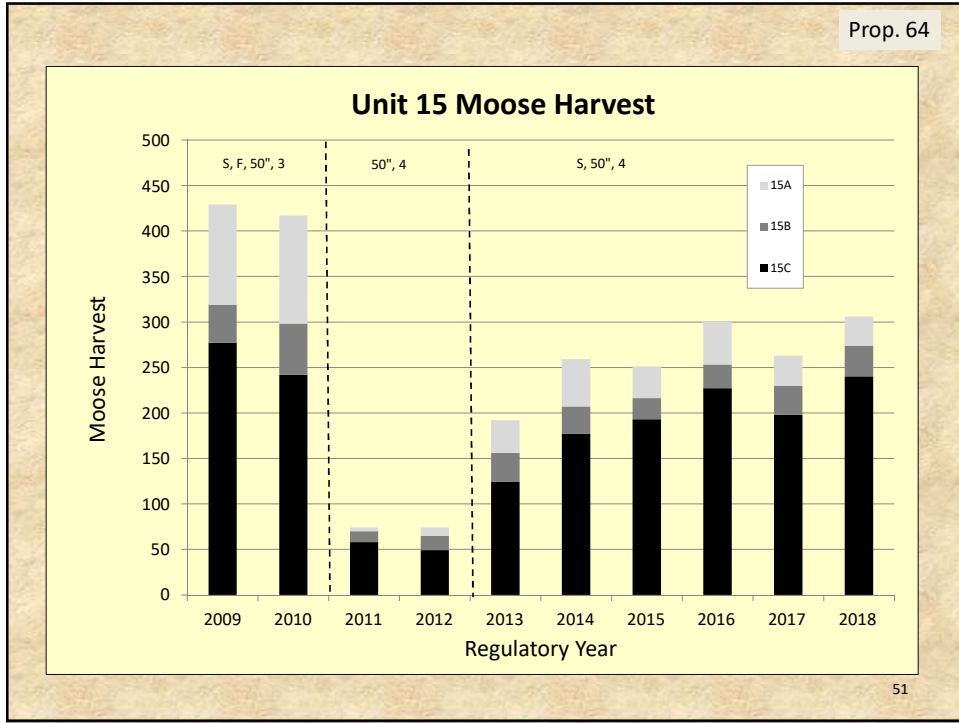
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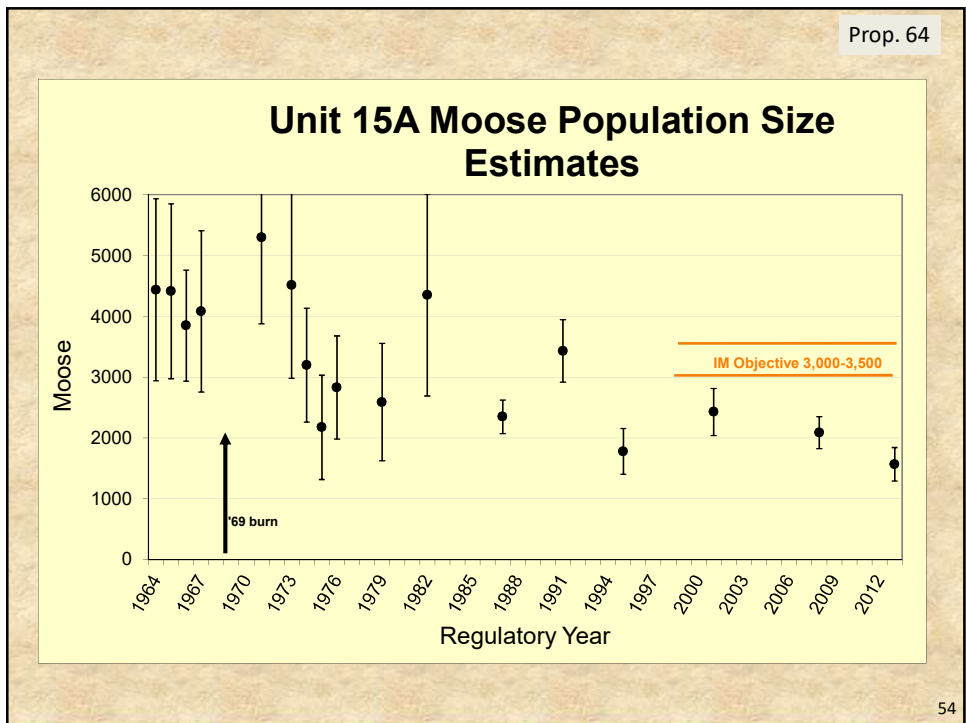
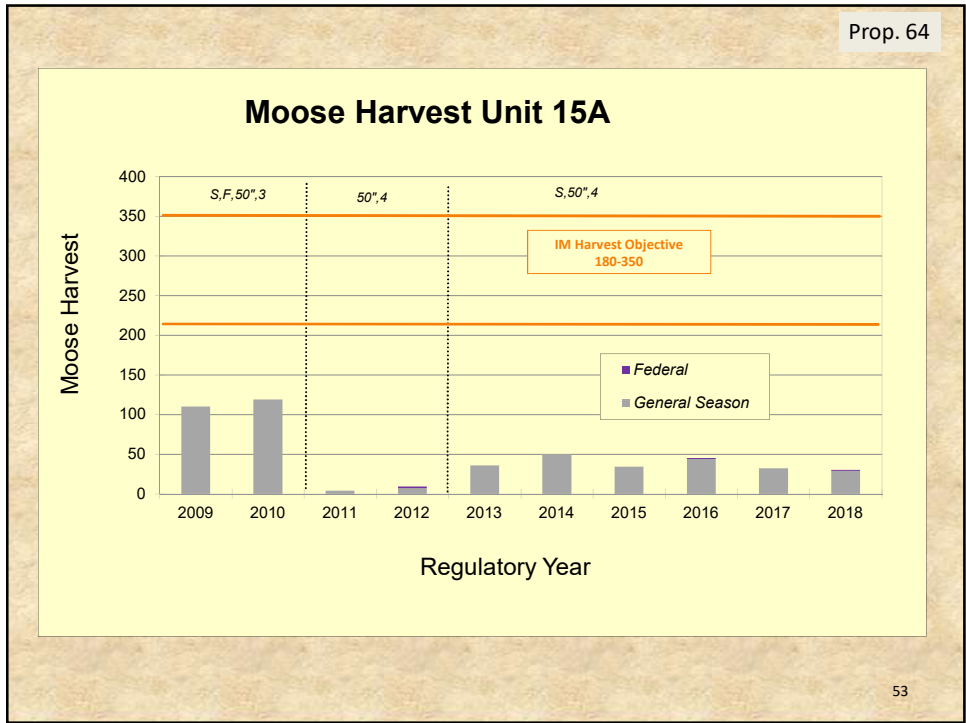
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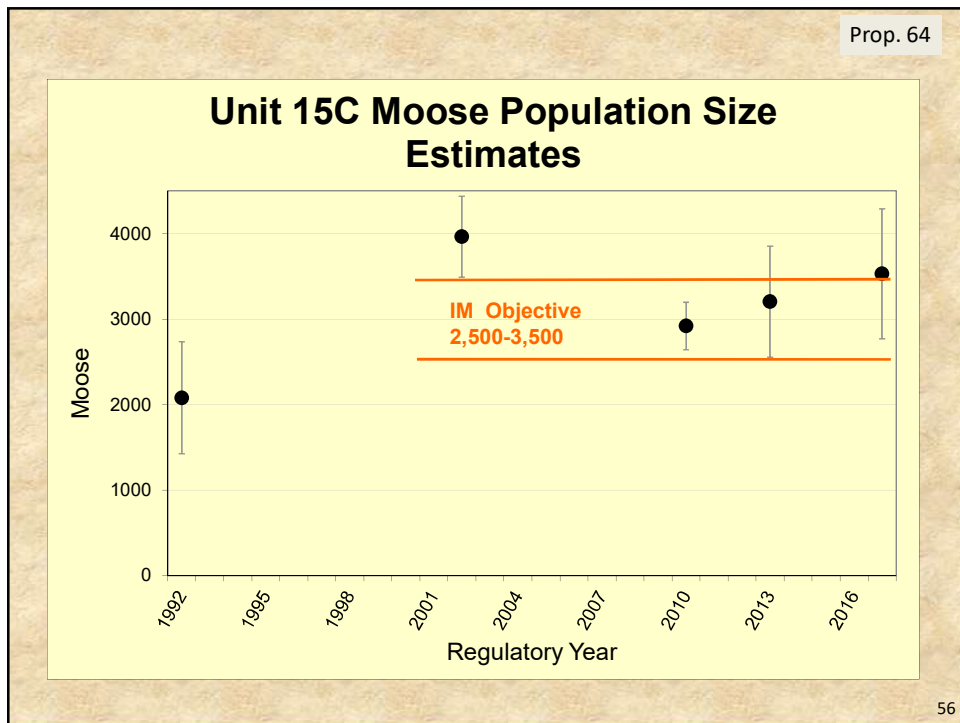
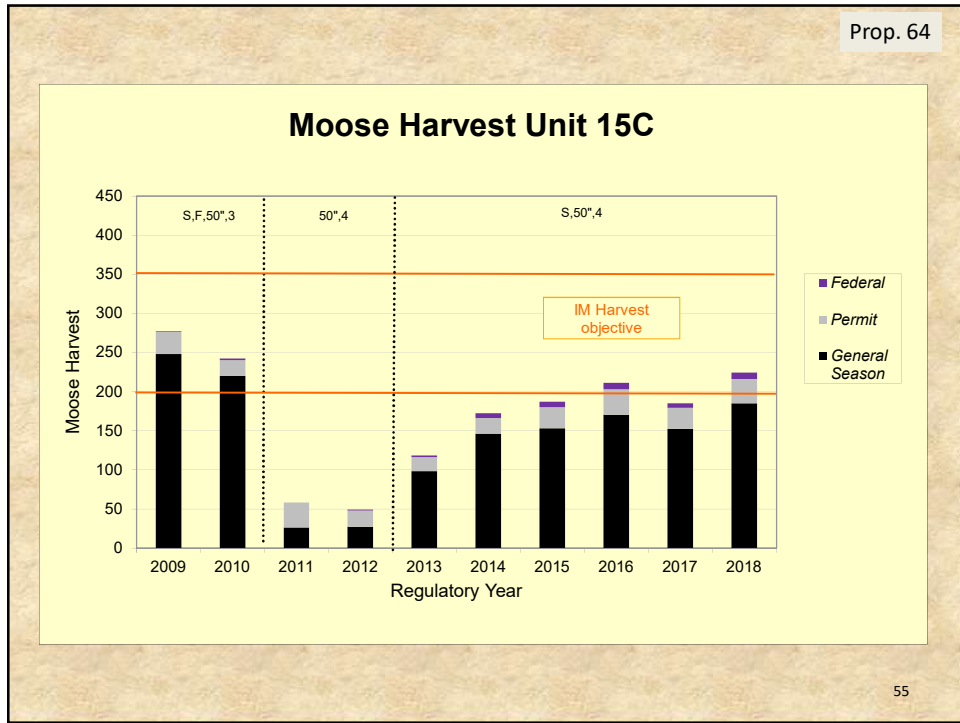
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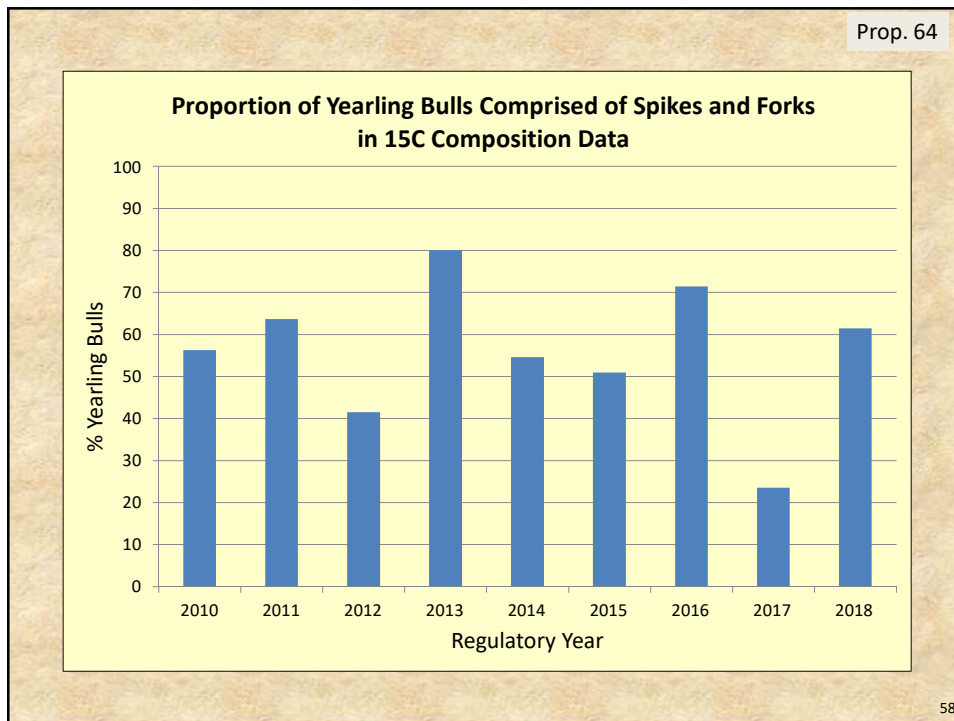
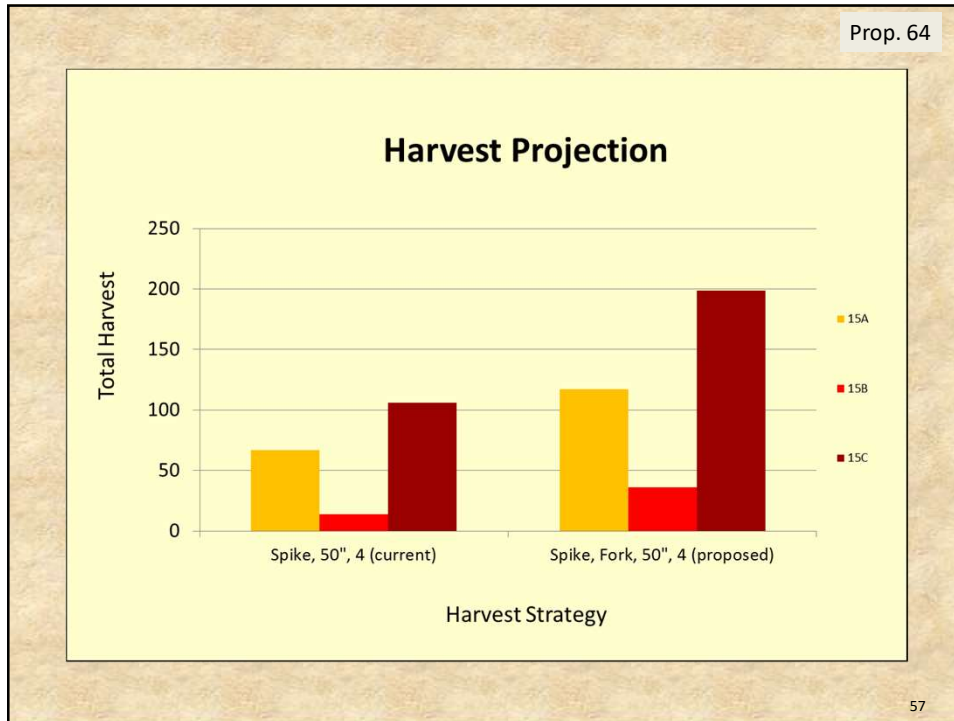
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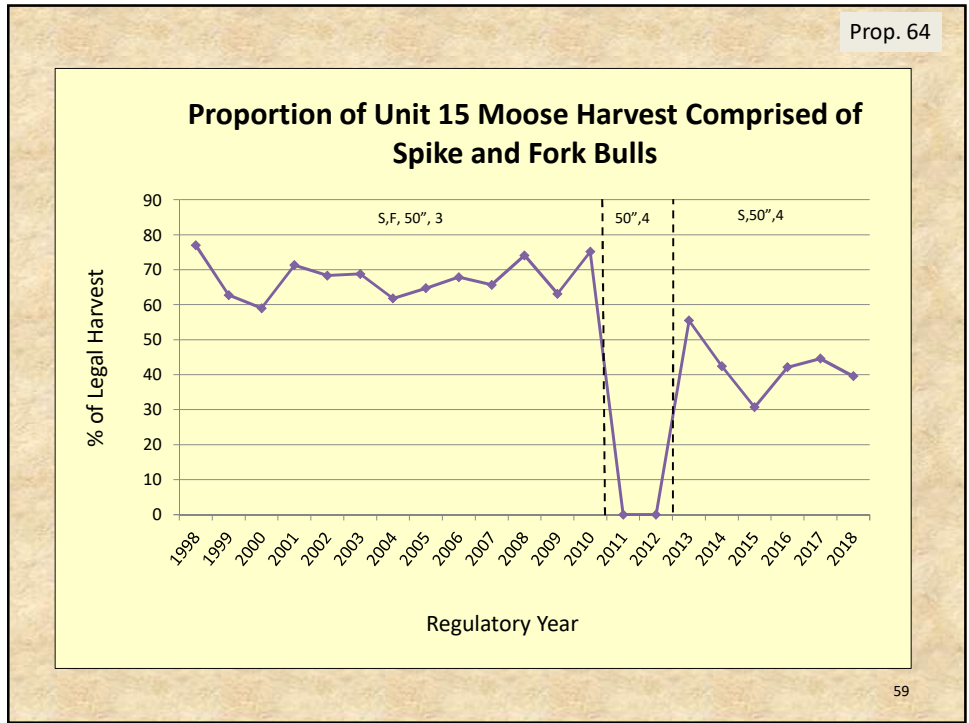
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**Proposed by:** Central Peninsula AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anchorage 0-5-1</li> <li>Central Pen 6-6-0</li> <li>Homer 0-11-0</li> <li>Kenai/Soldotna 0-11-0</li> </ul>
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## Proposal 63

Changes the bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to Spike, Fork, 50", 4 brow tines and eliminates the motorized closure period in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

### Oppose

Anchorage 0-1-5

Central Pen. 3-9-0

Homer 1-14-0

Kenai/Soldotna: No action

## Background

- Adds fork antlered bulls to the harvest
- Moose population could handle this strategy for the short term
- Overharvest of yearling bulls (spikes/forks) was a significant contributor to the low bull cow ratios observed prior to 2011
- Unit 15C motorized closure area established in 1985, various amendments since establishment

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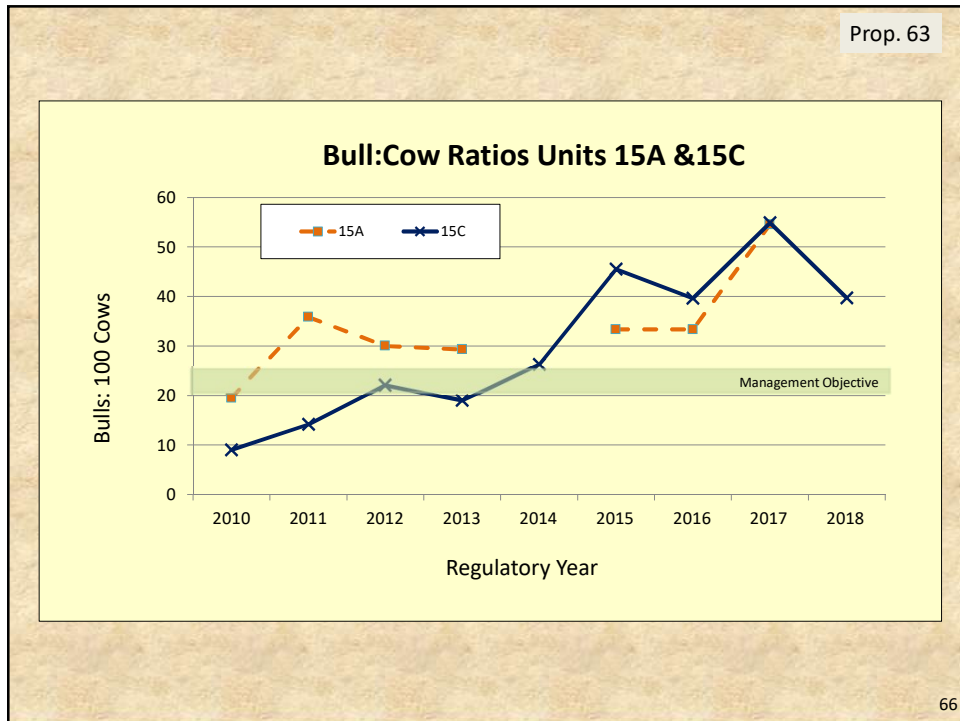
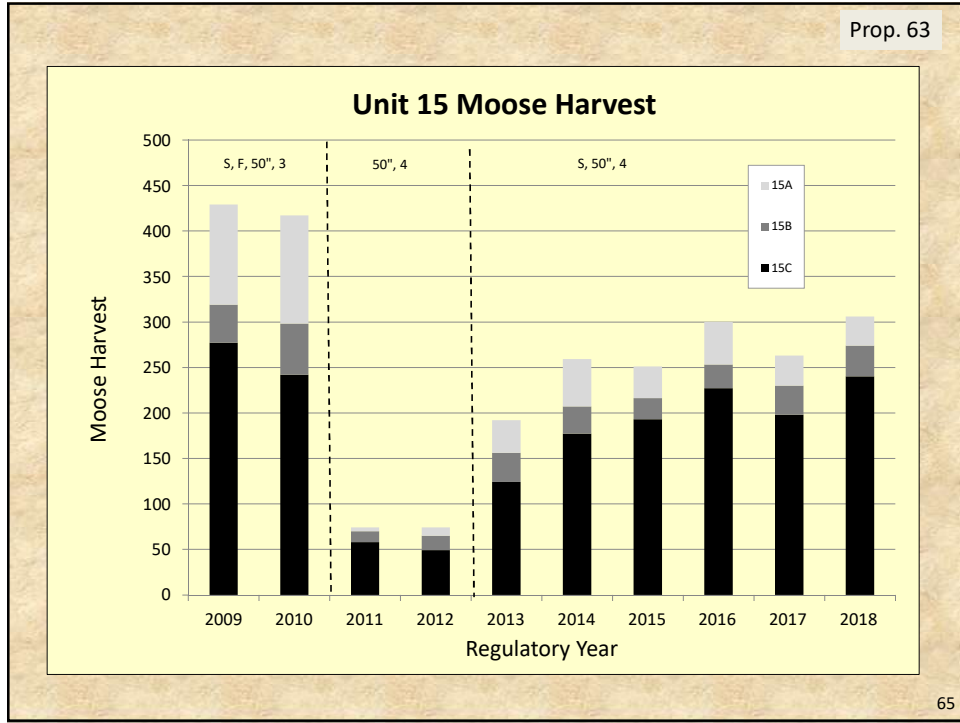
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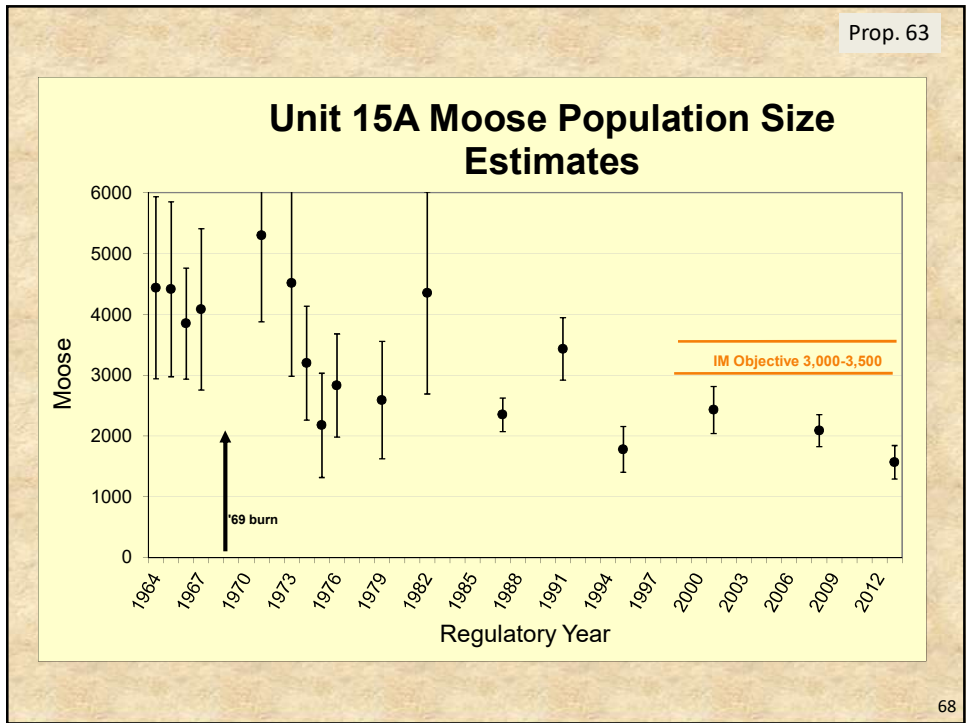
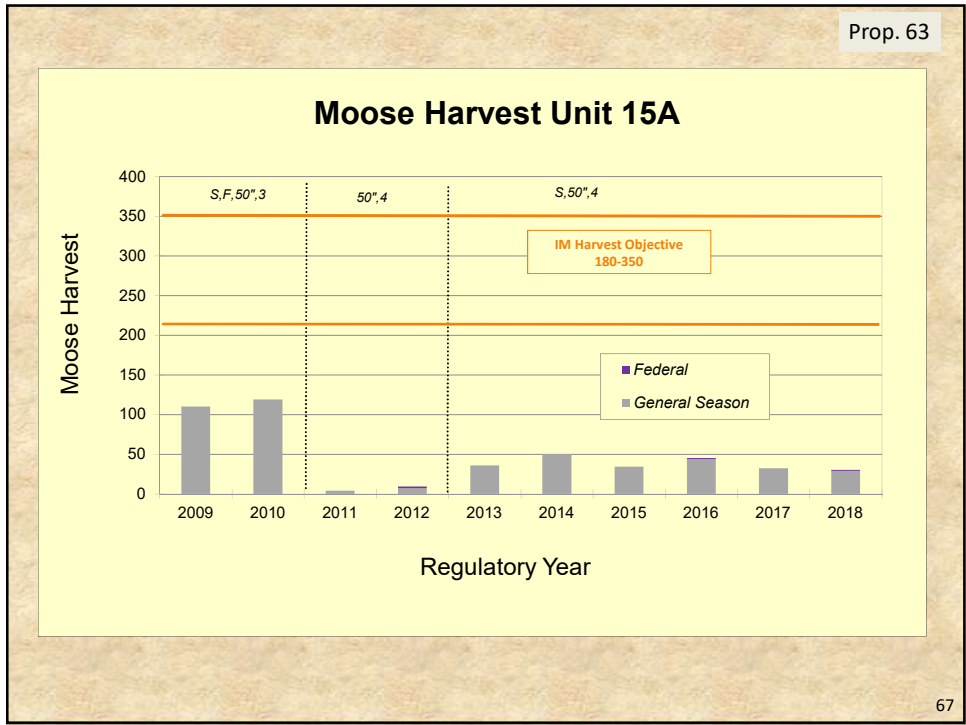
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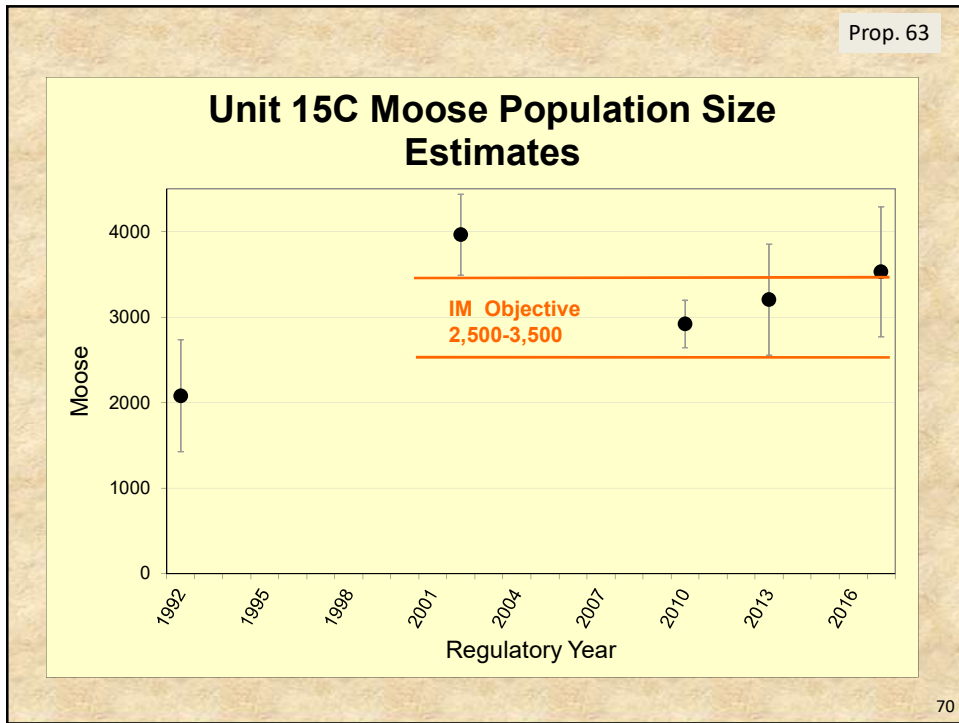
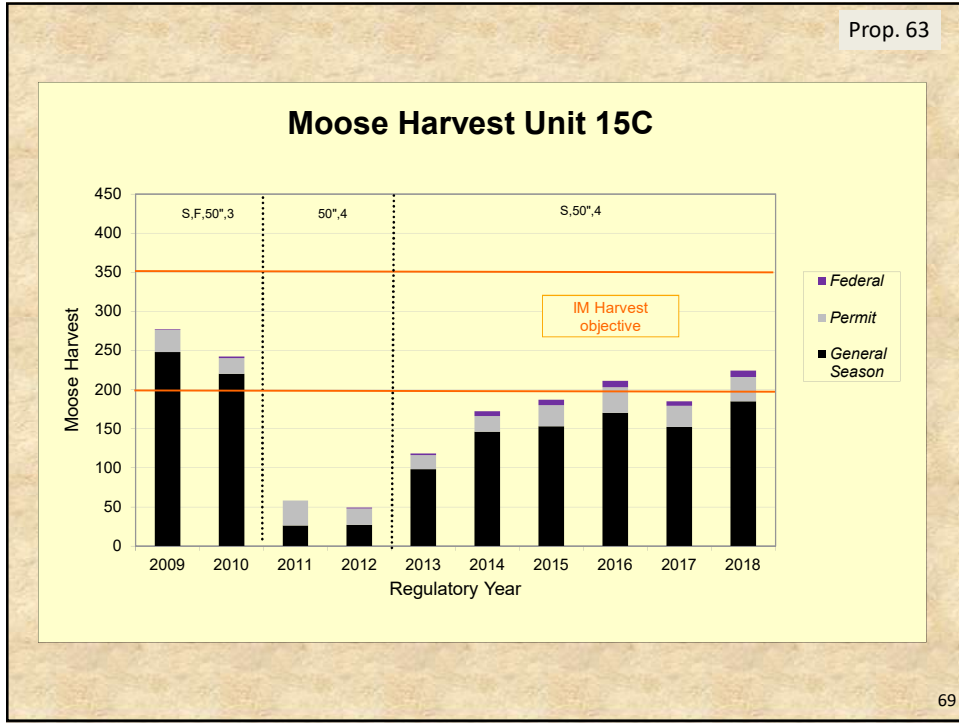
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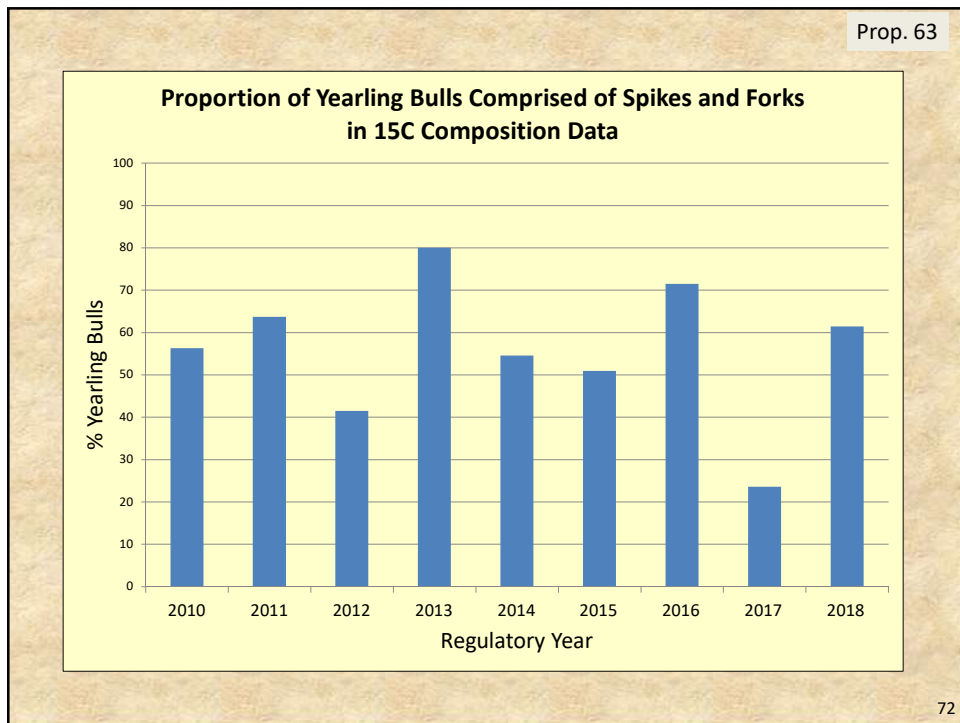
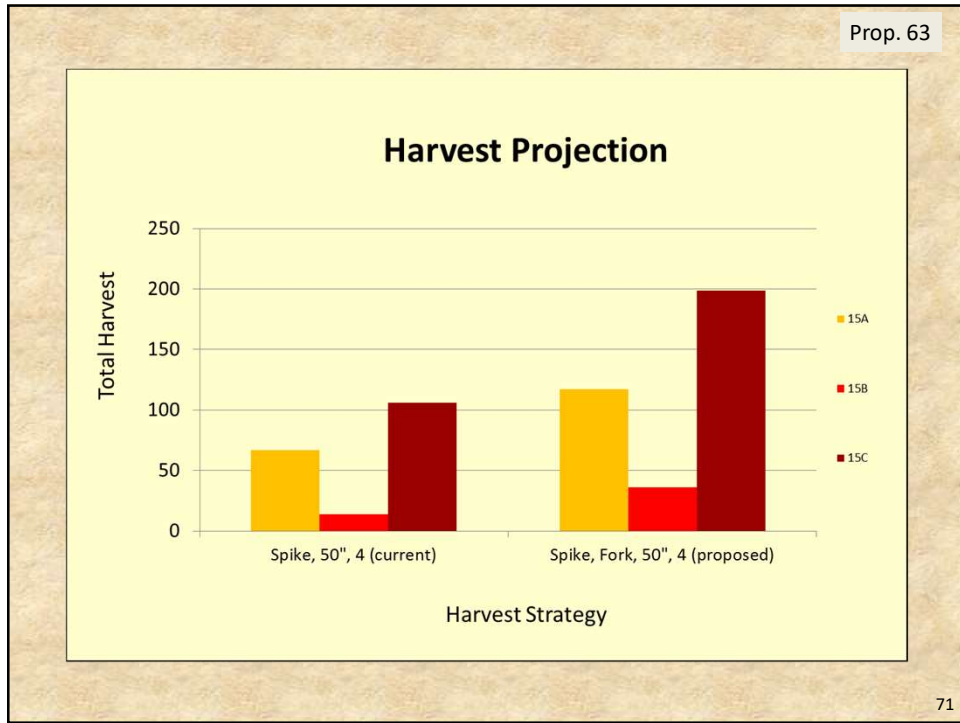
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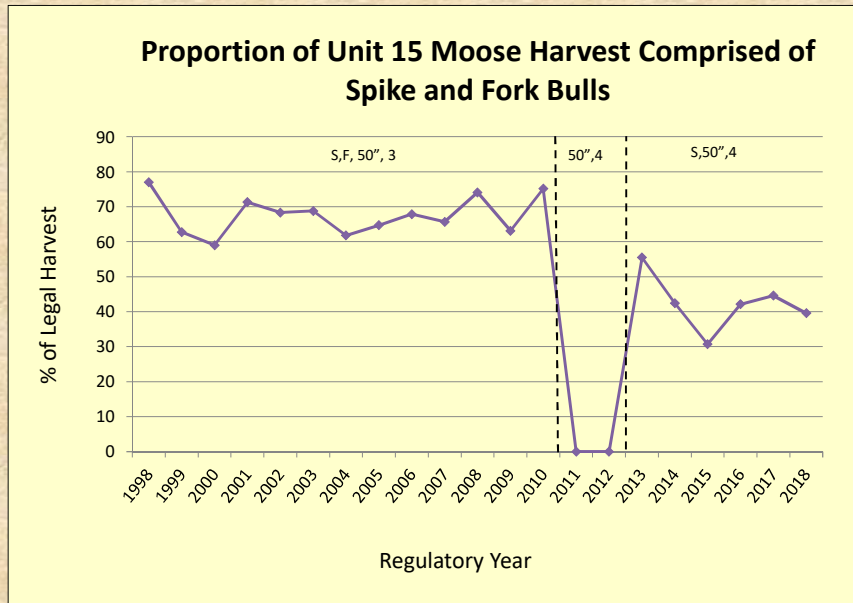












## Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area



- Established: 1985
- Purpose: increase Bull: Cow ratio
- Various amendments

Area closed to motorized vehicle use for moose hunting (except aircraft/boat) Sept. 16–19 and Sept. 22–25

- State maintained highways and a few specific roads are exempt
- The Department is Neutral on this issue as it is of no biological concern
- This proposal would eliminate the need for the controlled use area

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### Proposal 63

Changes the bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to Spike, Fork, 50", 4 brow tines and eliminates the motorized closure period in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-1-5  
Central Pen. 3-9-0  
Homer 1-14-0  
Kenai/Soldotna: No action

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### Proposal 67

Changes the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B to 1 bull with at least 4 points on the main palm or 3 brow tines

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-10-0

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## Background

- Would open almost all non-yearling bulls to harvest
- Would likely result in bull:cow ratios below management objectives
- Data to address this proposal is limited

- **Bull:Cow Management Objective:**  
20–25:100 cows across the Kenai except in 15B east, Skilak Loop Mgmt. Area, and Kalgin Island
- Some units can sustain additional moose harvest
- Addition of 3 brow tine bulls to the bag limit would increase harvest across units

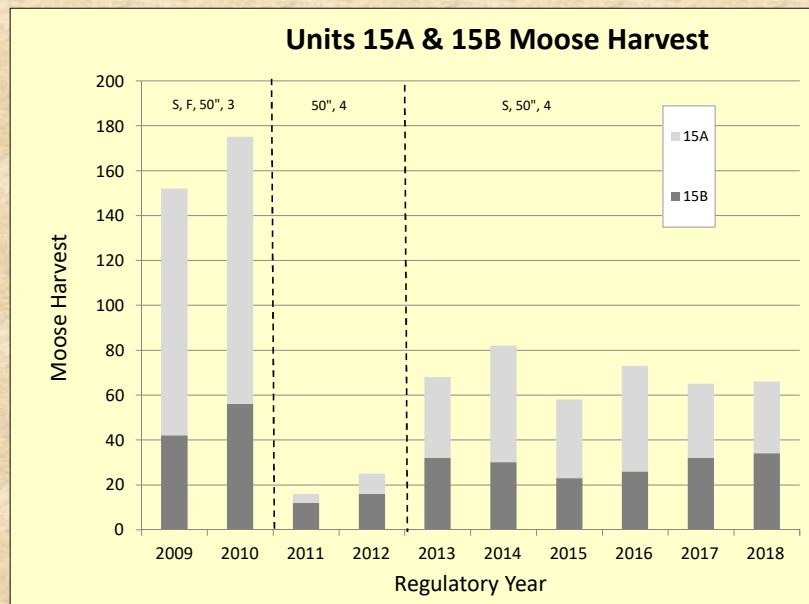
Unit 15A IM Objectives and Status		
	Population	Harvest
<b>Objective</b>	3,000-3,500	180-350
<b>Status</b>	Below	Below

### Kenai Peninsula General Season Moose Bag Limits

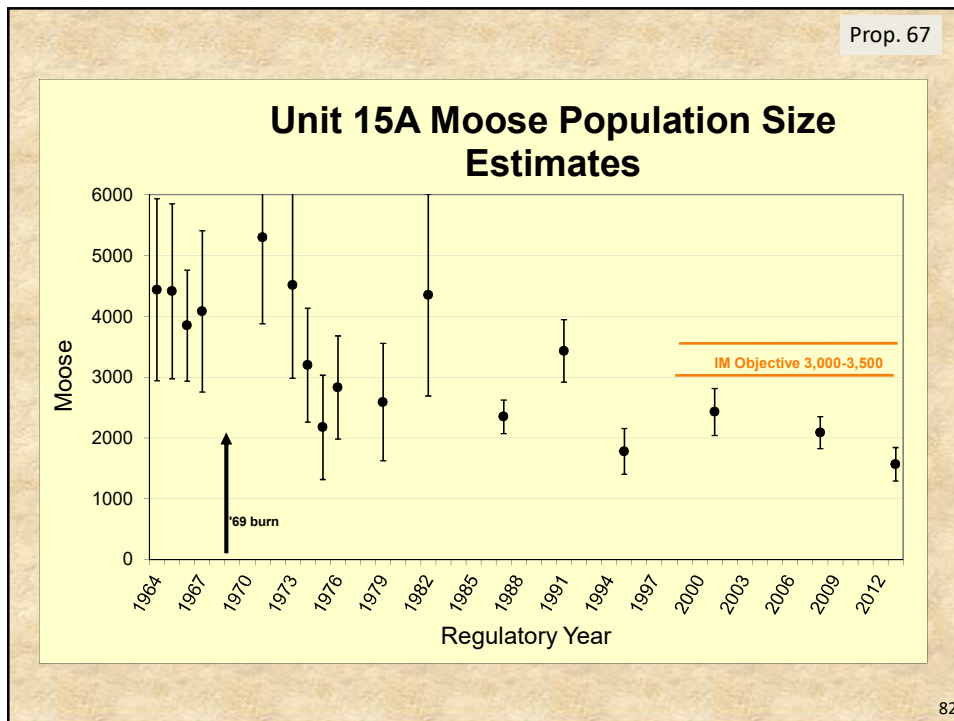
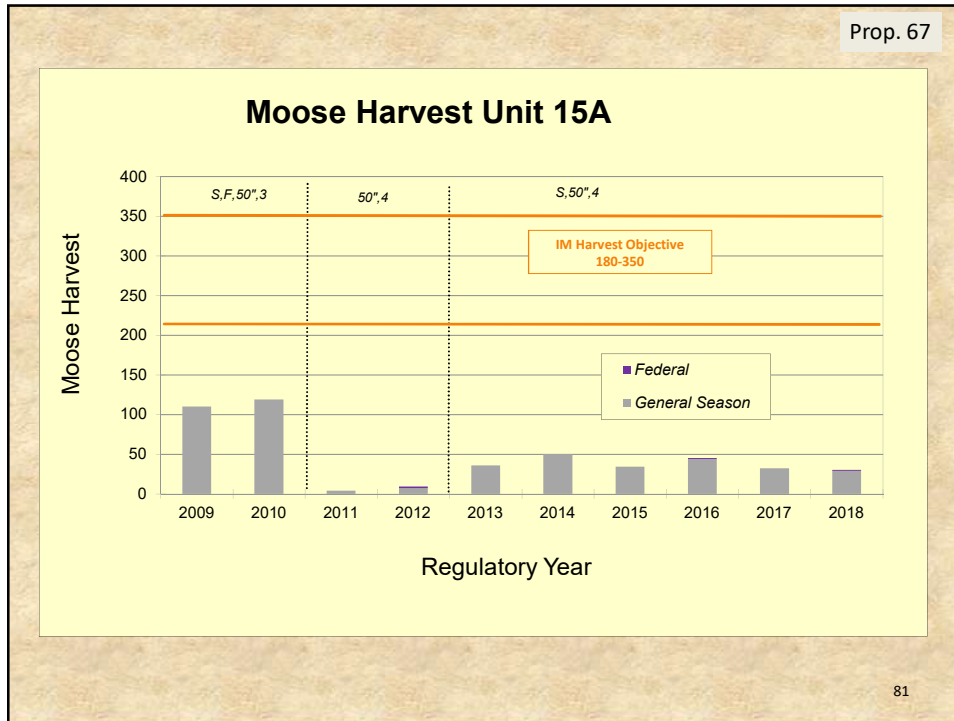
Regulatory Year	15A		15B	
	Resident	Nonres.	Resident	Nonres.
1987-2010	S,F,50",3	S,F,50",3	S,F,50",3	S,F,50",3
2011-2012	50",4	Closed	50",4	50",4
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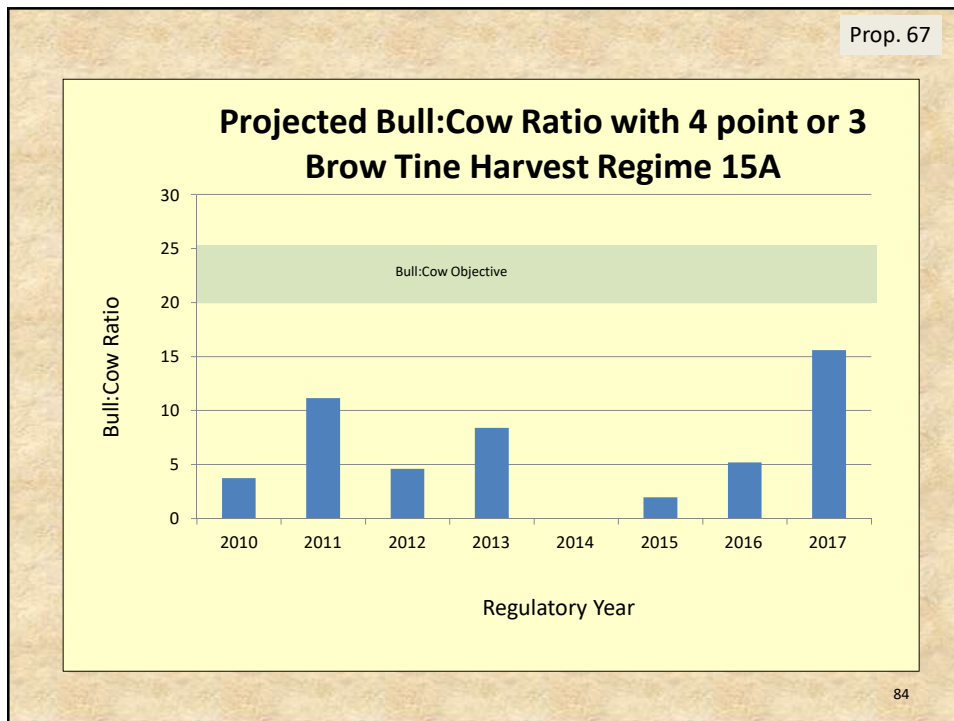
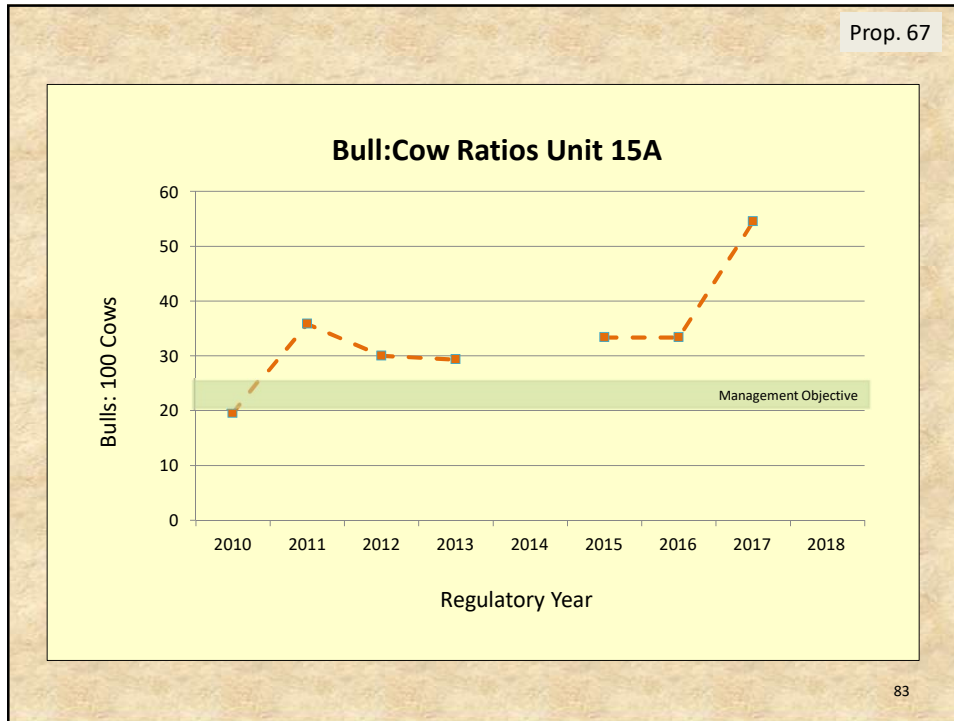
**S** = Spike  
**F** = Fork  
**50"** = antlers  $\geq$  50" in width  
**3** = 3 brow tines on at least one side  
**4** = 4 brow tines on at least one side

### Units 15A & 15B Moose Harvest





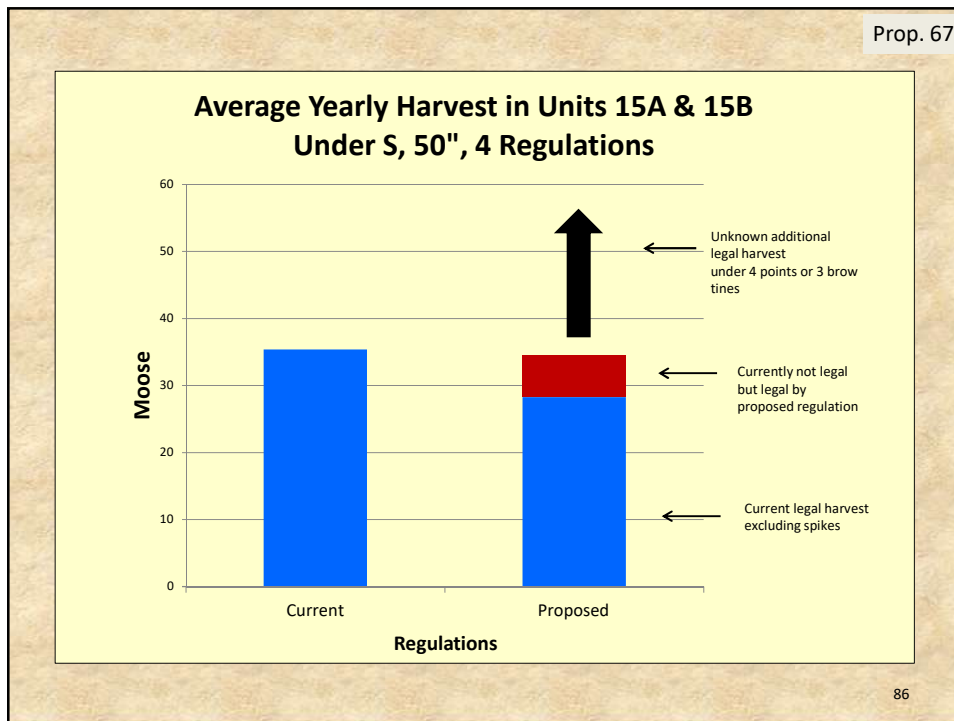




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Unit 15 Antler Configuration From Composition Counts			
% Bulls >Yearling			
	15A	15B	15C
2013	75	-	78
2014	-	-	80
2015	94	-	78
2016	84	-	77
2017	71	-	93
2018	-	-	81
<b>Average</b>	<b>81</b>	-	<b>81</b>

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### **Proposal 67**

Changes the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B to 1 bull with at least 4 points on the main palm or 3 brow tines

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0

Kenai/Soldotna 0-10-0

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### **Proposal 68**

Changes the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B to 1 bull with 5 or more points on the main palm and shortens the archery season to 5 days and the remainder of the season to 10 days

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0

Kenai/Soldotna No action

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## Background

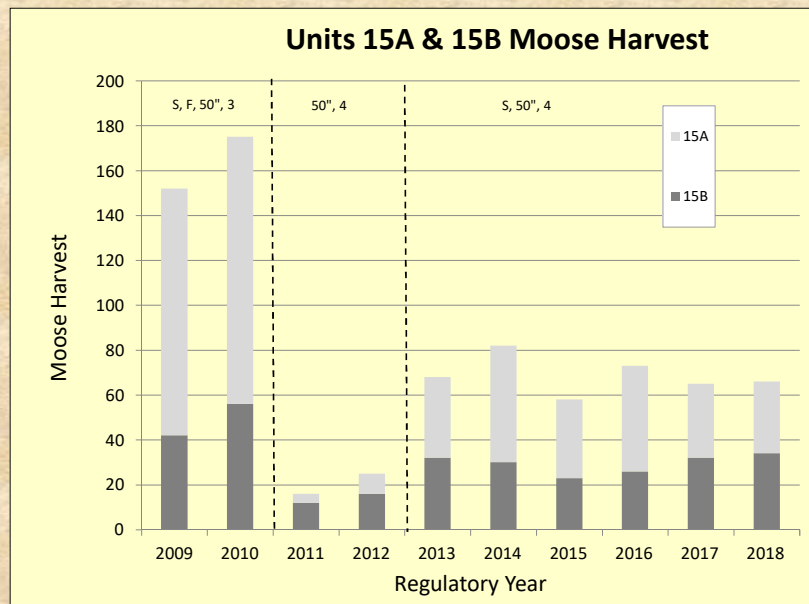
- Would open almost all non-yearling bulls to harvest
- Would likely result in bull:cow ratios below management objectives
- Would also limit bow season in 15A and 15B to 5 days (currently 8 days) and limit general season to 10 days (currently 26 days)
- Data to address this proposal is limited

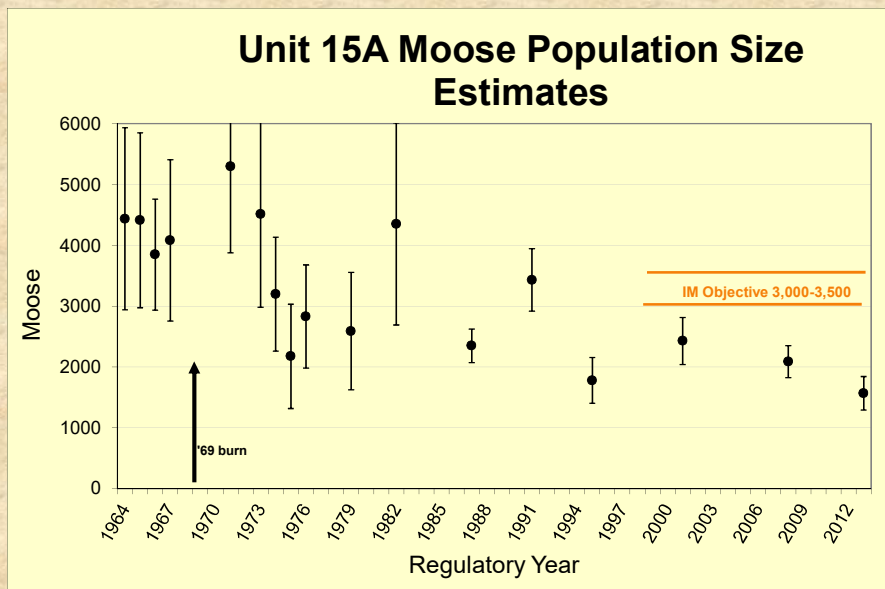
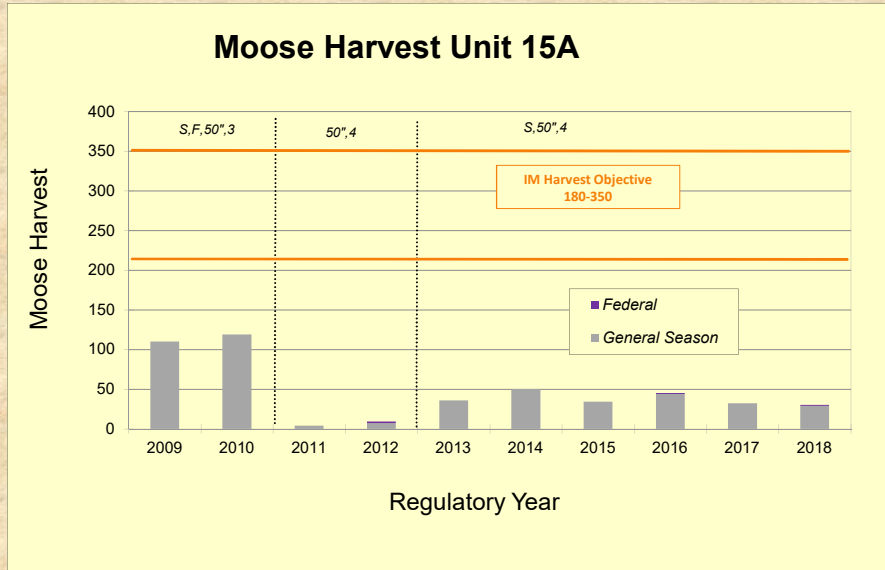
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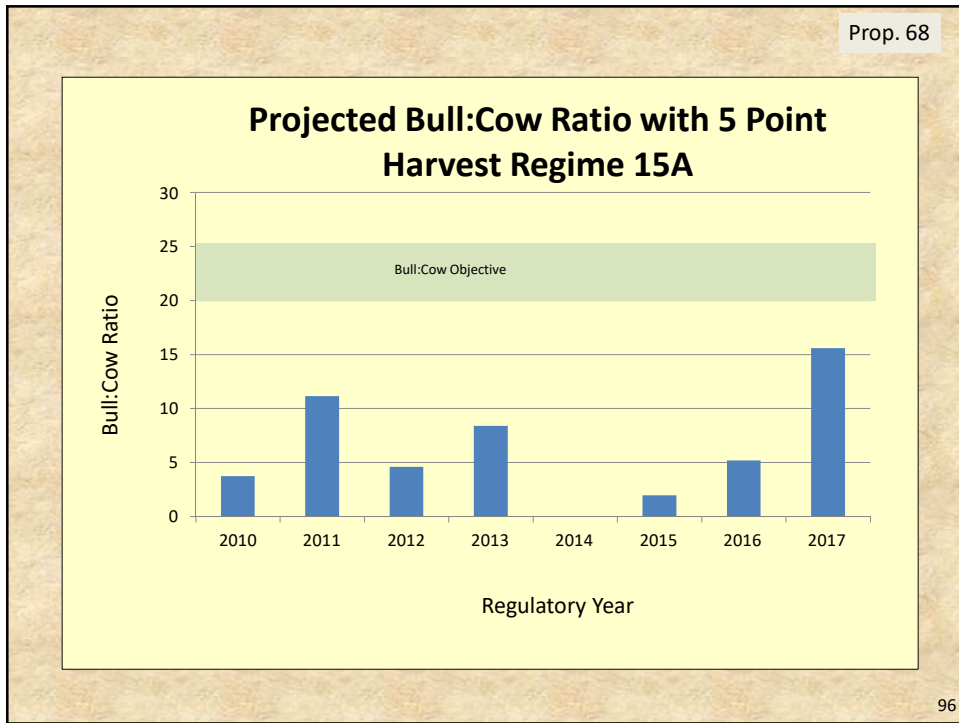
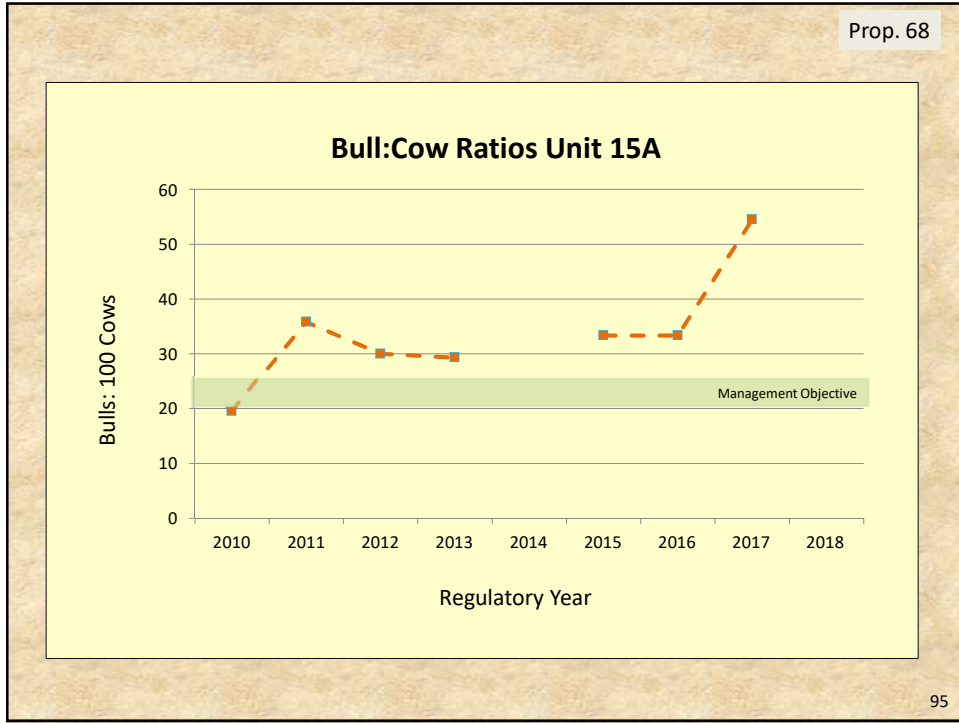
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	Population	Harvest
<b>Objective</b>	3,000-3,500	180-350
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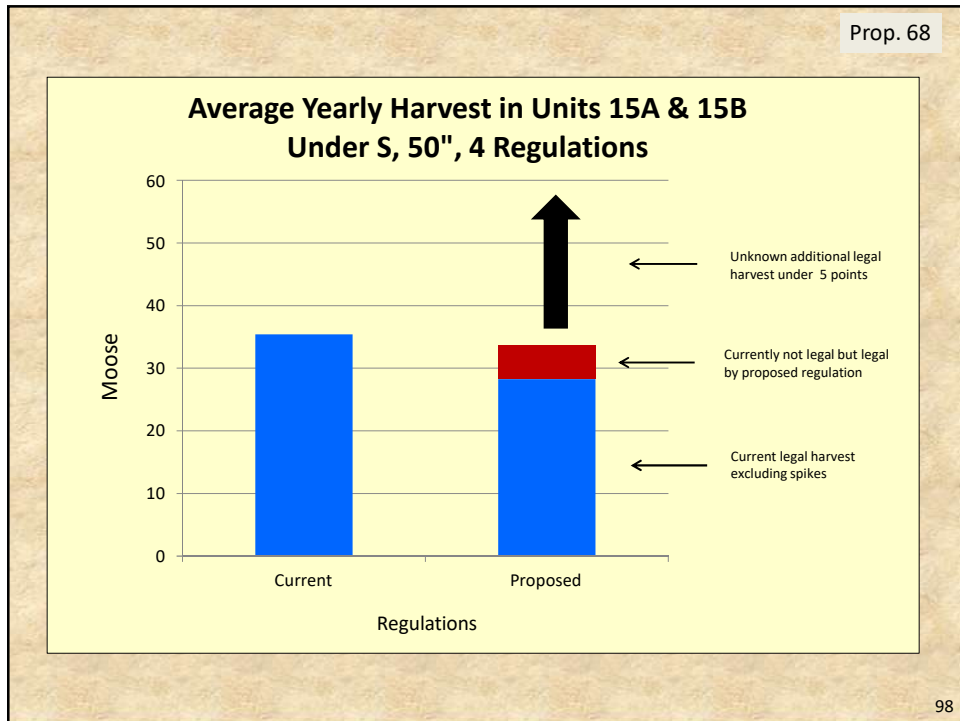


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### Proposal 68

Changes the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B to 1 bull with 5 or more points on the main palm and shortens the archery season to 5 days and the remainder of the season to 10 days

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6

Kenai/Soldotna No action

### Proposal 69

Opens all of Unit 15B (except Kalgin Island) to general season hunting by harvest ticket and eliminates the drawing hunt

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Central Peninsula AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0

Central Pen. 11-2-0

Homer 15-0-0

Kenai/Soldotna No action

**Oppose**

Cooper Landing 0-6-2

## Background

- Current bag limit for 15B East is 1 bull with 50" or 3 brow tines
- Population is showing signs of increase since Funny River Fire in 2014
- If adopted this would provide extra opportunity for moose hunters on the Kenai Peninsula

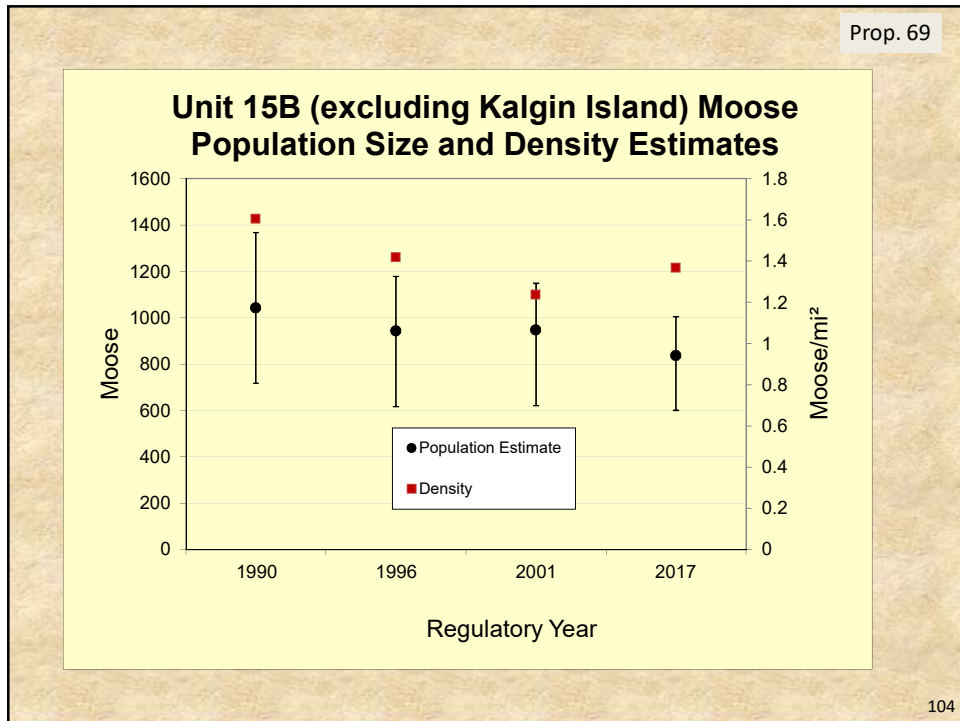
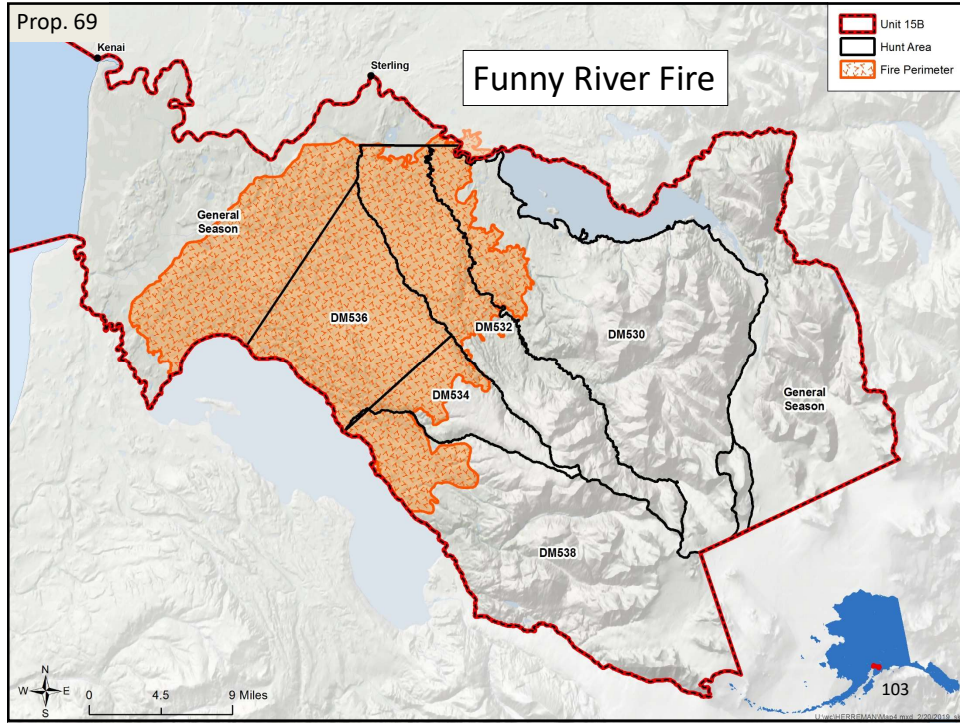
## Current Management Objectives

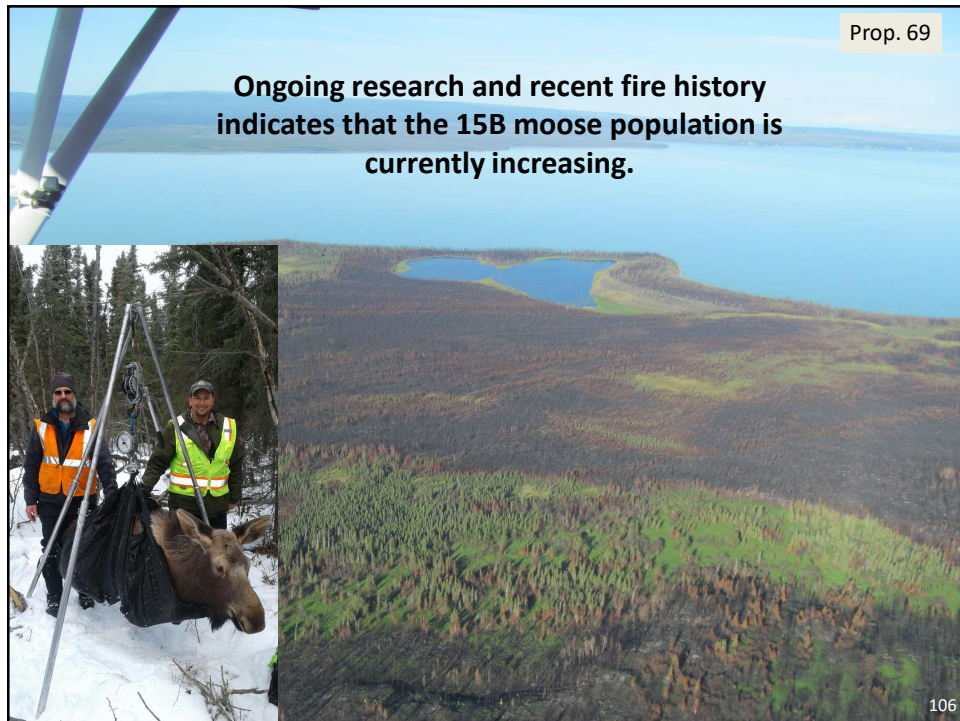
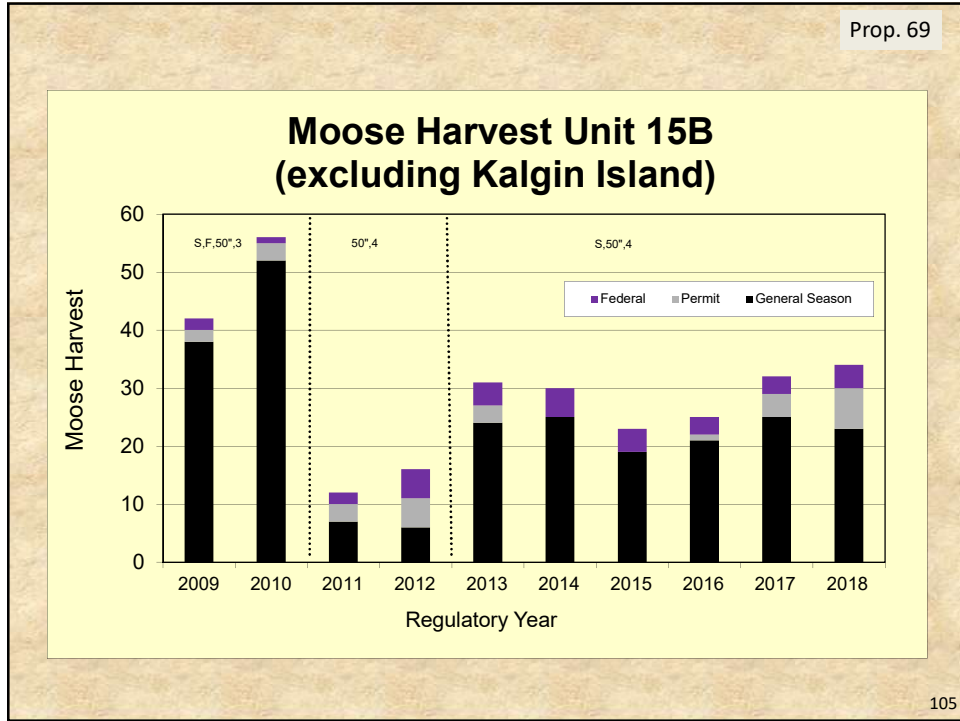
### 15B-West:

- Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25:100
- Allow for maximum opportunity to participate in hunting
- Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety

### 15B-East:

- Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 40:100
- Provide opportunities to harvest large-antlered bulls under aesthetically pleasing conditions





### Proposal 69

Opens all of Unit 15B (except Kalgin Island) to general season hunting by harvest ticket and eliminates the drawing hunt

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Central Peninsula AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0  
Central Pen. 11-2-0  
Homer 15-0-0  
Kenai/Soldotna No action

**Oppose**

Cooper Landing 0-6-2

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### Proposal 70

Opens all of Unit 15B (except Kalgin Island) to general season hunting by harvest ticket and eliminates the drawing hunt

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0  
Central Pen. no action based on 69  
Homer 15-0-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0

**Oppose**

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## Background

- Current Bag Limit for 15B East is 1 bull 50" or 3 brow tines
- Population is showing signs of increase since Funny River Fire in 2014
- If adopted this would provide extra opportunity for moose hunters on the Kenai Peninsula

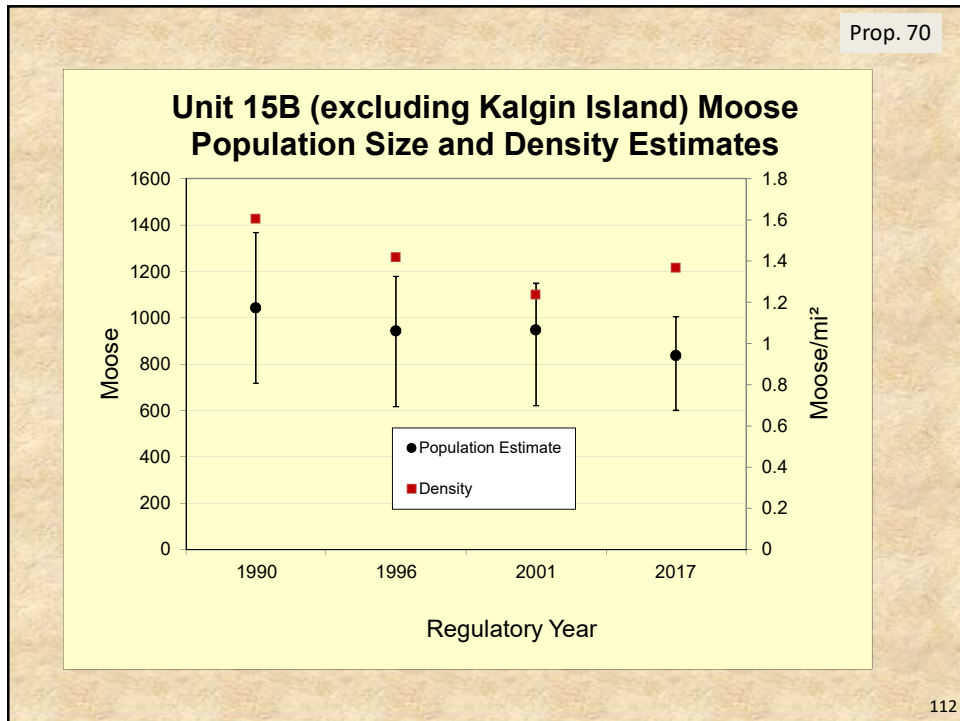
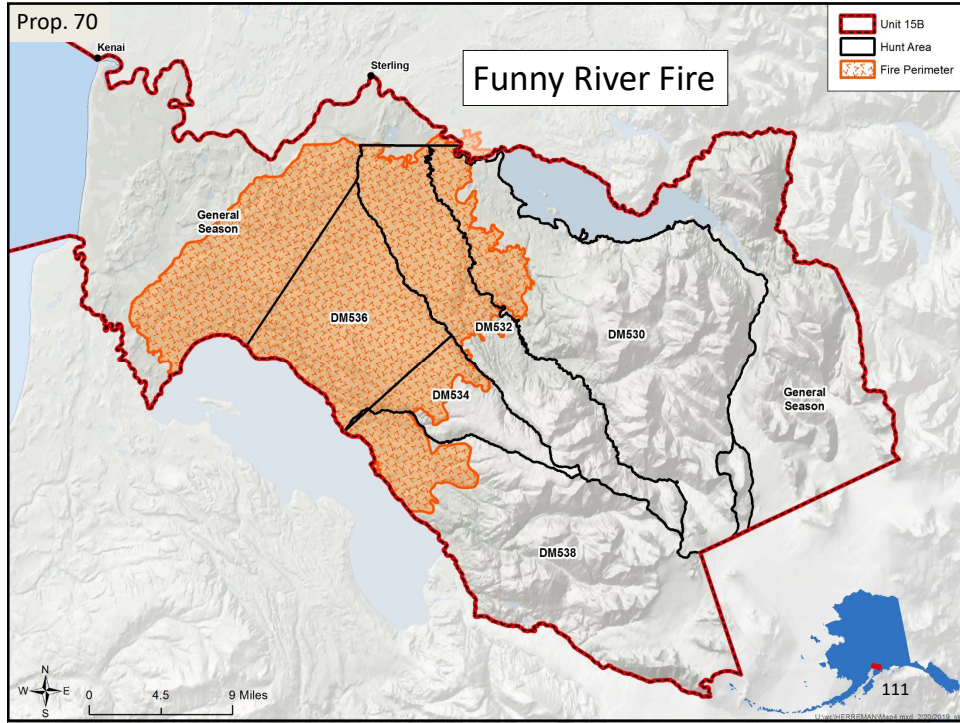
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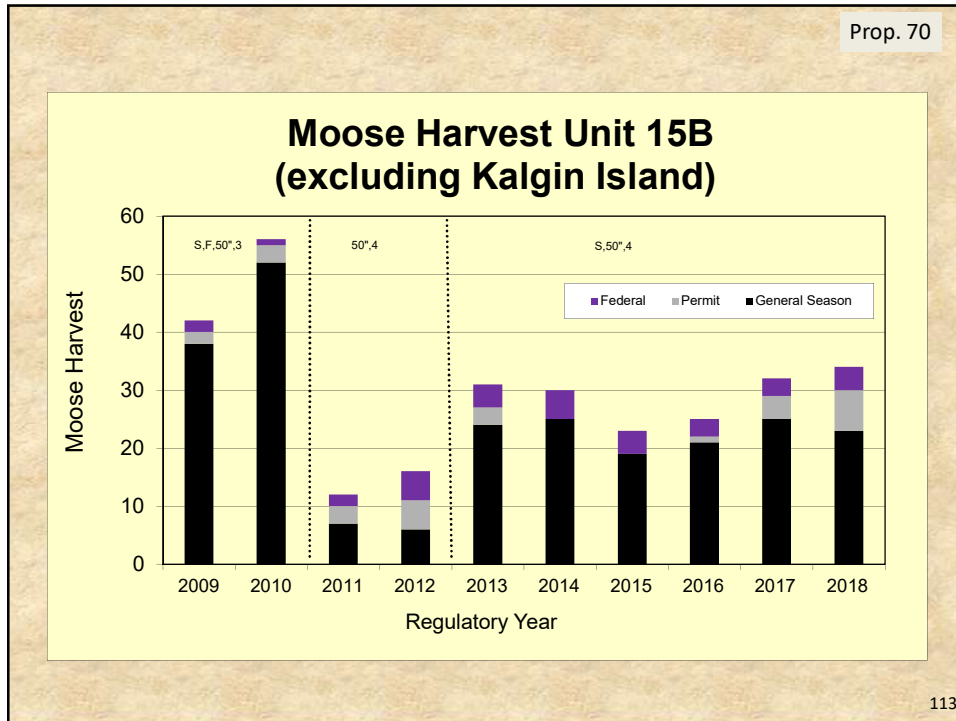
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- Allow for maximum opportunity to participate in hunting
- Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety

### 15B-East:

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- Provide opportunities to harvest large-antlered bulls under aesthetically pleasing conditions







### Proposal 70

Opens all of Unit 15B (except Kalgin Island) to general season hunting by harvest ticket and eliminates the drawing hunt

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0  
Central Pen. No action  
Homer 15-0-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0

**Oppose**

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### Proposal 71

Opens all of Unit 15B (except Kalgin Island) to general season hunting by harvest ticket and eliminates the drawing hunt

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0  
Central Pen. 0-13-0, with comments  
Homer No action  
Kenai/Soldotna No action

**Oppose**

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## Background

- Current Bag Limit for 15B East is 1 bull 50" or 3 brow tines
- Population is showing signs of increase since Funny River Fire in 2014
- If adopted this would provide extra opportunity for moose hunters on the Kenai Peninsula

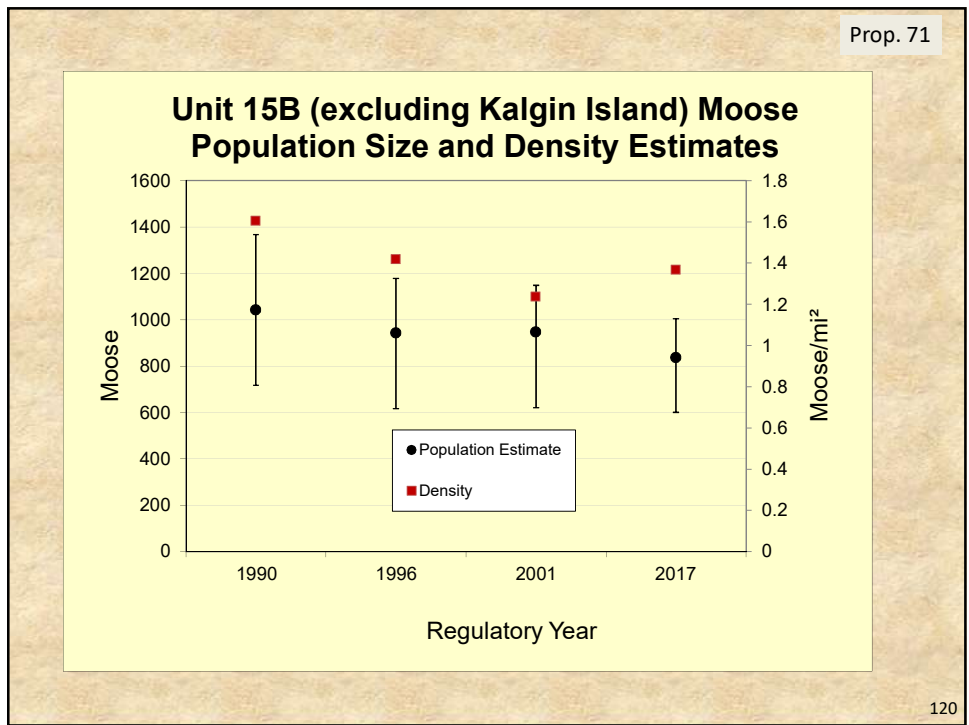
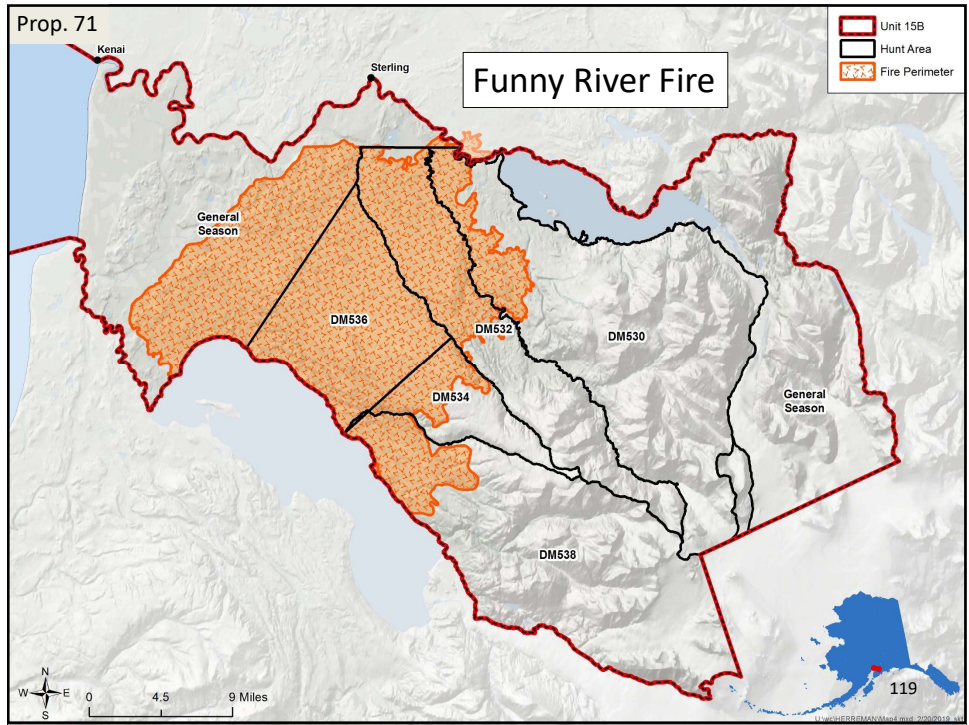
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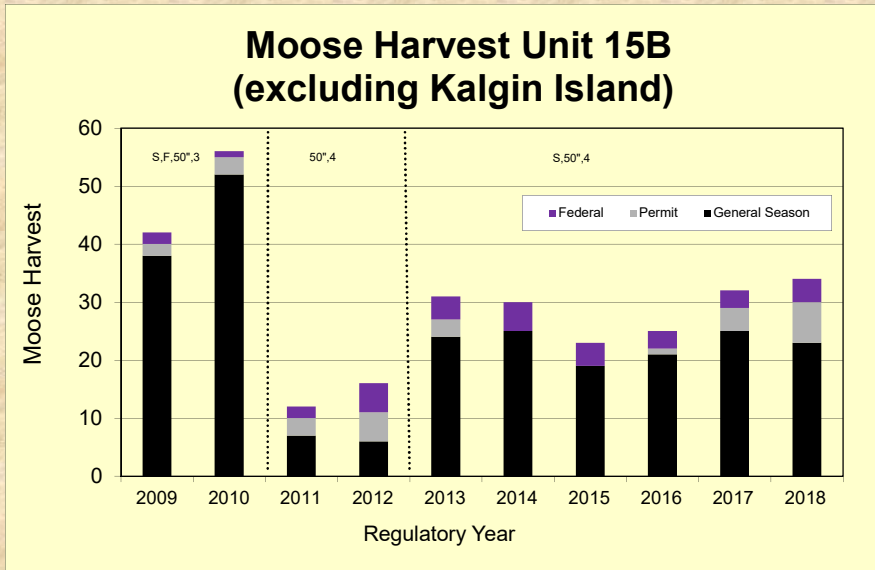
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- Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25:100
- Allow for maximum opportunity to participate in hunting
- Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety

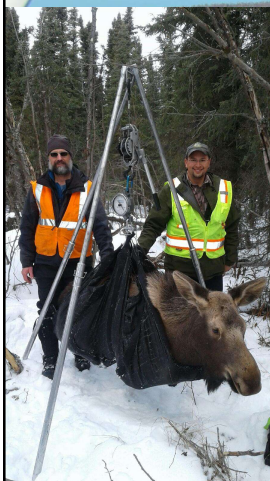
### 15B-East:

- Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 40:100
- Provide opportunities to harvest large-antlered bulls under aesthetically pleasing conditions





Ongoing research and recent fire history indicates that the 15B moose population is currently increasing.



## Proposal 71

Opens all of Unit 15B (except Kalgin Island) to general season hunting by harvest ticket and eliminates the drawing hunt

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Anchorage 6-0-0  
Central Pen. 0-13-0, with comments  
Homer No action  
Kenai/Soldotna No action

### Oppose

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## Proposal 78

Establishes a resident only any bull moose drawing hunt in Units 7 &15 in addition to the general season harvest

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 6-4-1  
Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0, with amendment

### Oppose

Seward 0-8-0  
Central Pen. 0-13-0  
Cooper Landing 0-8-0

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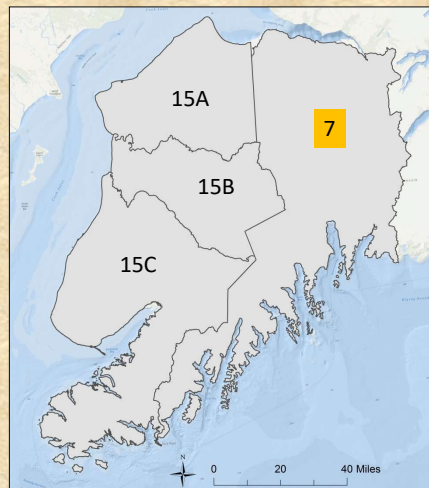
## Background

- Low moose populations currently in Units 7 and 15A
- Unit 15B data suggests an increasing population
- Unit 15C point estimate of 2017 census is at the high end of IM population objective.

## Unit 7

### Management Objective

- Maintain a healthy population of moose with a post hunting bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows



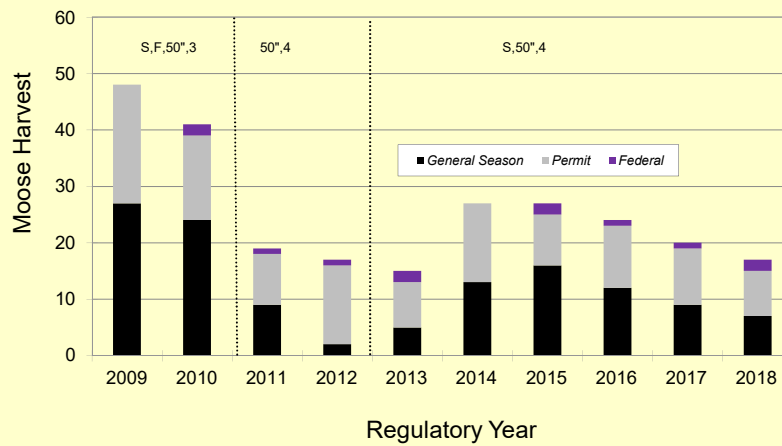
### Unit 7 Composition Data

Regulatory Year	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total	Bull: Cow	Calf: Cow
2013/14	13	51	8	72	25:100	16:100

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### Moose Harvest GMU 7



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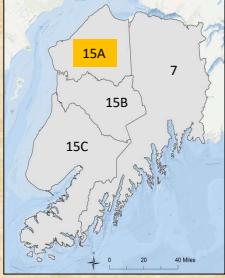
## Unit 15A (excluding SKLMA)

### Management Objectives

- Maintain a healthy population of moose with a post hunting bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

### Intensive Management

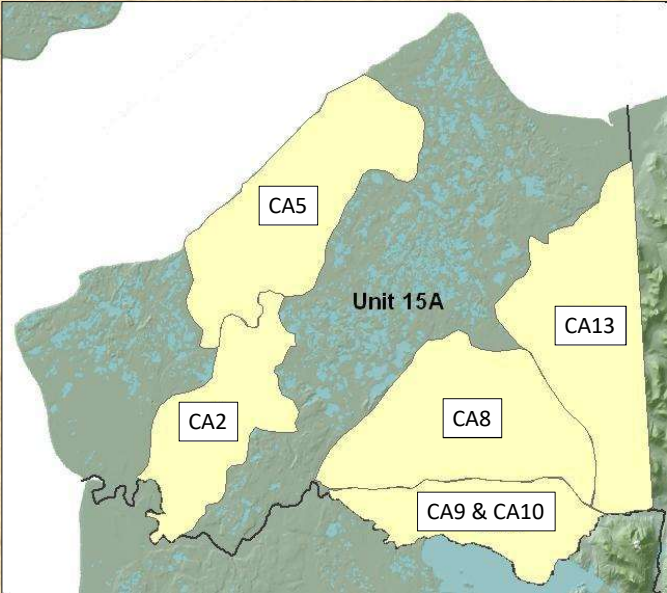
- Population Objective: 3,000–3,500 moose
- Harvest Objective: 180–350



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## Unit 15A Composition Count Areas

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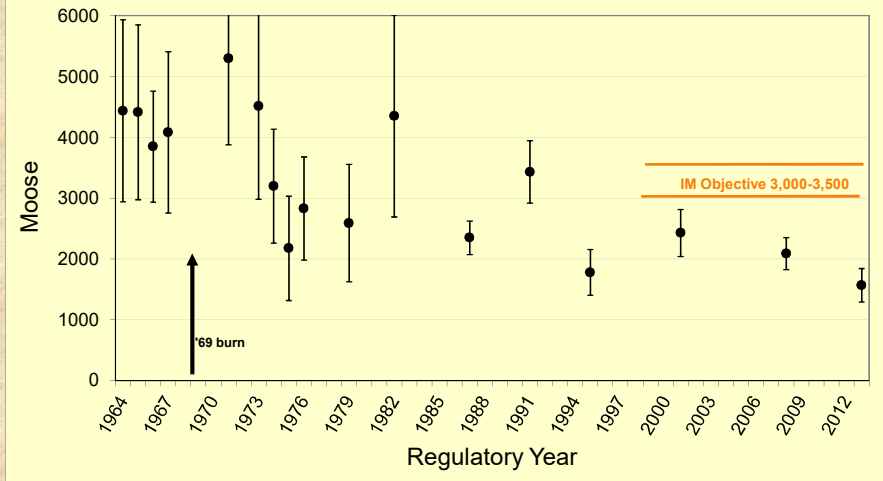


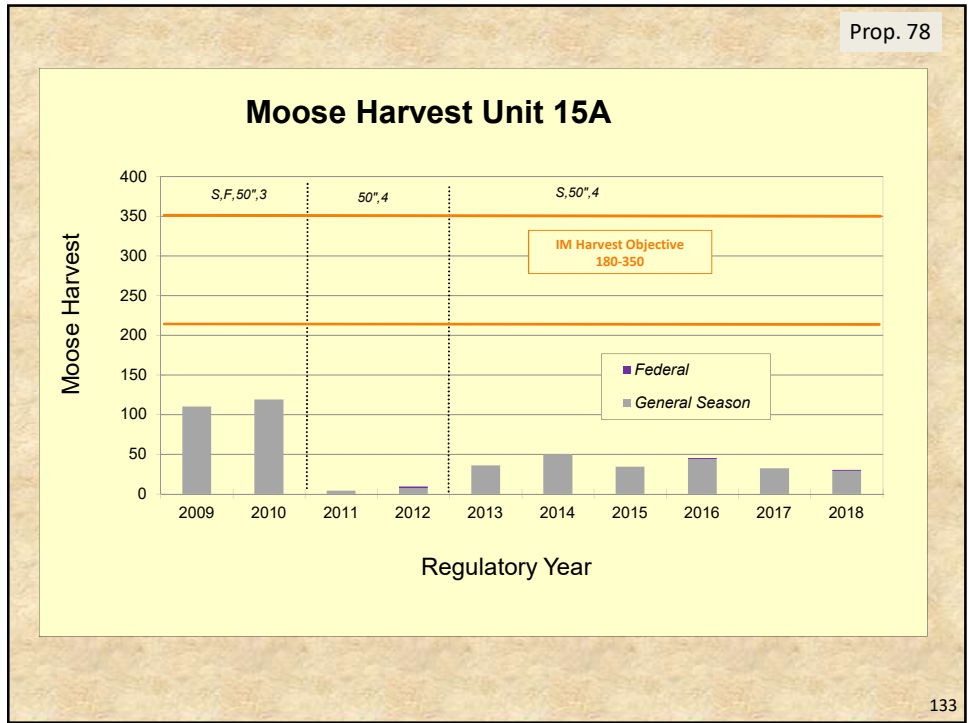
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### Unit 15A Composition Data

Regulatory Year	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total	Bull:Cow	Calf:Cow
2013	63	215	54	332	29:100	25:100
2014	-	-	-	-	-	-
2015	51	153	28	232	33:100	18:100
2016	58	174	42	274	33:100	24:100
2017	91	167	46	304	54:100	28:100
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-

### Unit 15A Moose Population Size Estimates





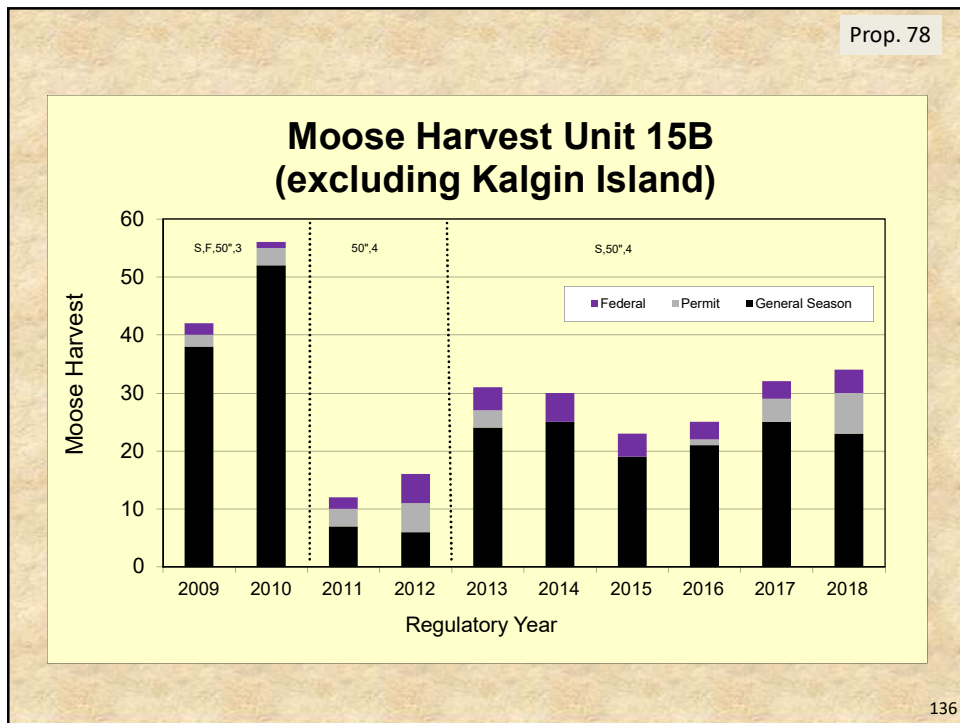
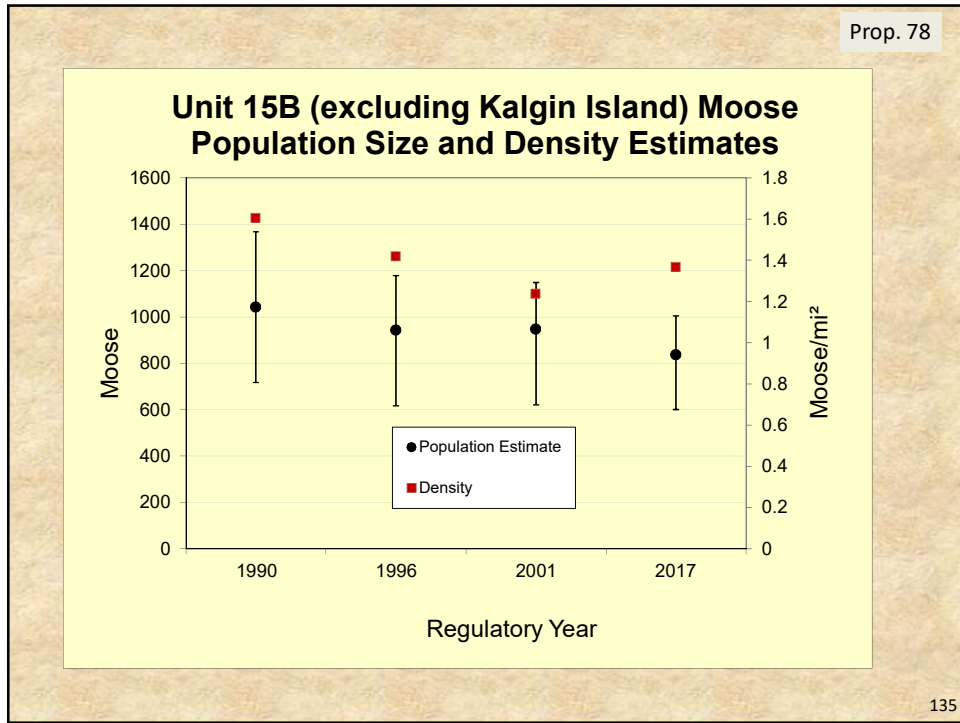
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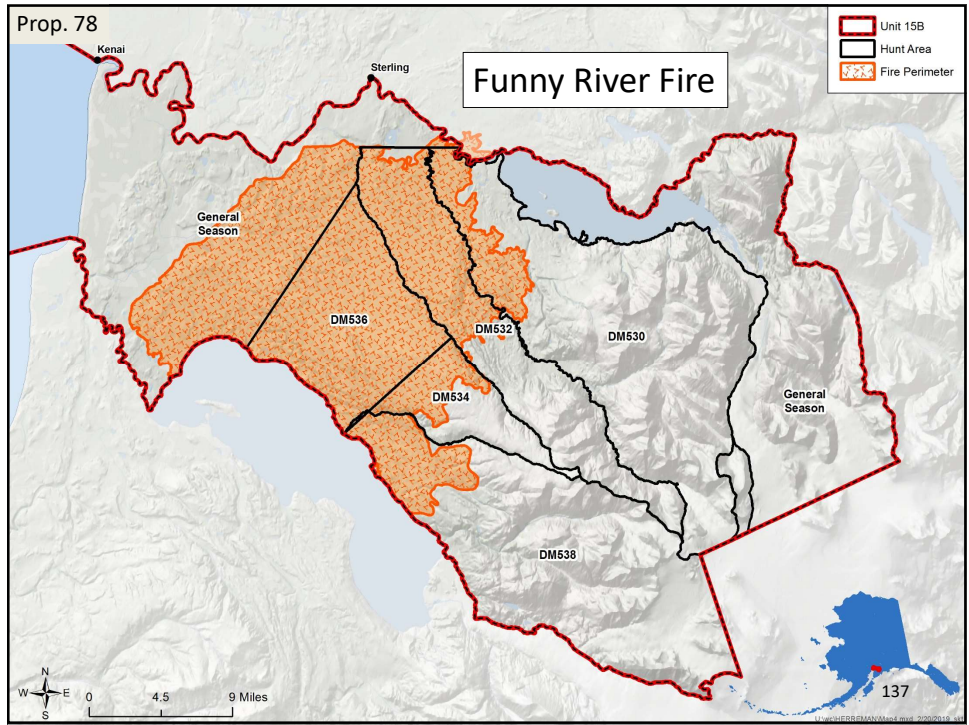
## Unit 15B (excluding Kalgin Island)

### Management Objectives

- **15B-West:**
  - Maintain a healthy population of moose with a post hunting bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows
- **15B-East:**
  - Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 40:100
  - Provide opportunities to harvest large-antlered bulls under aesthetically pleasing conditions

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## Unit 15C

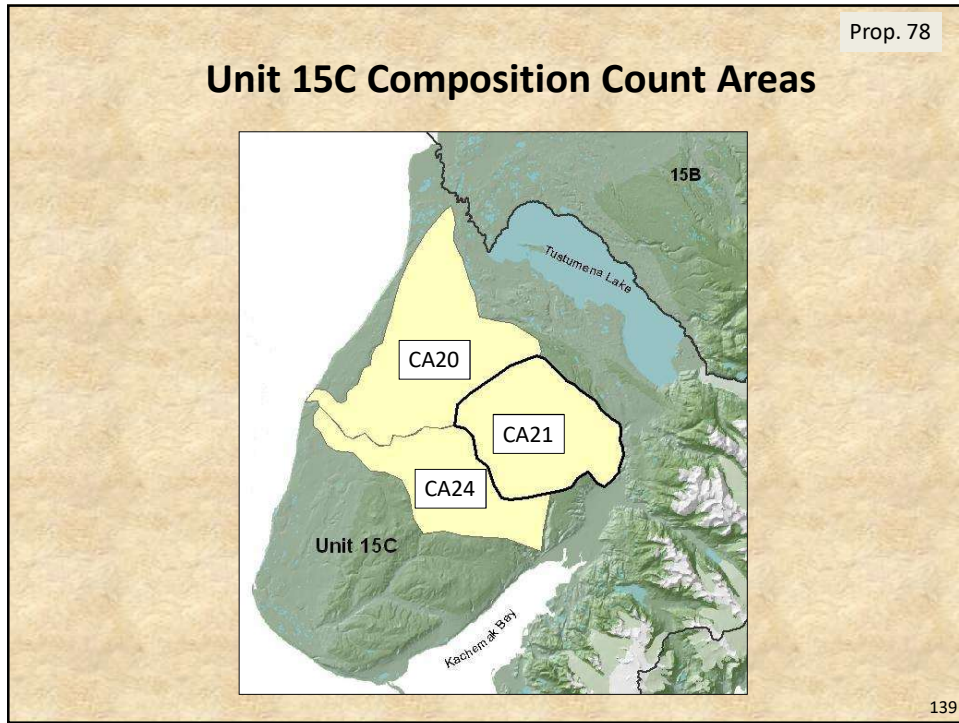
### Management Objectives

- Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

### Intensive Management

- Population Objective: 2,500–3,500
- Harvest Objective: 200–350

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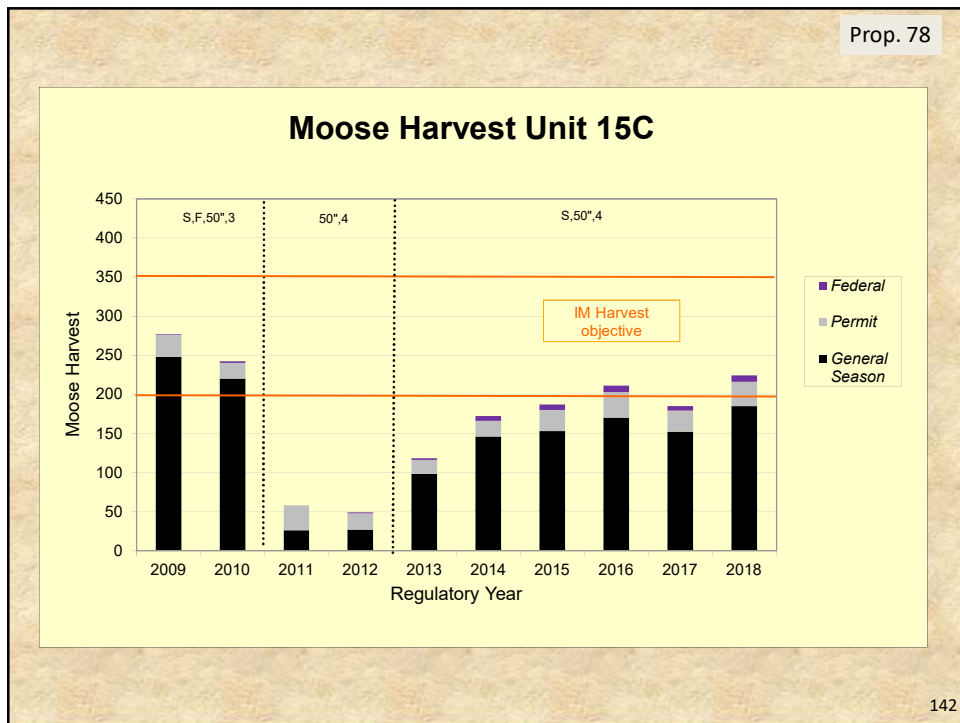
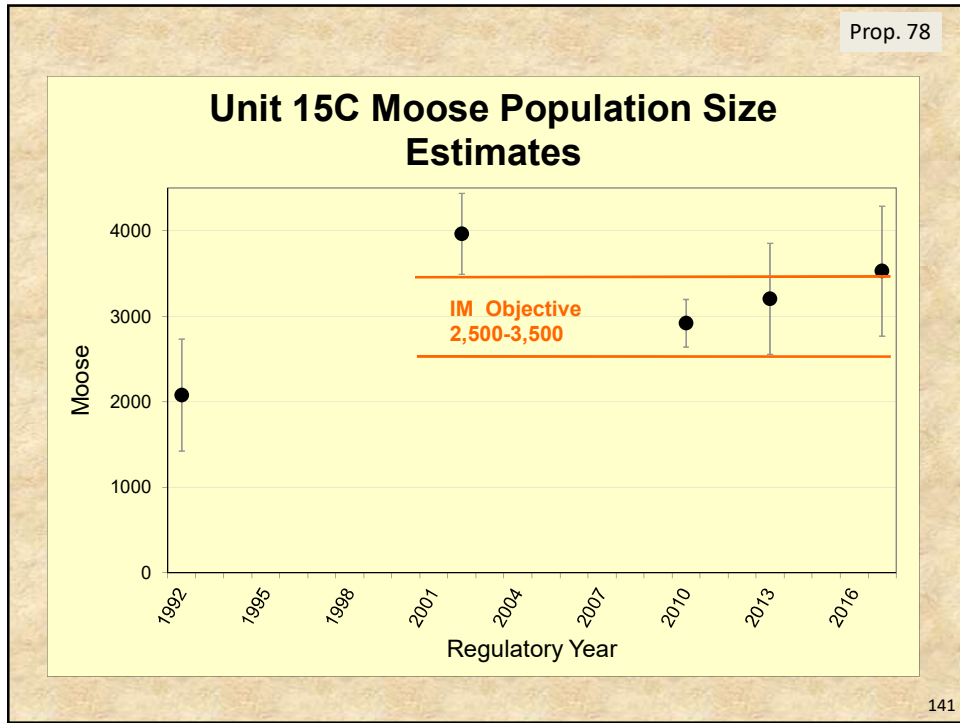


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### Unit 15C Composition Data

Regulatory Year	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total	Bull:Cow	Calf:Cow
<b>2013</b>	132	695	159	986	19	23
<b>2014</b>	150	571	176	897	26	31
<b>2015</b>	132	290	66	488	46	23
<b>2016</b>	242	611	119	972	40	19
<b>2017</b>	298	543	100	941	55	18
<b>2018</b>	185	466	140	791	40	30

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### Proposal 78

Establishes a resident only any bull moose drawing hunt in Units 7 &15 in addition to the general season harvest

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 6-4-1

Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0 with amendment

**Oppose**

Seward 0-8-0

Central Pen. 0-13-0

Cooper Landing 0-8-0

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### Proposal 74

Establishes a resident only any bull drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 15-0-0

Seward 8-1-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 1-12-0

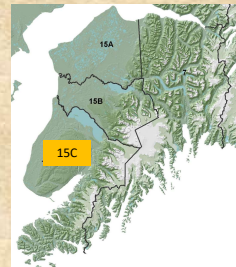
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## Background

- Unit 15C point estimate of 2017 census at the high end of IM population objective
- Would likely issue 40–70 permits and divide the Unit into 5 to 6 hunt areas

## Unit 15C

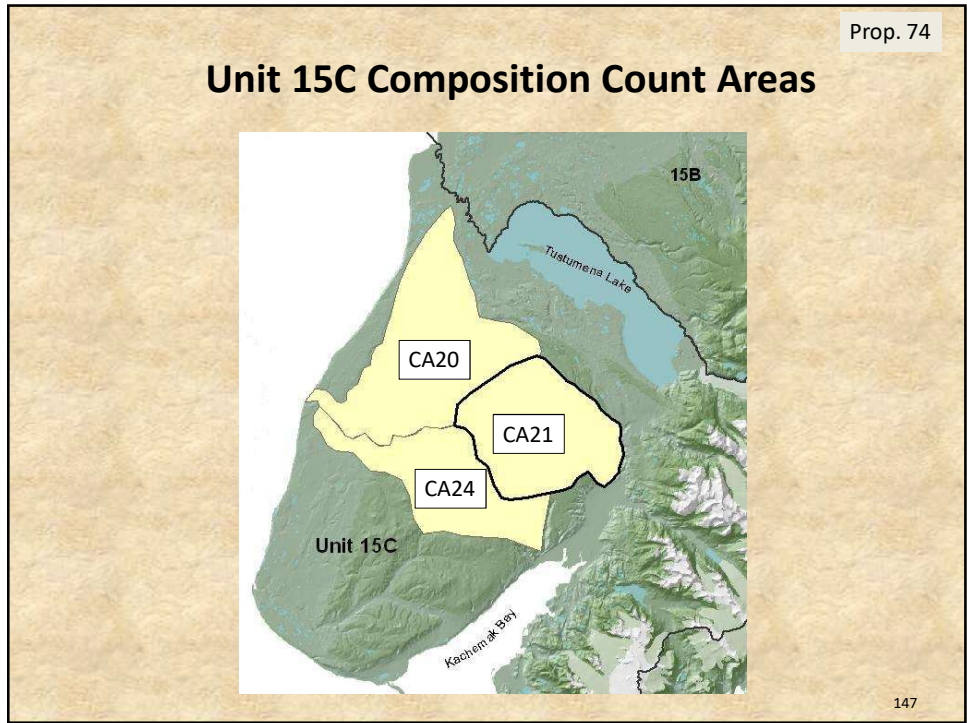


### Management Objectives

- Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

### Intensive Management

- Population Objective: 2,500–3,500
- Harvest Objective: 200–350

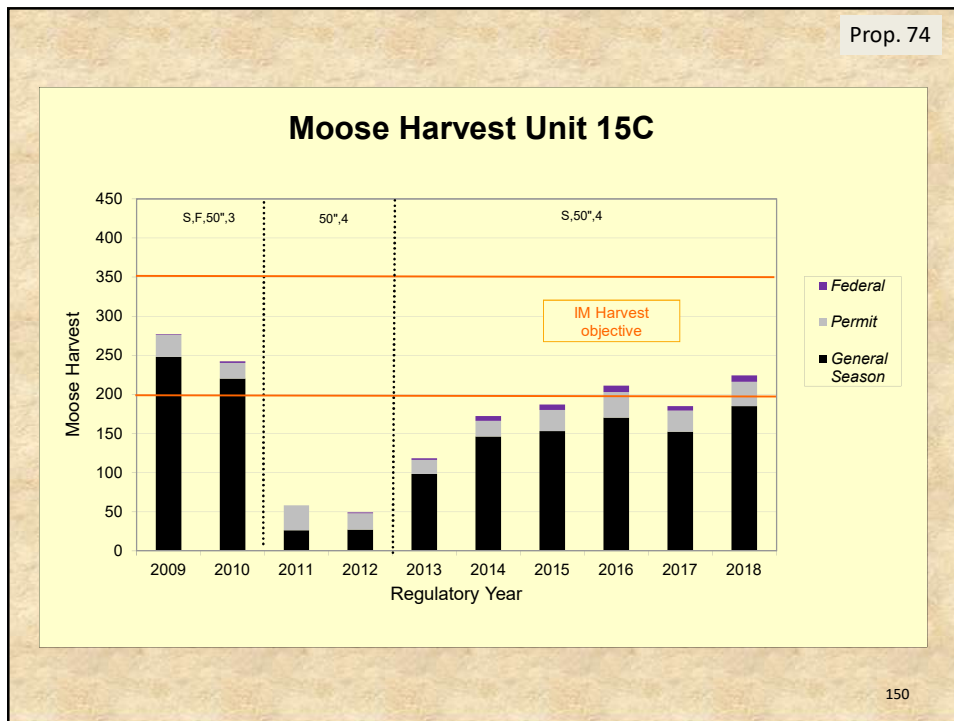
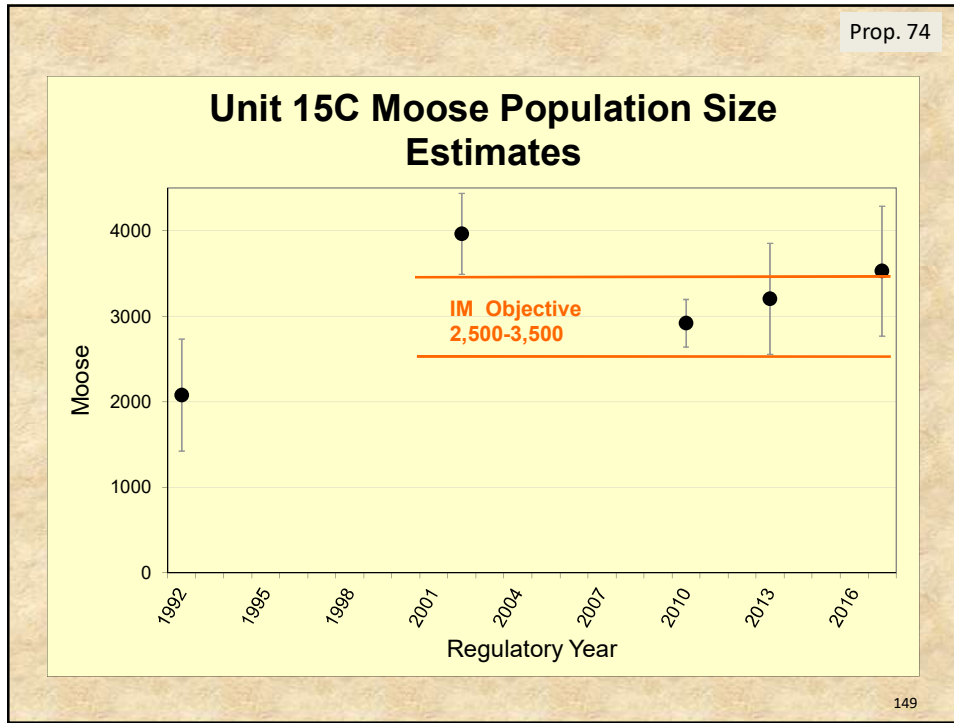


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### Unit 15C Composition Data

Regulatory Year	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total	Bull:Cow	Calf:Cow
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### Proposal 74

Establishes a resident only any bull drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 15-0-0

Seward 8-1-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 1-12-0

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### Proposal 76

Establishes a resident only any bull drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0

Homer 15-0-0

**Oppose**

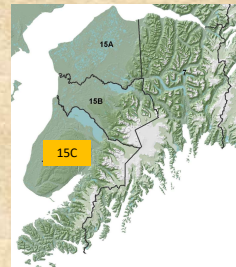
Central Pen. 0-13-0

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## Background

- Unit 15C point estimate of 2017 census at the high end of IM population objective.
- Would likely issue 40–70 permits and divide the Unit into 4 to 5 hunt areas.

## Unit 15C

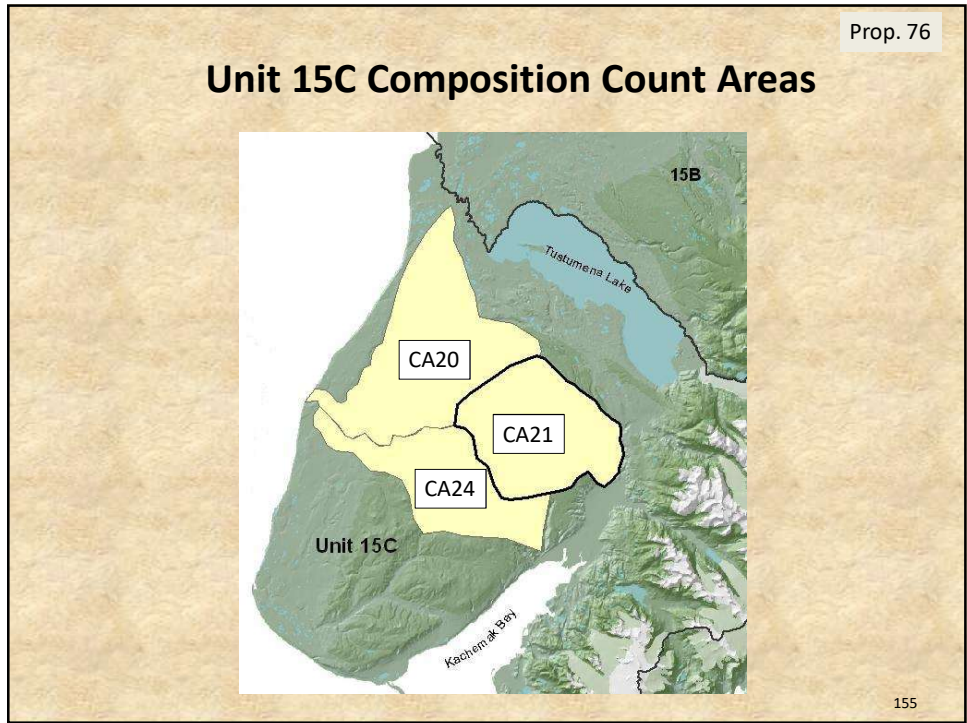


### Management Objectives

- Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

### Intensive Management

- Population Objective: 2,500–3,500
- Harvest Objective: 200–350

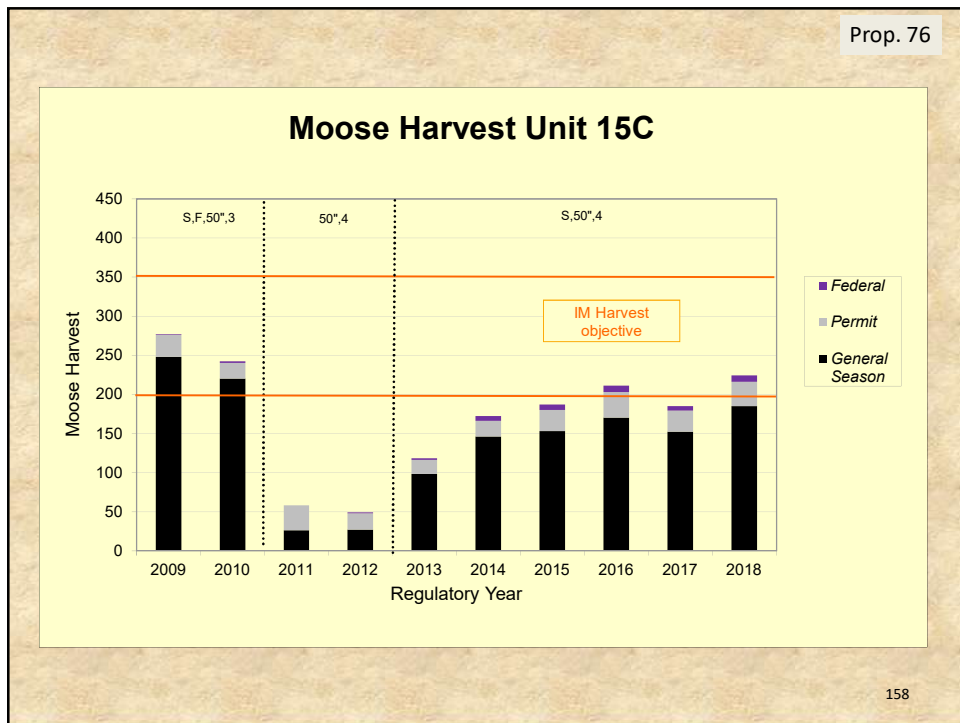
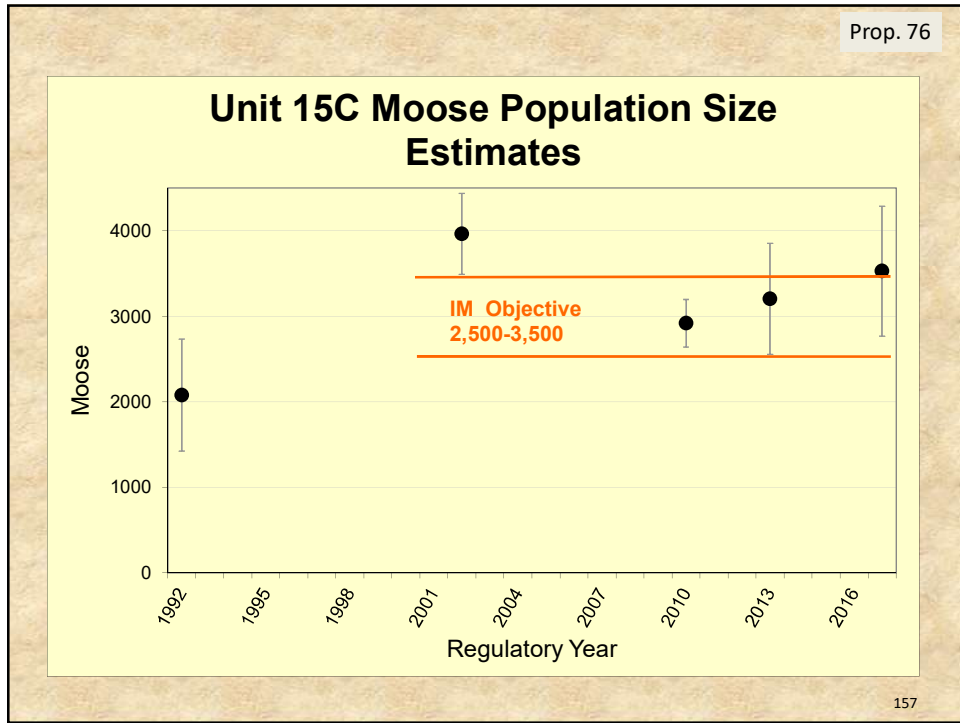


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### Unit 15C Composition Data

Regulatory Year	Bulls	Cows	Calves	Total	Bull:Cow	Calf:Cow
<b>2013</b>	132	695	159	986	19	23
<b>2014</b>	150	571	176	897	26	31
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<b>2016</b>	242	611	119	972	40	19
<b>2017</b>	298	543	100	941	55	18
<b>2018</b>	185	466	140	791	40	30

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## Proposal 76

Establishes a resident only any bull drawing hunt for moose in 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0

Homer 15-0-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0

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## Proposal 75

Establishes an archery and muzzleloader drawing permit hunt for moose in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Anchorage 6-0-0 as amended

Homer 10-3-2 as amended

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0

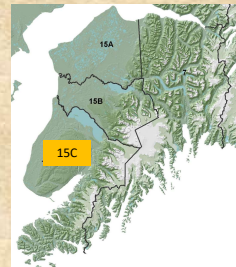
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## Background

- Under current regulations the moose population in Unit 15C can withstand additional harvest and stay within management and Intensive management population objectives
- No documented bow or muzzleloader harvest in Unit 15C during the last 5 years

## Unit 15C

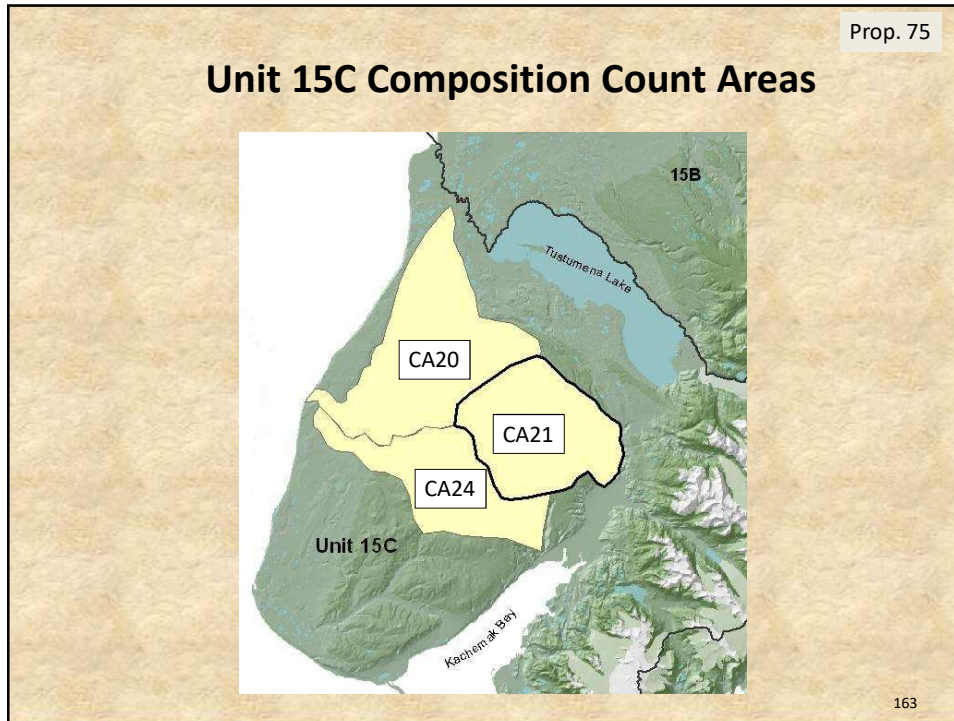


### Management Objectives

- Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

### Intensive Management

- Population Objective: 2,500–3,500
- Harvest Objective: 200–350

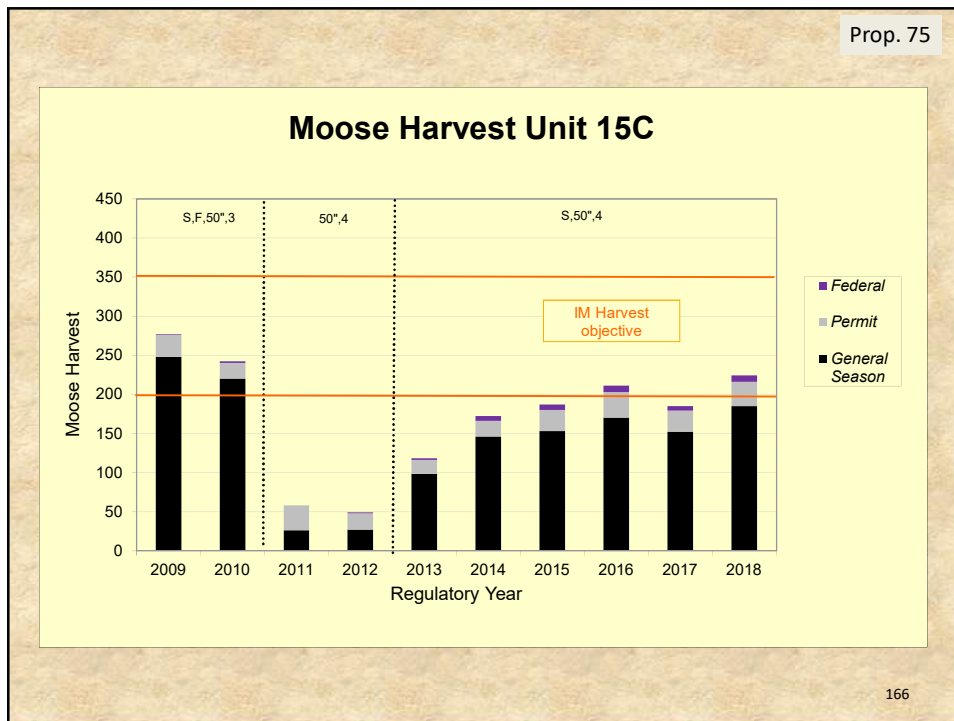
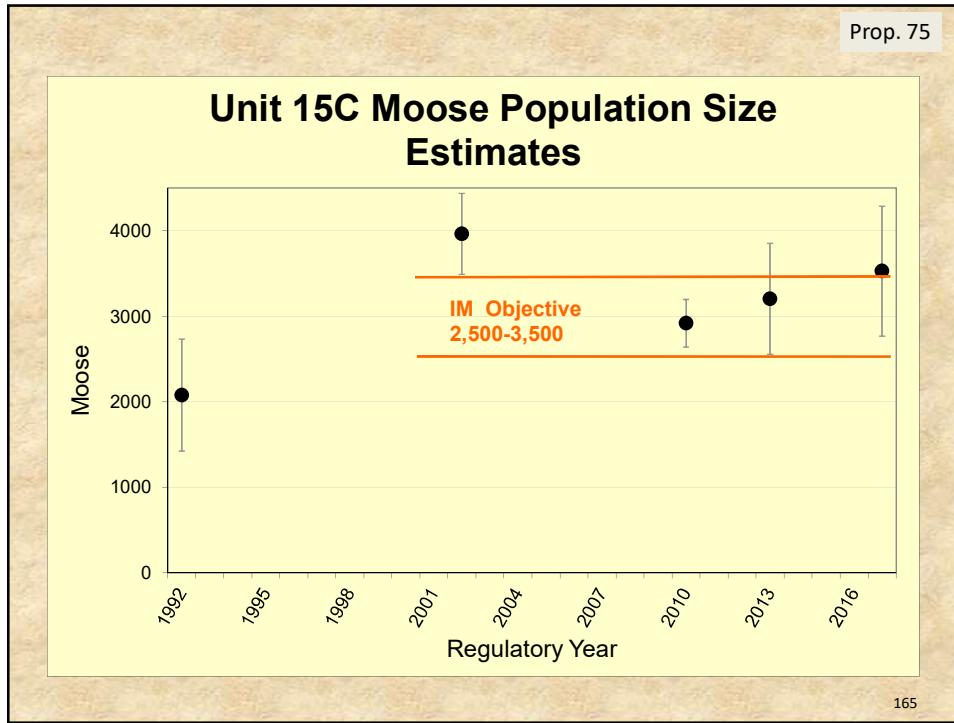


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### Unit 15C Composition Data

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2013	132	695	159	986	19	23
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2018	185	466	140	791	40	30

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## Proposal 75

Establishes an archery and muzzleloader drawing permit hunt for moose in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Anchorage 6-0-0 as amended  
Homer 10-3-2 as amended

### Oppose

Central Pen. 0-13-0

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## Proposal 80

Establish an archery-only drawing moose hunt for the Hope/Palmer Creek Valley area with a maximum of 4 permits and a bag limit 1 bull Spike, 50", or 4 brow tines, and close the general season in this area

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

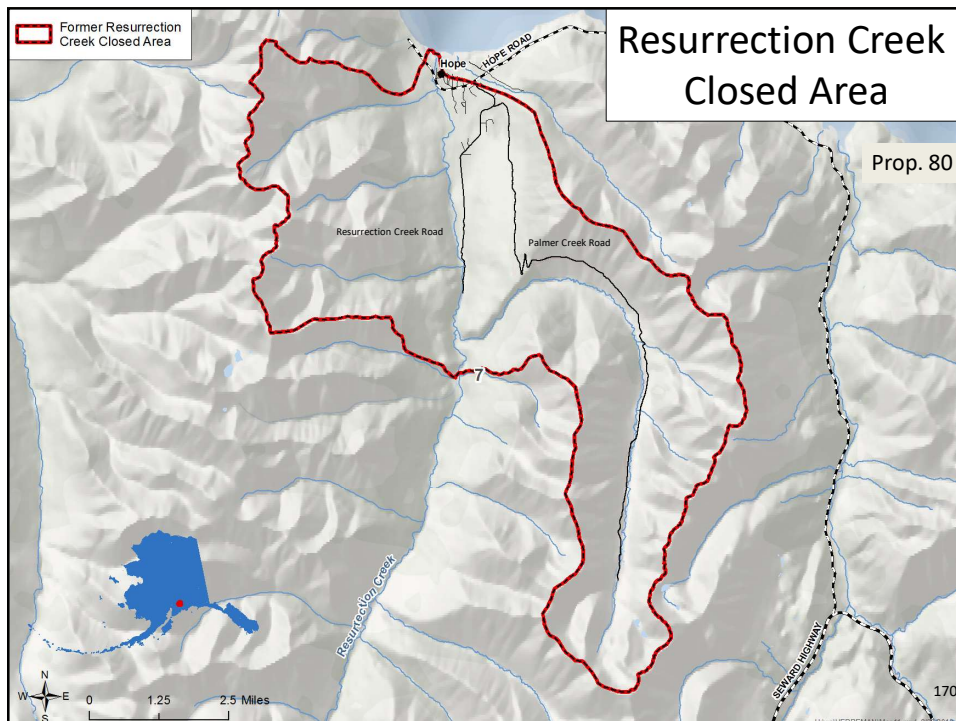
### Oppose

Homer 0-10-1

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## Background

- Proposed permit area formerly “Resurrection Creek Closed Area” (RCCA) established in 1980
- RCCA removed by the Board in 2011
- 2013 proposal made to reinstate the Closed Area (failed)
- No biological concerns



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## Moose Hunting In Proposed Permit Area

	# Hunters	AK Residents	Local Residents	% Hunters Local	Moose Harvested
2018	?	2	1	50	0
2017	18	17	4	6	1
2016	7	7	0	0	0

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### Proposal 80

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**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Homer 0-10-1

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## Proposal 72

Eliminates the general season harvest ticket moose hunt in Unit 15C and establishes a resident only registration hunt with a split season of:

- Sept. 1–14, 1 bull with 3 or more points (more than a fork) on one side, quota set by ADF&G
- Sept. 15–25, 1 bull 50", 4 brow tines
- Requires in-person registration
- Any hunter participating in this hunt would be ineligible to hunt bull moose anywhere else in the state

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0

Central Pen. 6-7-0 with amendment

Kenai/Soldotna 0-10-0

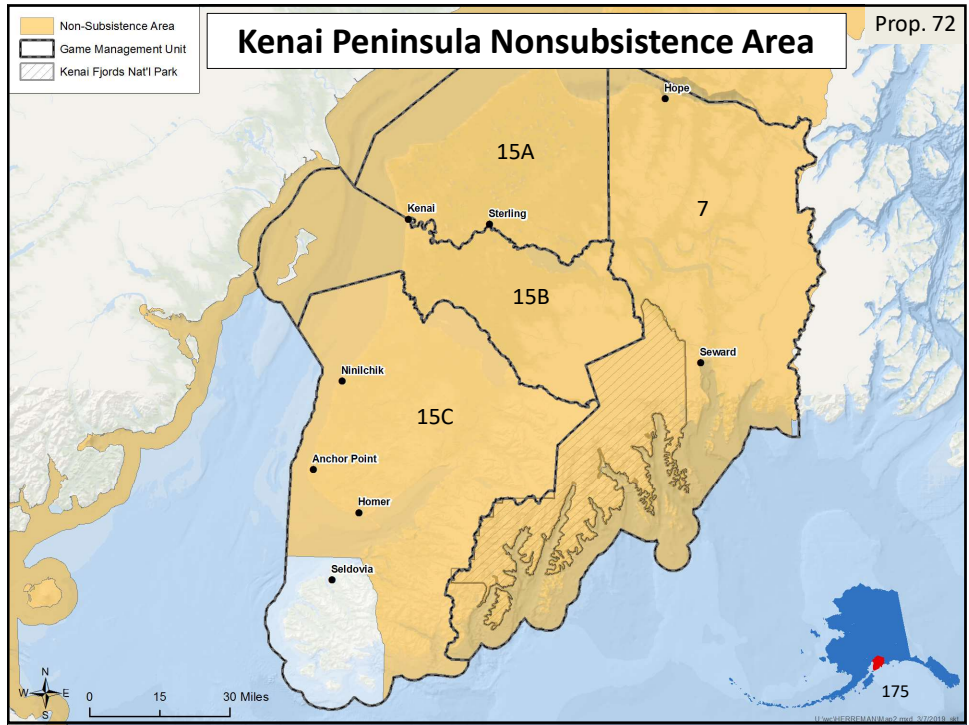
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## Background

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- Would introduce a new antler restriction and a complex harvest system to the state
- Anticipate the early season would be short unless the number of permits issued is limited
- Effective communication between hunters and department staff would be required
- Early season would produce crowded conditions in areas of easy access
- High harvest would occur in areas of easy access during the early season
- Current prohibitions on hunters participating in hunts for the same species in other areas of the state only exist in one other place in the state
- A small portion of Unit 15C south of Kachemak Bay is outside the nonsubsistence area

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## Unit 15C

### Management Objectives

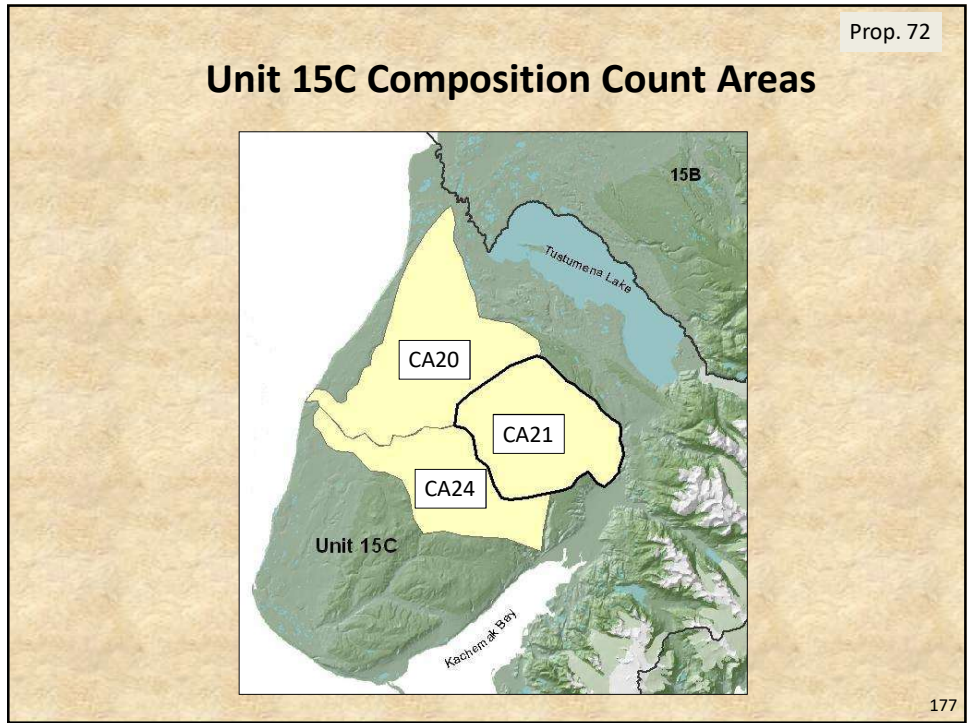
- Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

### Intensive Management

- Population Objective: 2,500–3,500
- Harvest Objective: 200–350

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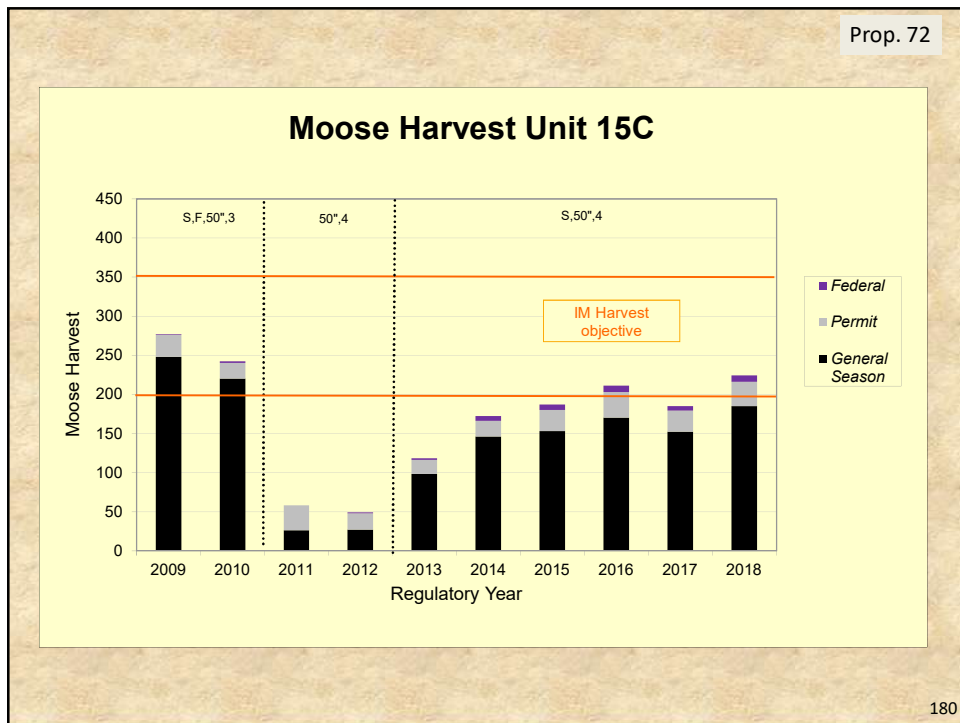
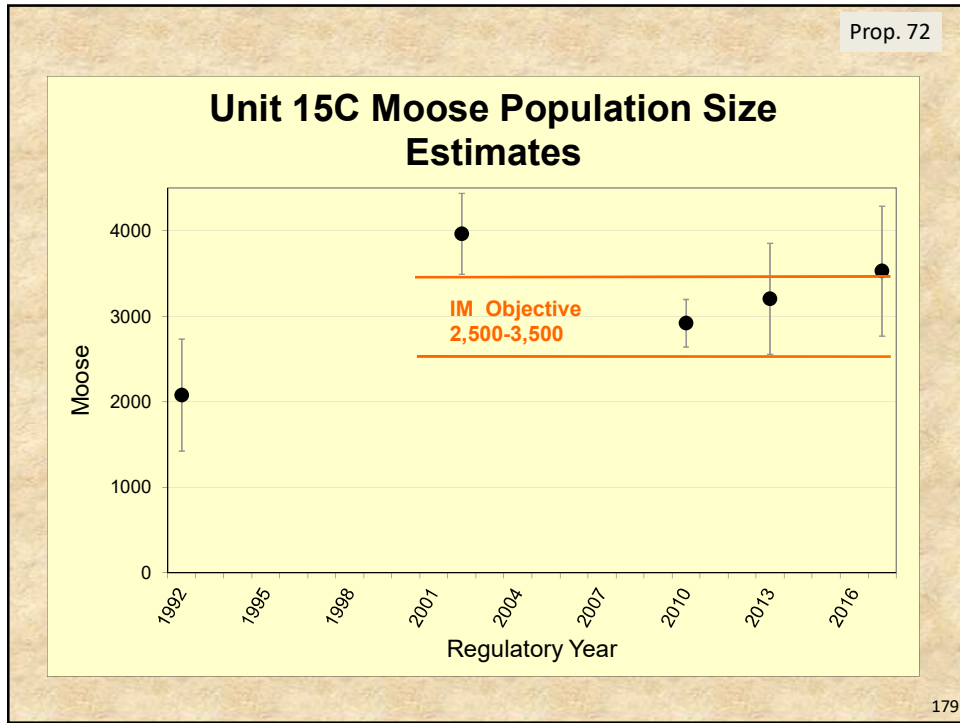


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### Unit 15C Composition Data

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Unit 15C Antler Configuration From Composition Counts	
	<u>% Bulls &gt;Fork</u>
2013	78
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2015	78
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2017	93
2018	81
<b>Average</b>	<b>81</b>

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**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0  
 Central Pen. 6-7-0 with amendment  
 Kenai/Soldotna 0-10-0

## Proposal 73

Eliminates the general season harvest ticket hunt and establishes a resident only moose registration hunt for Unit 15C with season dates of Sept. 1–25

- Registration required at the Homer office
- A cap set by ADF&G
- 2 day reporting requirement
- Bag limit: any bull except a bull with a Spike or a Fork on one or both sides
- Hunters registered for this hunt may not hunt bull moose in any other unit during the same calendar year

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0

Central Pen. 6-7-0

Homer 0-14-1

Kenai/Soldotna 0-9-1

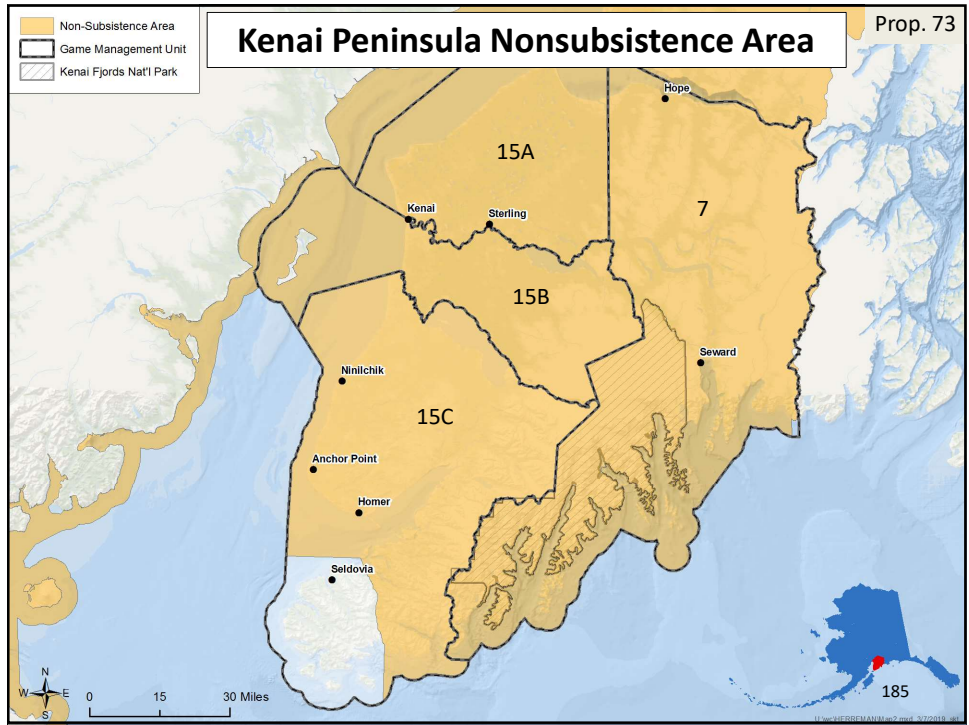
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Prop. 73

## Background

- Anticipate the early season would be short unless the number of permits issued is limited
- Effective communication between hunters and department staff would be required
- High harvest would likely occur in areas of easy access during the early season
- Only a small portion of Unit 15C south of Kachemak Bay is recognized as a state subsistence area for moose
- Current prohibitions on hunters participating in hunts for the same species in other areas of the state only exist in an area that is recognized under state subsistence

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## Unit 15C

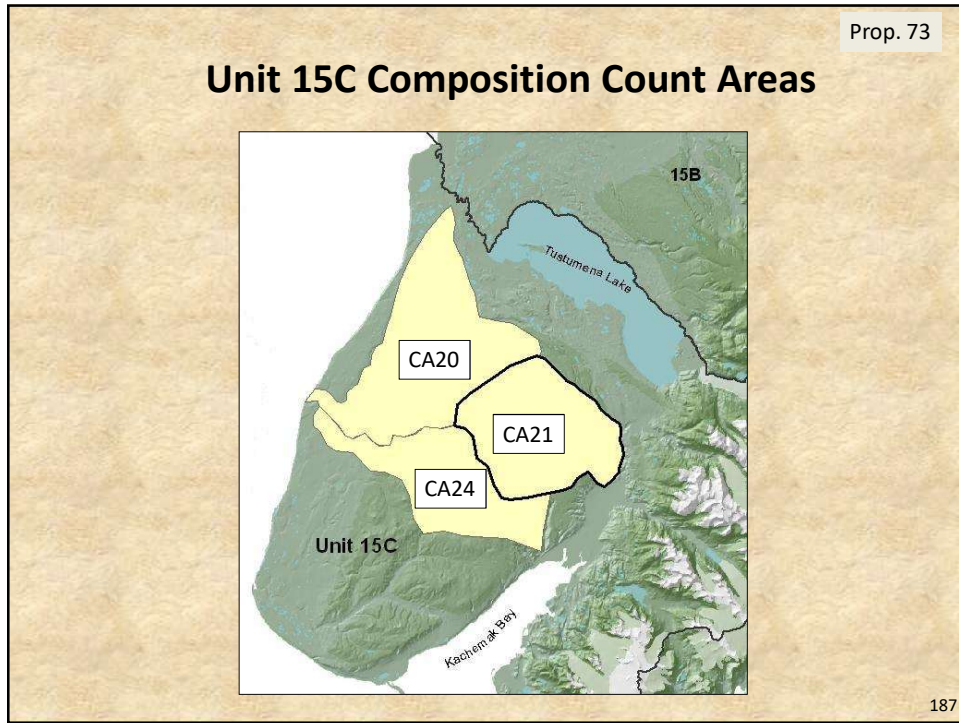
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**Intensive Management**

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- Harvest Objective: 200–350

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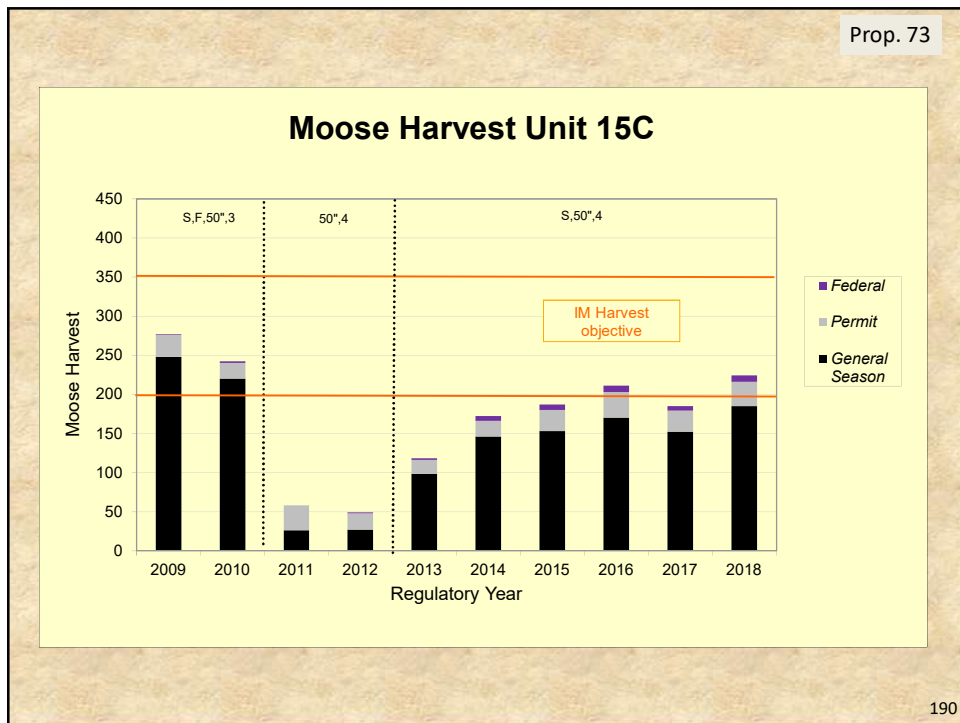
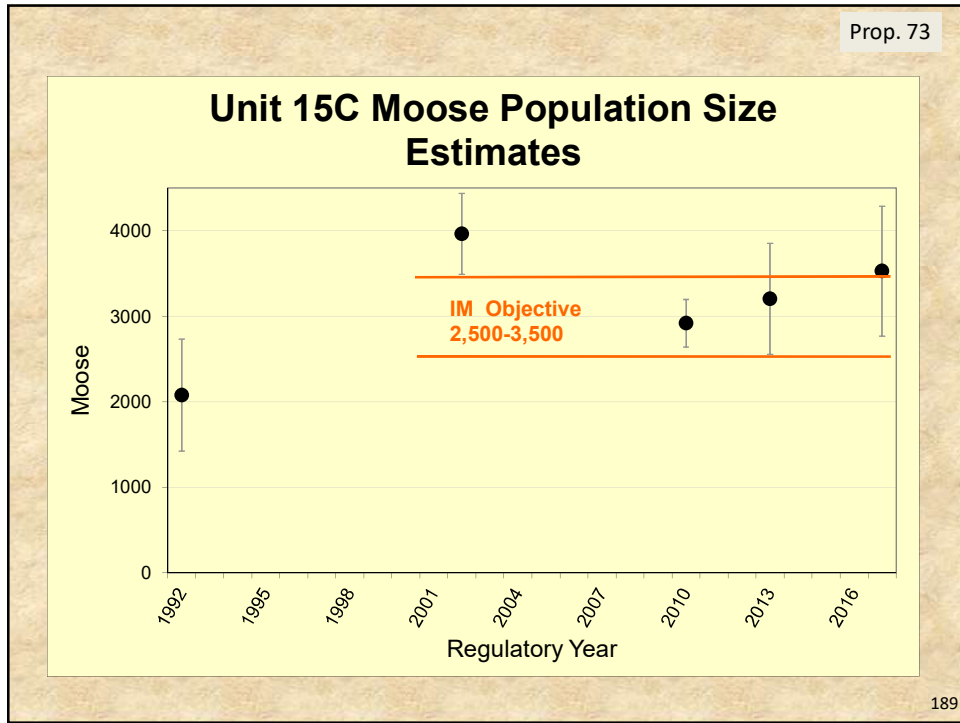


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**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Anchorage 0-6-0

Central Pen. 6-7-0

Homer 0-14-1

Kenai/Soldotna 0-9-1



## Proposal 77

Establishes a drawing antlerless moose hunt north of the south fork of the Anchor River in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 8-4-3  
Kenai/Soldotna 7-1-1  
Seldovia 7-0

### Oppose

Central Pen. 0-13-0

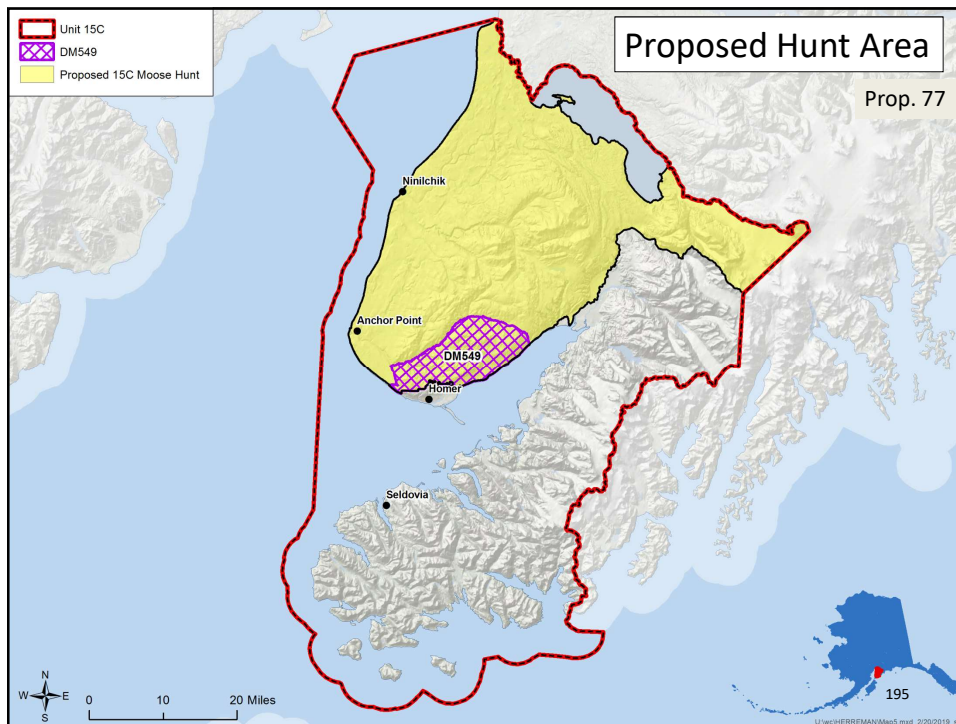
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## Background

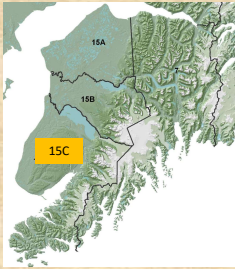
- Creates new antlerless hunt
- Census data indicates we are at the high end of the Intensive Management population objective
- Overall harvest is at the bottom level our the Intensive Management harvest objective
- Would allow additional hunting opportunity while the population is high
- Ongoing research indicates a healthy moose population but one that may be showing signs of nutritional stress

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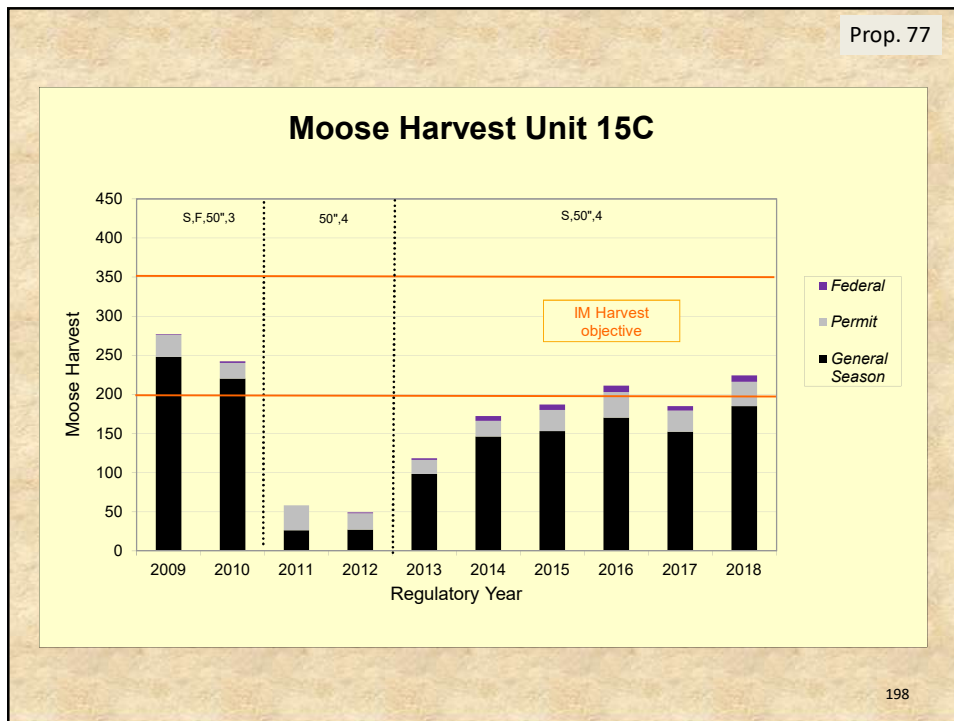
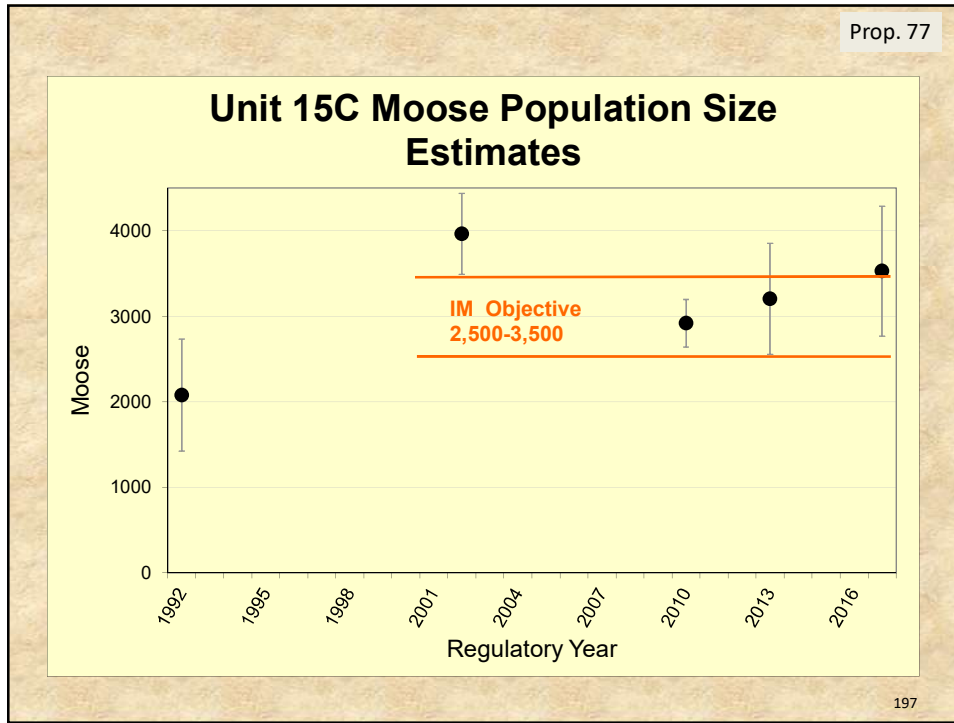
**Management Objectives**

- Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 20–25 bulls:100 cows

**Intensive Management**

- Population Objective: 2,500–3,500
- Harvest Objective: 200–350

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**Unit 15C Composition Data**

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### **Proposal 77**

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**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 8-4-3  
Kenai/Soldotna 7-1-1  
Seldovia 7-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0

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### **Proposal 79**

Requires hunter education for all hunters participating in drawing hunts in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 9-2-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0

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## Background

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This proposed regulation would affect hunters born before 1986 and any hunters born after 1986 who are not required to have a hunting license (under 18 years of age).

- Current Hunter Education requirement:
  - If you were born after January 1, 1986 and are 18 years old or older you must have successfully completed a Basic Hunter education course before you hunt in units 7 or 15.
  - If you are under 18 years of age, you must have either successfully completed a Basic Hunter Education course or be under the direct immediate supervision of a licensed hunter who is:
    - a. 18 years of age or older and has successfully completed a certified hunter education course, OR
    - b. Born on or before January 1, 1986.

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## Proposal 79

Requires hunter education for all hunters participating in drawing hunts in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 9-2-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0

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## Proposal 81

Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island  
in Unit 15B

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 5-4-2 with amendment  
Central Pen. 8-5

### Oppose

Kenai/Soldotna 1-10-0

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Prop. 81

## Background

International Hunter Education Association recommends hunters orange as the most effective color to be worn to prevent hunting accidents.

“ No single factor has reduced hunting incidents as much as wearing hunter orange because it reduces incidents where one hunter mistakes another person for game”.

- Over 40 states require hunter orange clothing.
- Currently a requirement for some special hunts in Alaska including targeted moose hunts and some youth hunts.
- Common requirement is 400-500 square inches of hunter orange above the waist.

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### **Proposal 81**

Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 5-4-2 with amendment  
Central Pen. 8-5

**Oppose**

Kenai/Soldotna 1-10-0

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### **Proposal 82**

Reauthorizes the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 10-0-1  
Central Pen. 11-2-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0  
Seldovia 4-0-0

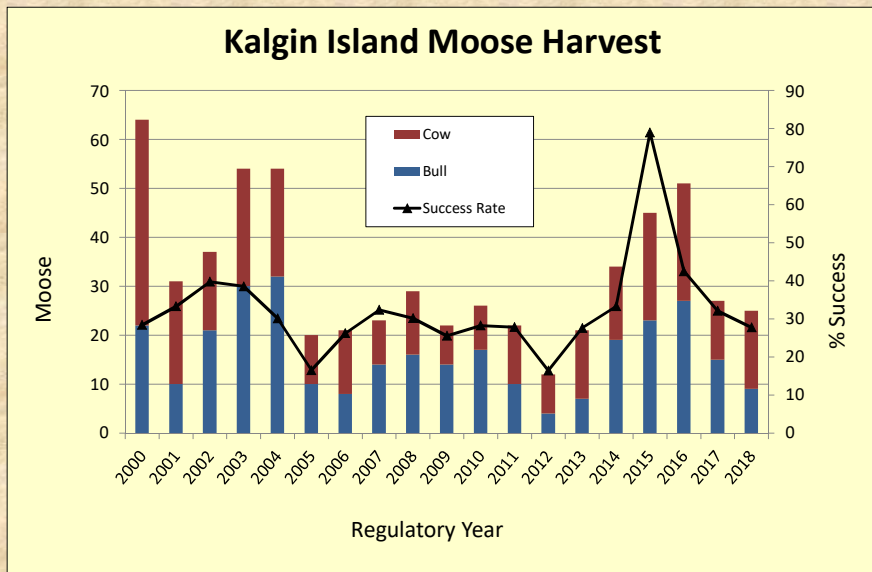
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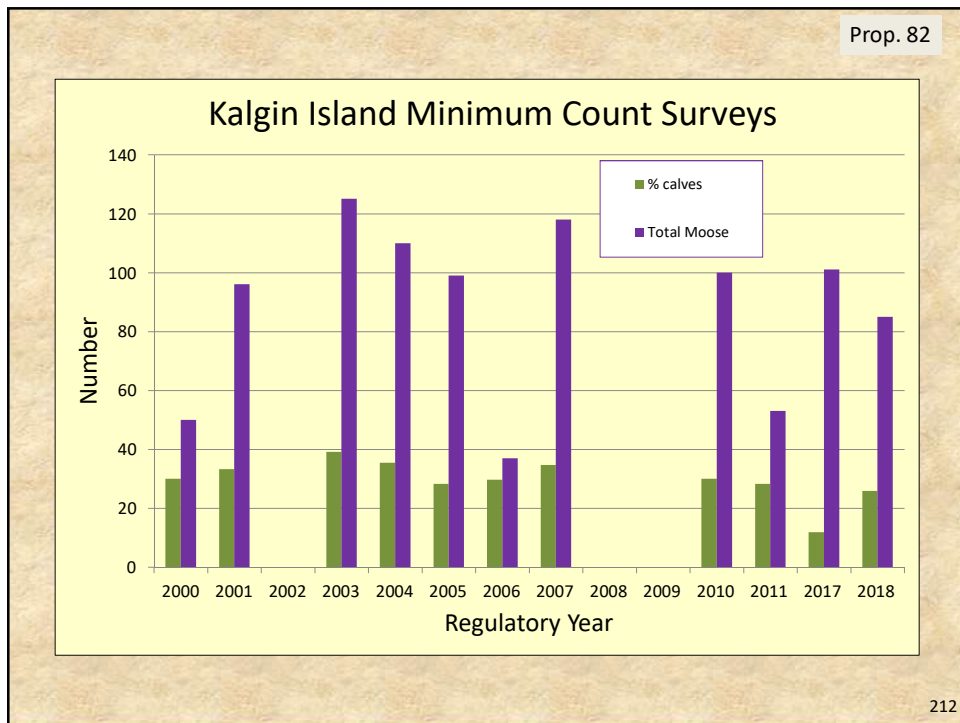
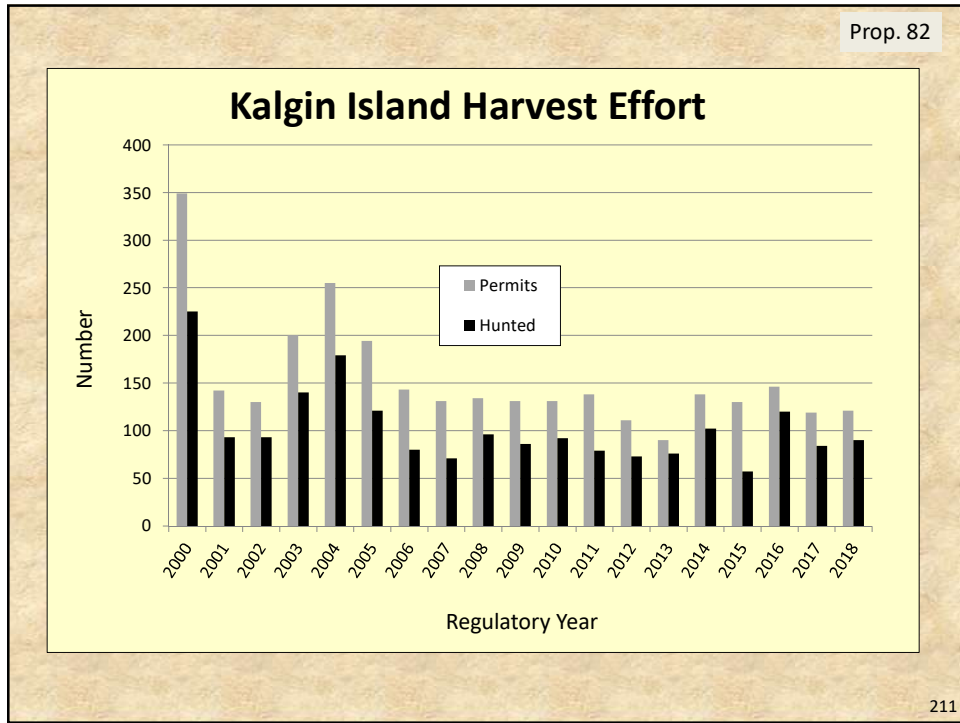
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## Background

- Kalgin Island (approximately 23 square miles)
- 98 people/year report hunting moose on Kalgin Island (5-year average)
- Registration permit
- Bag limit one moose





## Proposal 82

Reauthorizes the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 10-0-1  
Central Pen. 11-2-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 11-0-0  
Seldovia 4-0-0

### Oppose

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## Proposal 83

Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts (DM549, Homer bench and AM550, Sterling Hwy) in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 7-1-3 with amendment  
Kenai/Soldotna 10-1-0  
Seldovia 7-0-0

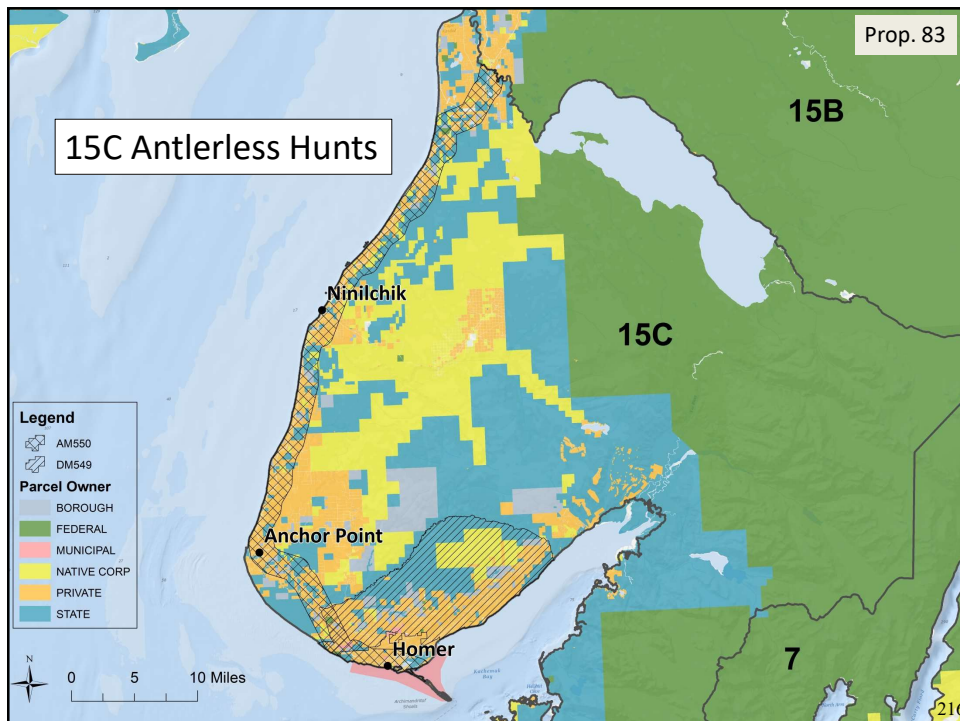
### Oppose

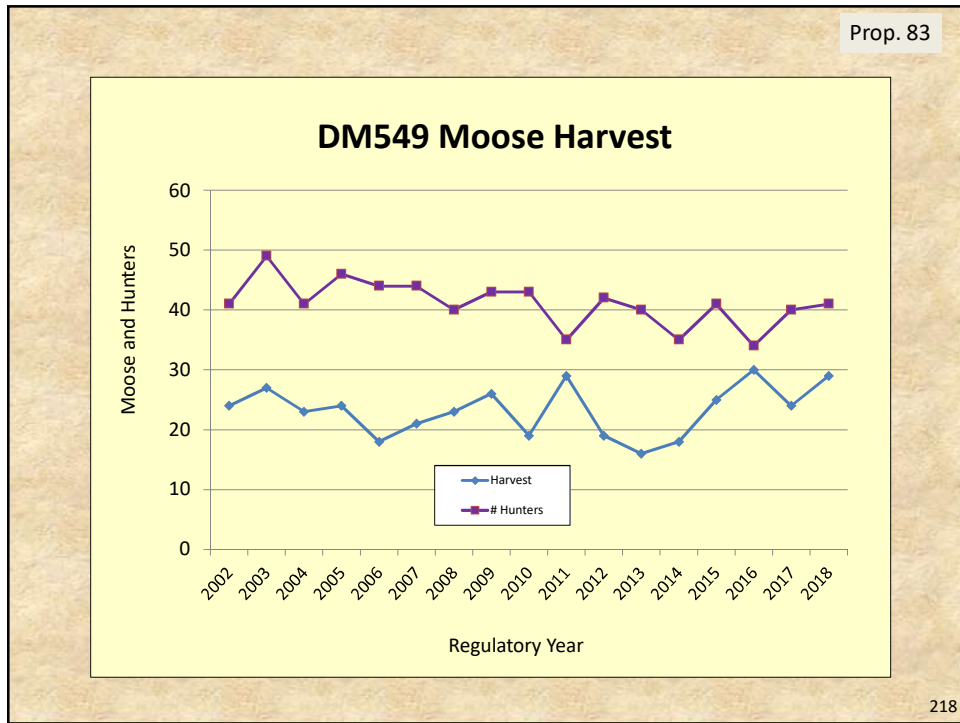
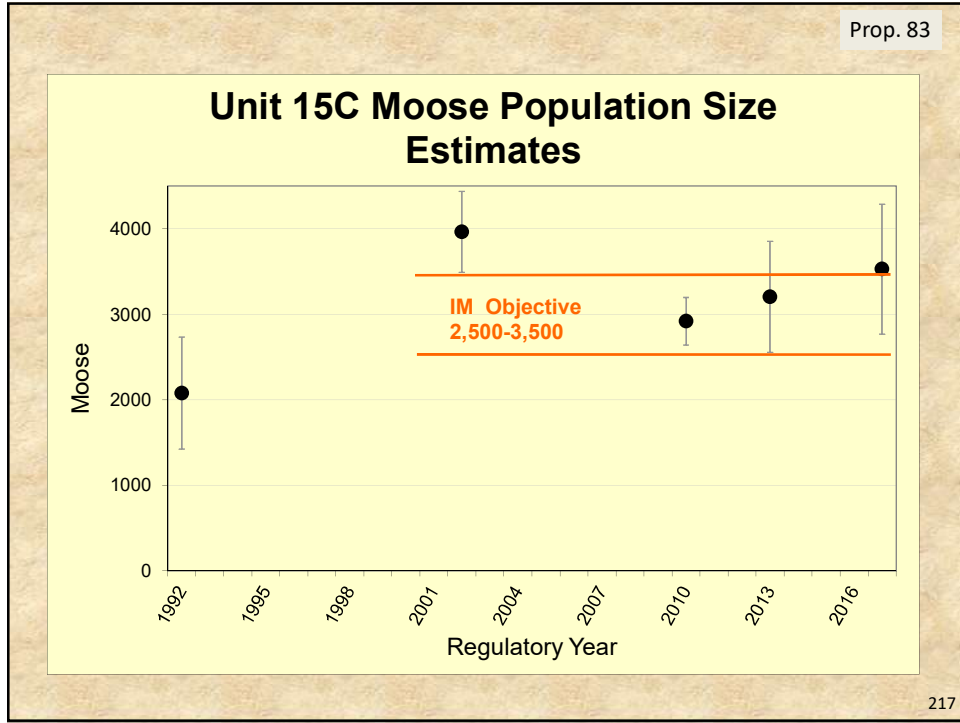
Central Pen. 0-13-0

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## Background

- DM549: up to 100 permits issued for a cow not accompanied by a calf
- 50 permits issued for DM549 during the past 17 years with an average annual harvest of 23 cows
- No permits issued for AM550 since hunt established in 2015





### Proposal 83

Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts (DM549, Homer bench and AM550, Sterling Hwy) in Unit 15C

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** ADF&G

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 7-1-3 with amendment  
Kenai/Soldotna 10-1-0  
Seldovia 7-0-0

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0

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### Proposal 84

Open a resident-only, archery general season for Dall sheep in the Round Mountain portion of Unit 15

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

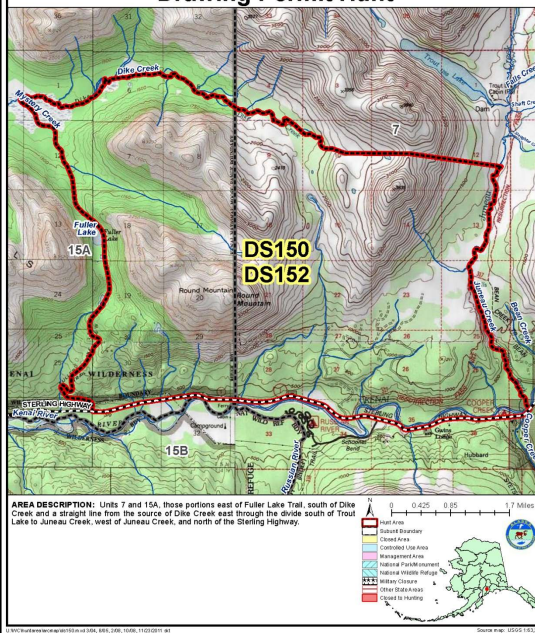
Central Pen. 1-12-0  
Homer 0-11  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-8-1

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## Background

- Would establish an archery-only Dall sheep general season harvest ticket hunt in the Round Mountain (RM) permit area for Alaska residents.
- RM currently managed as a drawing permit hunt (harvest ticket could lead to crowding in a small area)
- 3 permits/year are issued
- 2 rams have been harvested during the last 5 years
- 10 sheep/year harvested by archery state wide (5yr. Ave.) or 1.4% of harvest
- No sheep harvested by archery in Units 7 & 15 during the last 5 years

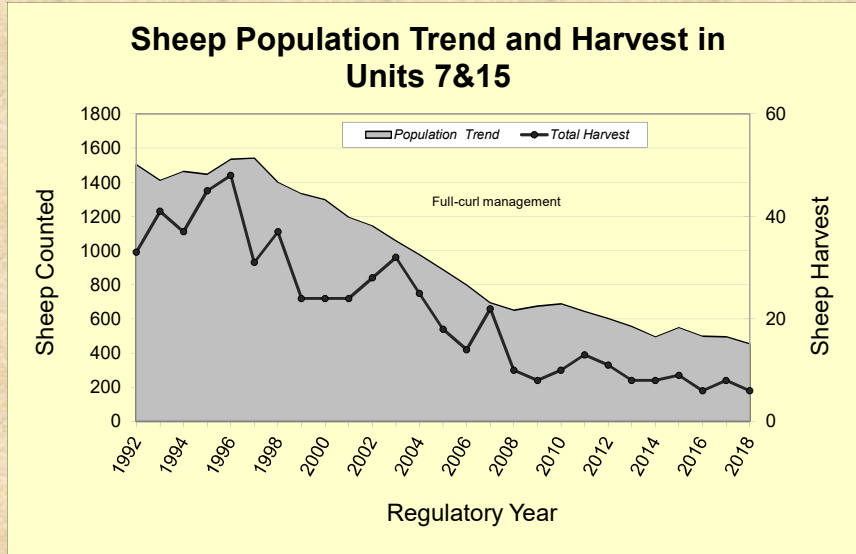
### DS150 DS152 Sheep Drawing Permit Hunt



## Round Mountain Hunt Area

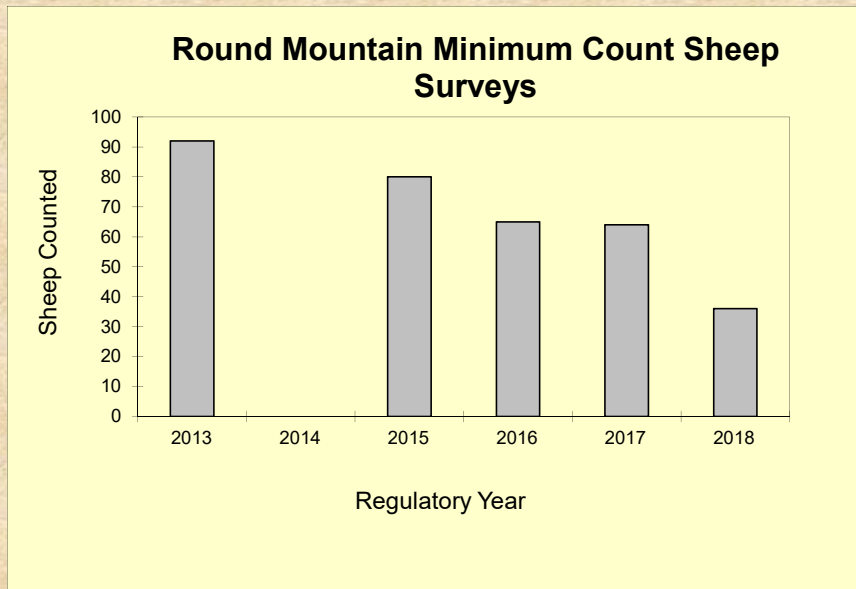
- Established in 1993 (ewe hunt, DS152)
- Full curl ram hunt since 2002 (DS150)

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Round Mountain Composition Data						
Regulatory Year	Legal Ram	Sublegal Ram	Unclass. Ram	Ewe-like	Yearling	Lamb
2013	0	18	0	56	0	18
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	1	10	0	48	3	18
2016	0	10	0	36	0	18
2017	0	9	1	32	0	13
2018	0	7	5	21	0	3

### Proposal 84

Open a resident-only, archery general season for Dall sheep in the Round Mountain portion of Unit 15

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 1-12-0

Homer 0-11

Kenai/Soldotna 0-8-1

## Proposal 85

Changes the resident black bear bag limit in Units 7 &15  
South of Kachemak Bay and the City of Seward to  
1 bear in the spring, and 1 in the fall

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

<p><b>Support</b> Homer 6-3-2</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b> Central Pen. 0-13-0 Seward 0-9-0 Kenai/Soldotna 0-9-1</p>
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## Background

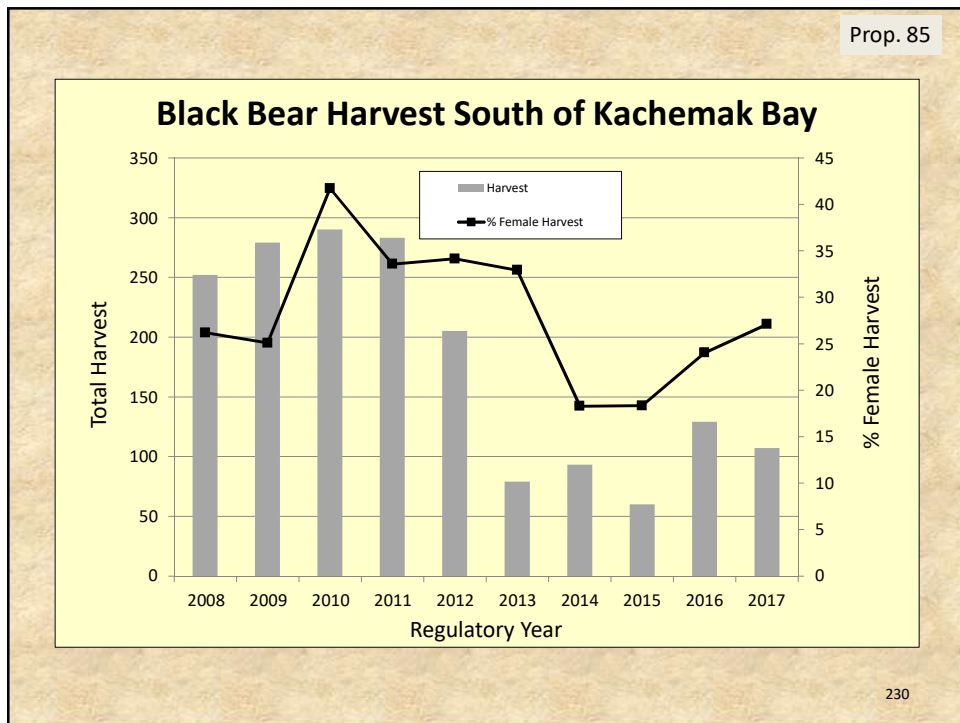
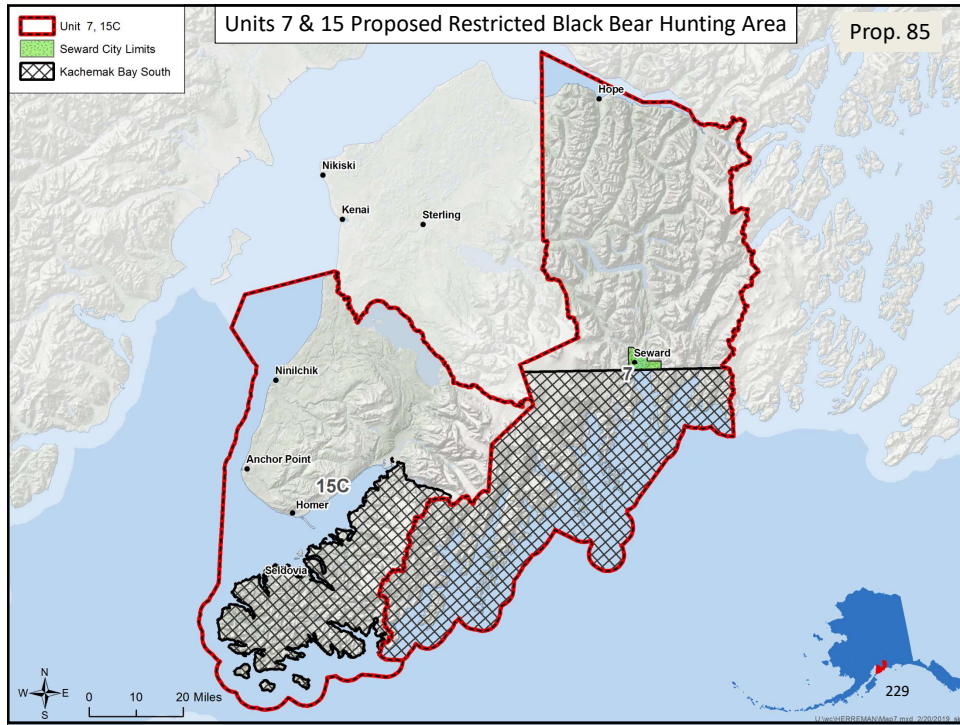
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Year	Resident Bag Limit
1994-2008	1 spring/ 1 fall
2009-10	2 bears
2011-17	3 bears

No C&T finding

- Anecdotal reports of fewer black bears seen in some areas
- ADFG staff observe numerous black bears north of Jakolof Bay during other survey work
- Currently no census data for black bears in this area
- Initiated a research project to document black bear population demographics south of Kachemak Bay

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Hunter Harvest of > 1 Bear per Year				
Year	Resident Bag Limit	Avg. # Hunters		Ave. Total Harvest
		2 Bear Harvest	3 Bear Harvest	
2008	1 spring/ 1 fall	14	-	252
2009-10	2 bears	19	-	285
2011-17	3 bears	10	1	136

\* Spring = Jan. 1–June 30, Fall = July 1–Dec. 31

### Proposal 85

Changes the resident black bear bag limit in Units 7 &15 South of Kachemak Bay and the City of Seward to 1 bear in the spring, and 1 in the fall

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**

Homer 6-3-2

**Oppose**

Central Pen. 0-13-0  
Seward 0-9-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-9-1

## Proposal 86

Reduces the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 & 15 to 5 per day, 10 in possession

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 11-0-0  
Central Pen. 8-5-0  
Seldovia 7-0-0

### Oppose

Seward 0-9-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-8-1

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## Background

- Season dates: Aug. 10–Mar. 31, bag limit: 10/day, 20 in possession.
- Limited data from wing collection and staff/public observations.
- Reports of grouse abundance vary across the Kenai Peninsula.
- Spring weather conditions significantly affect recruitment of spruce grouse and populations are cyclical throughout the state.

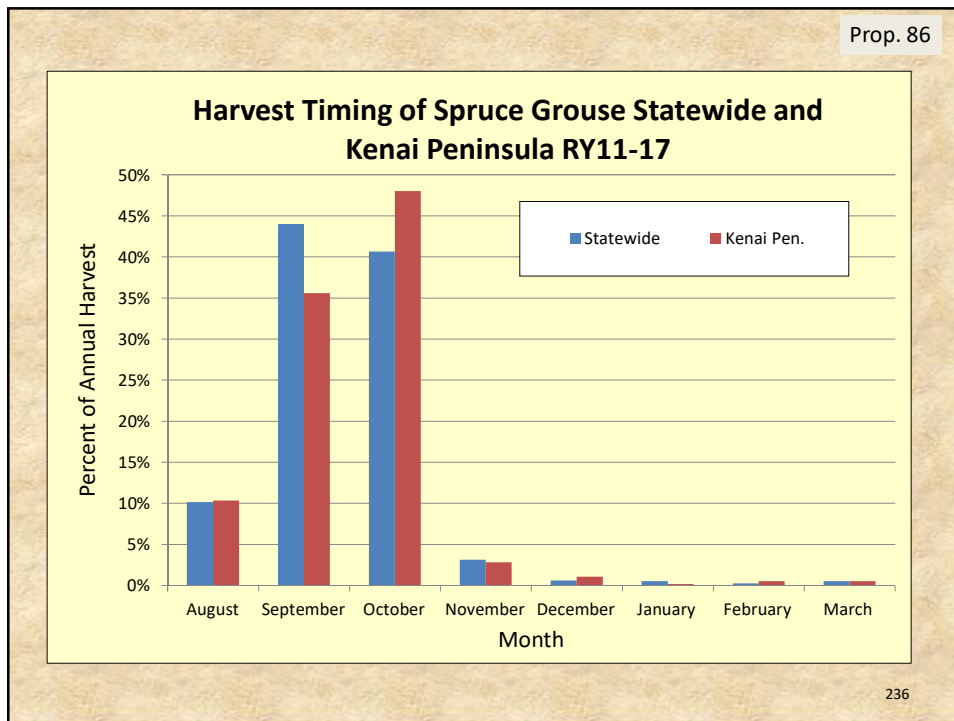
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### Spruce Grouse Wing Collection Data Units 7 & 15

Regulatory year	Unit	Adult	Juvenile	Unk	Total	Proportion of Juveniles	95% CI
2011	7, 15	27	54	0	81	0.67	0.55–0.77
2012	7, 15	59	33	0	92	0.36	0.26–0.47
2013	7, 15	73	49	0	122	0.40	0.31–0.49
2014	7, 15	49	54	0	103	0.52	0.42–0.62
2015	7, 15	46	69	0	115	0.60	0.50–0.69
2016	7, 15	22	67	1	90	0.74	0.64–0.83
2017	7, 15	50	65	0	115	0.57	0.47–0.66
2018 (preliminary)	7, 15				120	0.43	

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## Proposal 86

Reduces the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 & 15 to 5 per day, 10 in possession

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Homer Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Homer 11-0-0  
Central Pen. 8-5-0  
Seldovia 7-0-0

### Oppose

Seward 0-9-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-8-1

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## Proposal 87

Closes the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C for a minimum of 5 years

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

### Oppose

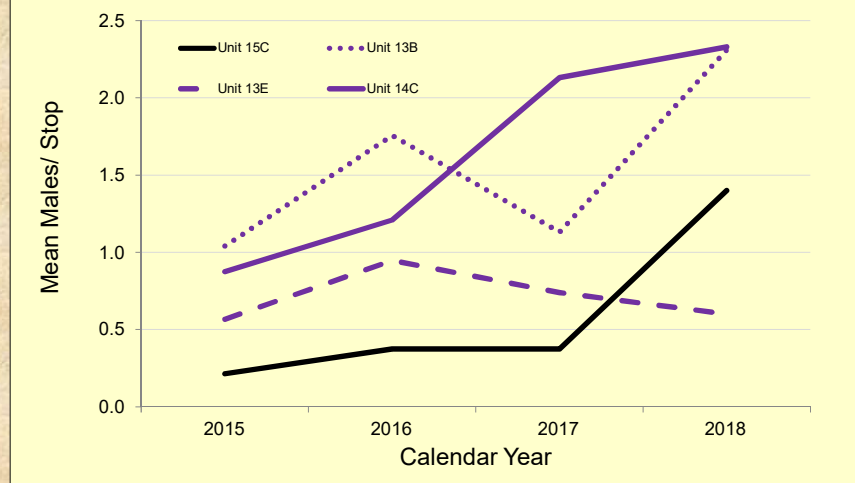
Homer 0-9-2  
Central Pen.  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-10-0  
Seldovia 0-7-0  
Seward 0-9-0

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## Background

- Unit 15C north of Kachemak Bay and north of the Fox River
  - 5/day, 10 in possession: Aug. 10–Jan. 31
- Remainder
  - 10/day, 20 in possession: Aug. 10–Mar 31
- Current regulations in place since 2015
- Spring breeding surveys conducted since 2013 in Unit 15C

**Comparison of Willow Ptarmigan Spring Breeding Abundance in Unit 15C with Other Surveyed Locations, 2015-2018**



\*A positive C&T finding has been established for Unit 15, no ANS established



## Proposal 87

Closes the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C for a minimum of 5 years

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

### Oppose

Homer 0-9-2  
Central Pen.  
Kenai/Soldotna 0-10-0  
Seldovia 0-7-0  
Seward 0-9-0

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## Proposal 88

Modifies the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area to north of the Kenai River

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

### Oppose

Kenai Soldotna 10-0-0

Cooper Landing 0-8-0

Homer 7-1-3

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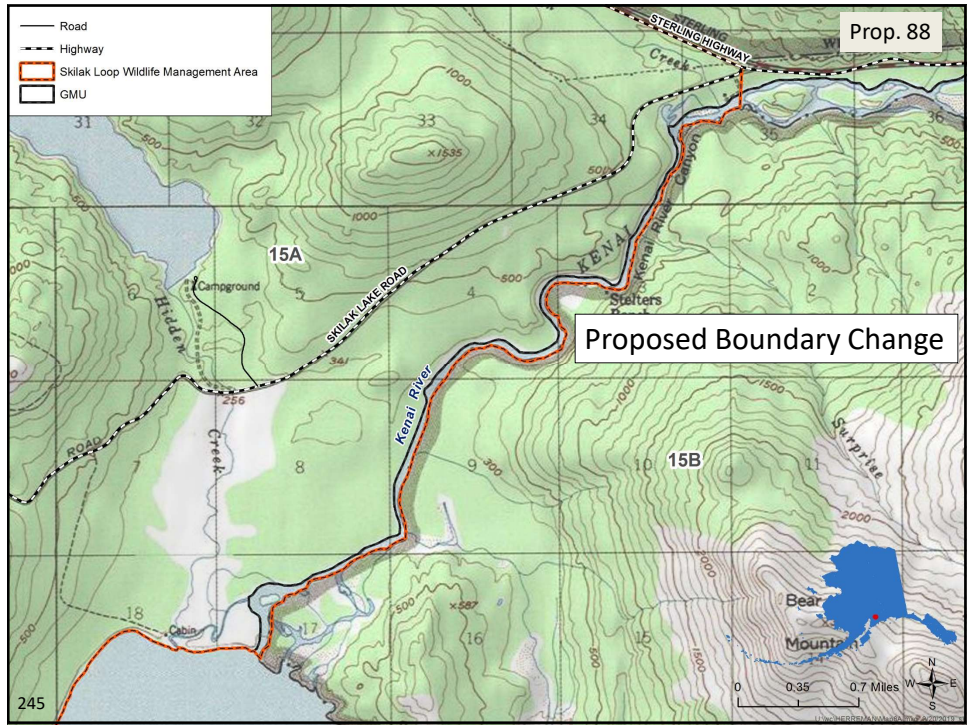
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## Background

- Proposal would increase hunting and trapping opportunity
- Potential conflict with Kenai River Special Management Area Regulations cooperatively managed by ADNR, ADF&G, USFS, and USFWS
  - [11 AAC 20.850. Use of weapons](#)
- Potential conflict with current Kenai National Wildlife Refuge regulations
  - Title 50 CFR 36.39

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**By state statute the discharge of a firearm in this section of river is currently prohibited.**

**11 AAC 20.850. Use of weapons**

(a) The use and discharge of a weapon for the purpose of lawful hunting or trapping is allowed in the Kenai River Special Management Area only on Skilak Lake and Kenai Lake, except as provided in (b) of this section.

(b) A person may use and discharge a shotgun below Skilak Lake, for the purpose of lawful hunting or trapping, from September 1 to April 30 annually.

(c) Except as provided in (d) of this section, the discharge of any firearm is prohibited within one-half mile of a developed facility or dwelling.

(d) A person may discharge a shotgun using steel shot no larger than size T, 0.2 inches in diameter, at a distance of no less than one-quarter mile from a developed facility or dwelling.”

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## Proposal 88

**Modifies the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area to North of the Kenai River**

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna Fish and Game AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### **Support**

Kenai Soldotna 10-0-0

Homer 7-1-3

### **Oppose**

Cooper Landing 0-8-0

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## Proposal 89

**Closes beaver trapping in the headwaters of the south fork of the Anchor River drainage**

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### **Support**

### **Oppose**

Homer 8-3-0

Central Pen. 0-13

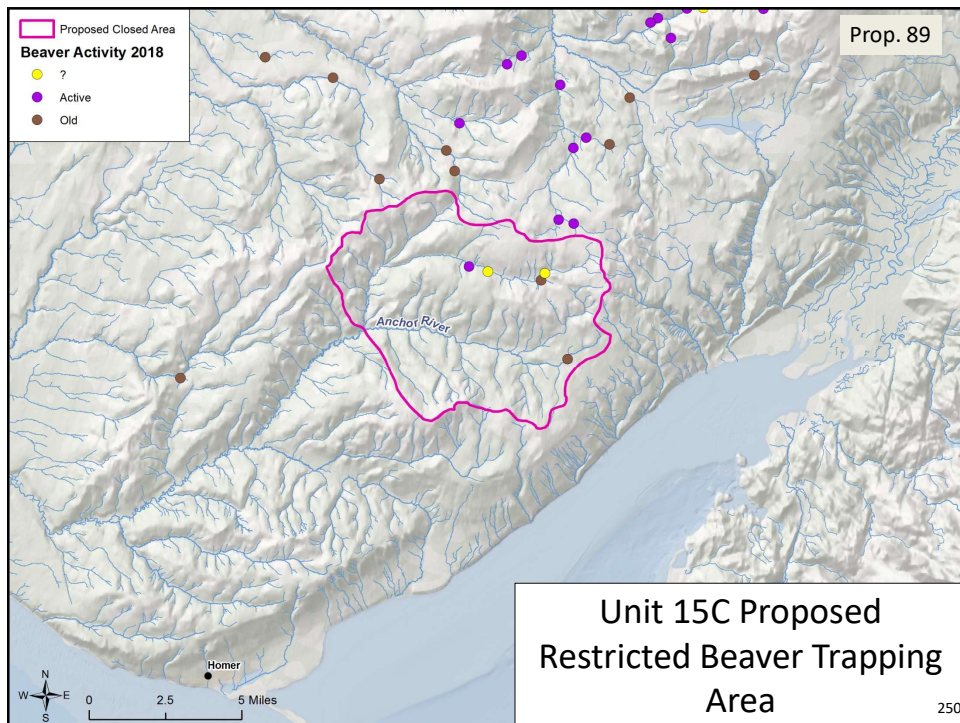
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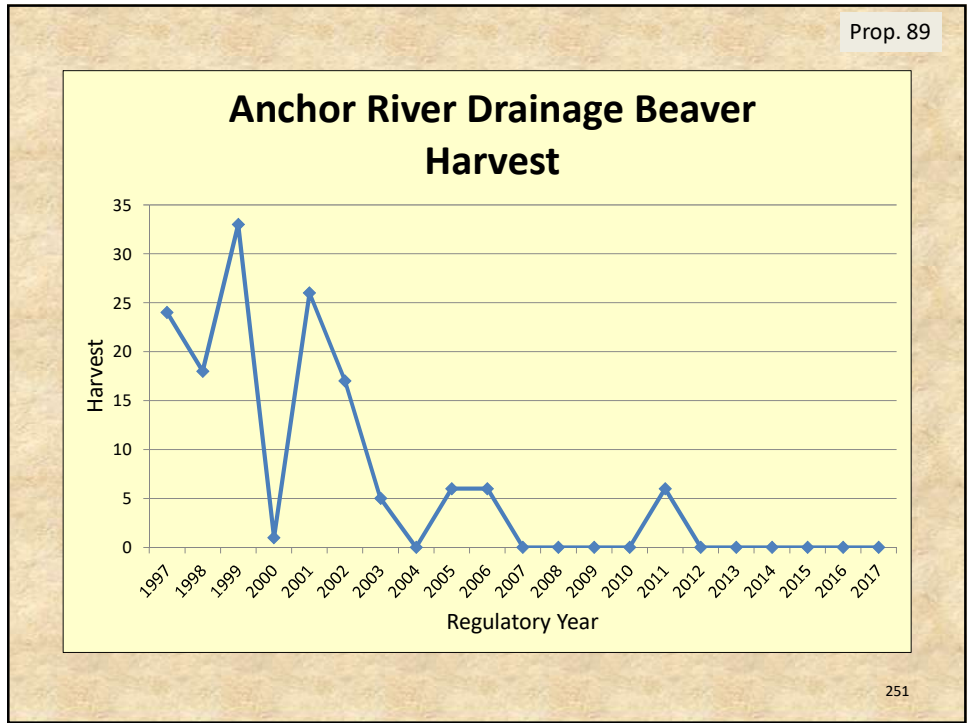
Seward 0-8-0

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## Background

- Season date Oct. 15-April 30, limit 20 beaver
- Last documented harvest of beaver in Anchor River drainage was in 2011
- Beaver activity surveys flown in fall of 2018





### Proposal 89

**Closes beaver trapping in the headwaters of the south fork of the Anchor River drainage**

**Department Position:** Neutral  
**Proposed by:** Public  
**Advisory Committee Votes:**

<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>
	Homer 8-3-0
	Central Pen. 0-13
	Kenai/Soldotna 0-9-0
	Seward 0-8-0

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## Proposal 90

**Removes the date restrictions for the Skilak Loop Youth Hunt and expands the hunt area to the entire Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area**

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### **Support**

Homer 11-0-0

Central Pen. 13-0-0

Kenai/Soldotna 10-0-0

### **Oppose**

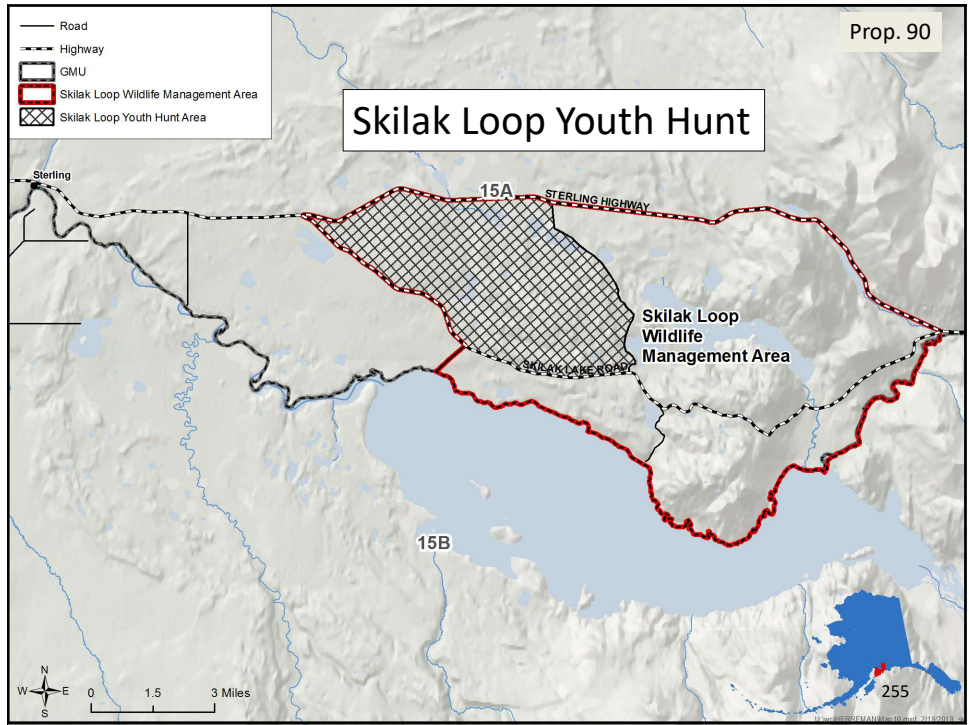
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## Background

- Current youth hunt regulations adopted in 2007
  - Current season dates: each Sat. and Sun. from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31 and the Friday following Thanksgiving day
  - Proposed season dates would match all state small game seasons for all small game species
- No biological concern
- Would cause state regulations and Kenai National Wildlife regulations to be in conflict, and possible hunter confusion

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## Proposal 90

**Removes the date restrictions for the Skilak Loop Youth Hunt and expands the hunt area to the entire Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area**

**Department Position:** Neutral  
**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

**Support**  
Homer 11-0-0  
Central Pen. 13-0-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 10-0-0

**Oppose**



## Proposal 91

**Prohibit the discharge of firearms, crossbows, or bow and arrows within ½ mile of a residence or out building South of Anchor Point and North of Kachemak Bay and the Fox River Drainage without written permission of landowner.**

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Public

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

### Oppose

Homer 0-11-0  
Central Pen. 0-13-0  
Kenai/Soldotna 1-9-0  
Seldovia 0-7-0

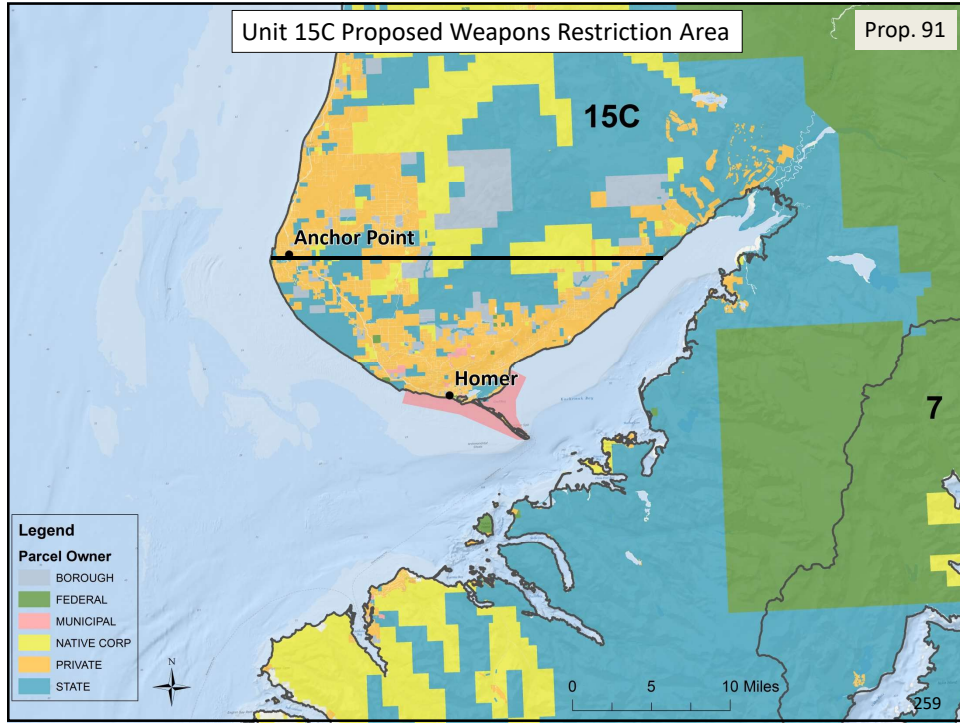
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## Background

- If adopted, this proposal would include any property adjacent to the residence or building within ½ mile even if owned by another entity such as the State of Alaska (public land)
- No other hunting regulations of this nature exist in Alaska; impact to hunters is unknown
- Proposal limits opportunity on both public and private lands

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Department Position: Neutral

Proposed by: Public

Advisory Committee Votes:

#### Support

#### Oppose

- Homer 0-11-0
- Central Pen. 0-13-0
- Kenai/Soldotna 1-9-0
- Seldovia 0-7-0

## Proposal 92

Establish a hunting season for tundra swans in Units 7 & 15

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### Support

Kenai/Soldotna 8-2-0

Matanuska Valley 6-4-0

### Oppose

Central Pen. 6-6-1

Cooper Landing 0-8-0

Homer 0-11-0

Seward 1-5-0

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## 2 Swan Species in Alaska

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Tundra Swan



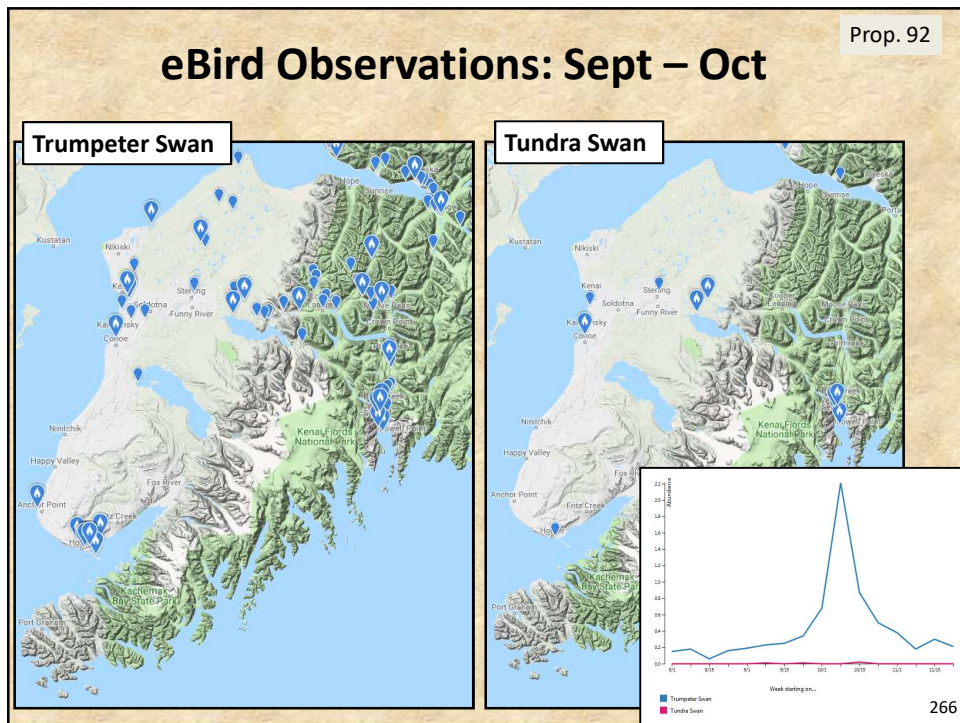
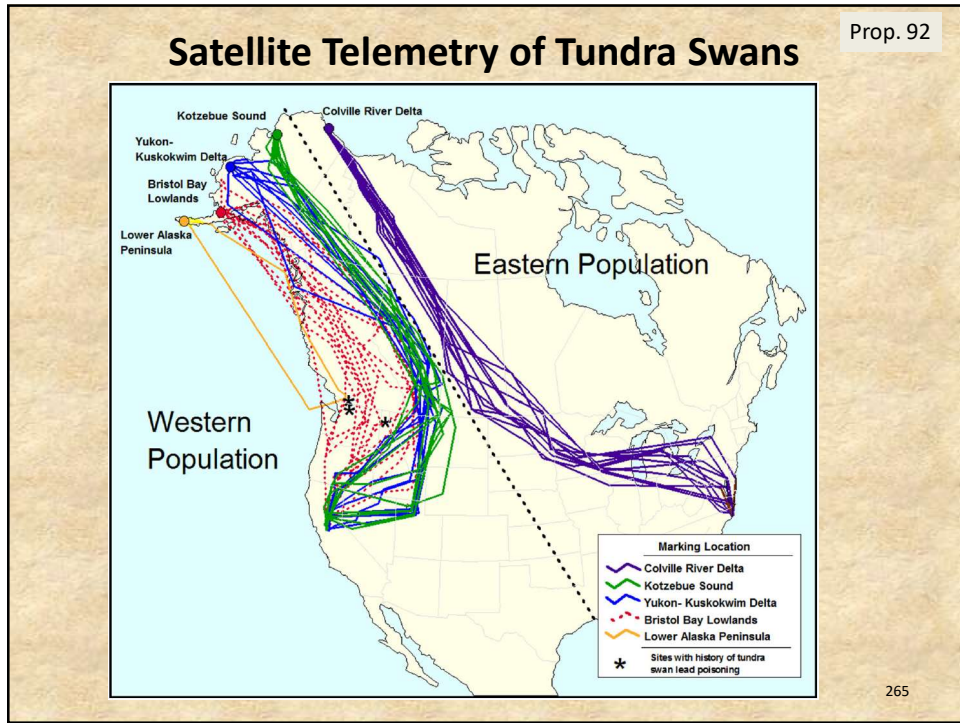
Trumpeter Swan



- Similar appearance
- Tundra swans open to fall-winter hunting in western Alaska
- Trumpeter swans closed to hunting in North America

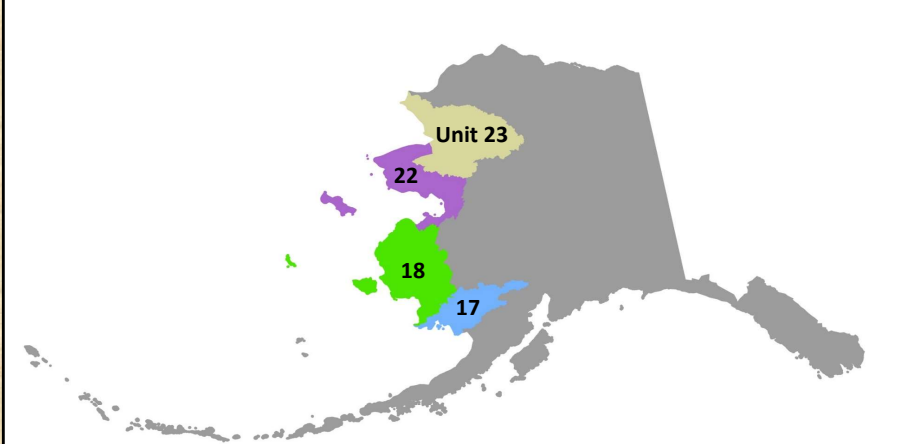
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### Federal Framework - Tundra Swan Hunt in Alaska



- All seasons by permit only
- All season framework dates: Sept 1 – Oct 31
- No more than 3 swans per permit
- 1 permit per hunter per season

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### Pacific Flyway Council: Management Plan for the Western Population of Tundra Swans

***Procedure for new hunt proposals -***

- States wishing to have a swan season will require a revised Environmental Assessment for general swan hunting seasons in the Pacific Flyway. This will need to be completed prior to the Study Committee and Council reviewing a new state hunt proposal.
- Prior to requesting a new swan hunt, the state must submit a hunt plan proposal to the Study Committee and Council.  
Hunt proposals must include: (a) description of hunt area boundaries; (b) a summary of numbers of swans, species composition, and seasonal use patterns in the proposed hunt area; (c) number of permits requested; (d) anticipated harvest; (e) season length and dates; (f) description of the permit process; and (g) proposed methods for obtaining reliable data on harvest and hunter activity.
- Swan hunting seasons should be directed toward tundra swans and designed to minimize take of trumpeter swans.
- New hunts will be considered experimental for a period of three years, after which an evaluation to assess conflicts and address any take of trumpeter swans must be conducted before experimental seasons may become operational.

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## Proposal 92

**Establish a hunting season for tundra swans in Units 7 & 15**

**Department Position:** Neutral

**Proposed by:** Kenai/Soldotna AC

**Advisory Committee Votes:**

### **Support**

Kenai/Soldotna 8-2-0

Matanuska Valley 6-4-0

### **Oppose**

Central Pen. 6-6-1

Cooper Landing 0-8-0

Homer 0-11-0

Seward 1-5-0