

Proposal 149
Establish seasons and bag limits for mule deer,
excluding Sitka black-tailed deer

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation:
Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Mule & White-tailed Deer Proximity and Health Status

- Yukon mule deer population estimate: ~1000
 - Primary distribution proximate to Whitehorse
 - Yukon River drainage and west of Kluane Lake.
- White-tailed deer found in southern Yukon and B.C.
- As of spring 2015, 19 of 33 (~58%) of mule deer sampled in Yukon were positive for Moose winter tick
- Mule deer in B.C. high rates of winter tick, arterial worm, liver fluke, large stomach worm

Mule Deer & Black-tailed Deer Distribution



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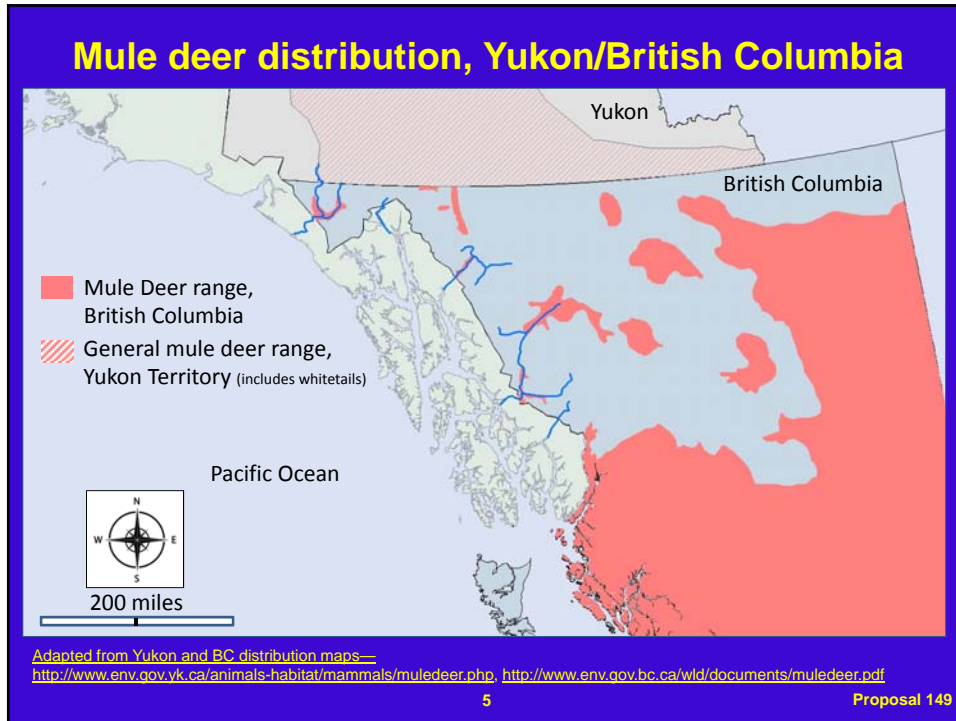
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Mule deer Observations, Interior Alaska



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Management Considerations

- **Attempt to remove observed animals**
- **Develop season & bag limit**
 - **New regulation 5 AAC 85.**
 - General season
 - Registration permit
 - Targeted hunt
 - **Sample collection**
 - **Confusion with Sitka black-tail deer**
- **Manage for species growth**



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Board Direction

- **No closed season**
- **No bag limit**
- **Submit carcass to ADF&G**
 - **5 AAC 92.220 Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides**
- **By registration permit**
 - **5 AAC 92.052 Authority to issues permits via phone when necessary**
- **Outreach to mitigate incidental take of Sitka black-tail deer**



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Department Considerations

- **Ongoing animal movement**
- **Continued parasite/disease surveillance**
 - **Winter tick survey**
 - **Sample collection**
- **Mule deer are not unique**
 - **Moose**
 - **Bison**



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Units 1, 5, 11-13, 20, and 25		
No limit, by registration permit only.	No closed season.	No closed season.

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