

## Proposal 20

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game Proposal

### Effect of Proposal:

Limit hunter harvest of does on Douglas Island to 1 per season

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Supports (with amendment to 4 bucks only)

Upper Lynn Canal AC – Supports (with amendment to bucks only for Sullivan Island)

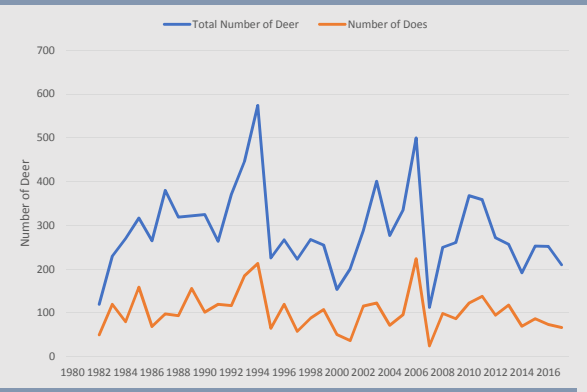
## Douglas Island

- 70% of 1C harvest from Douglas Island
- 30-40% harvest is does

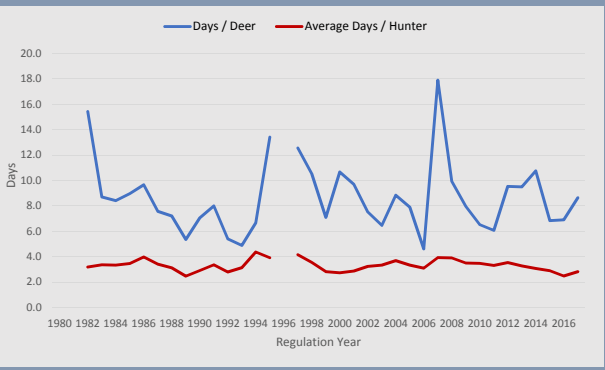


# Background

## Hunter Harvest



## Hunter Effort



# Douglas Island Management Area

- Limits wolf harvest to 3 wolves annually
- Douglas Island wolves not an insular population
- Deer harvest effort and success unchanged since 2013 wolf arrival
- Slight decline in pellet counts
- Focus of Proposal 22



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## Proposal 21

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Amend closed area on North Douglas Island to Fish Creek

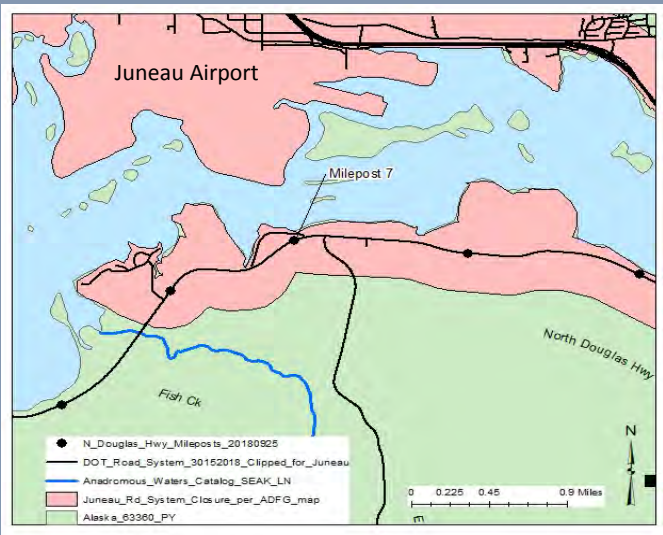
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Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Supports

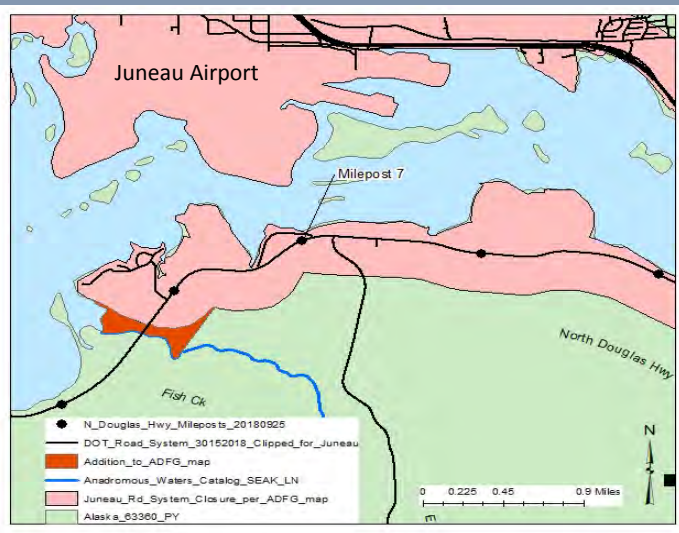
# The current map on our website



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# Moving to Fish Creek

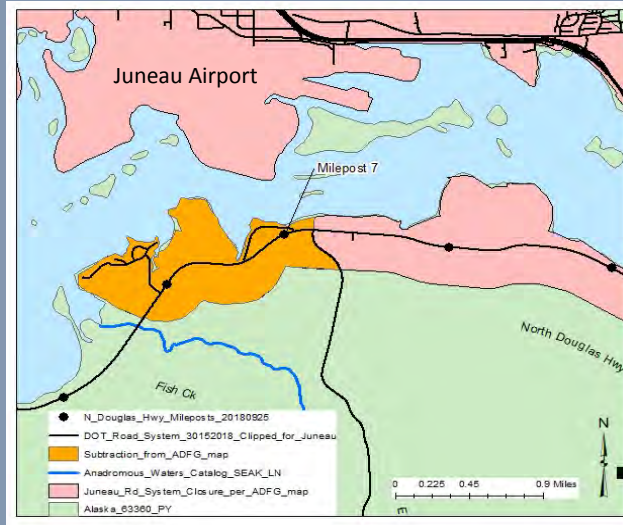
Will close 0.06 mi<sup>2</sup> to hunting.



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## Moving to Fish Creek/Eagle Crest Road

Will open 0.66 mi<sup>2</sup> to hunting.



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### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Supports

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# Proposal 22

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## Effect of Proposal:

Eliminate the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral

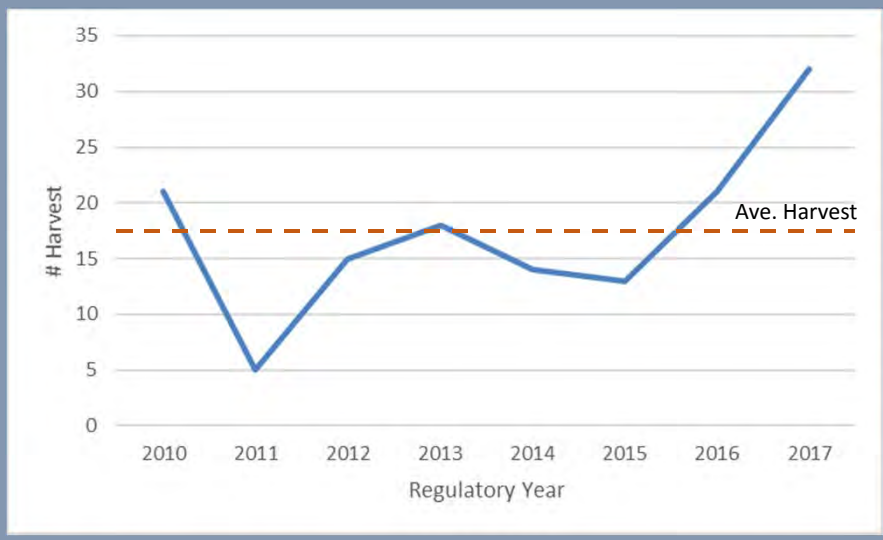
## Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

### Douglas Island Management Area



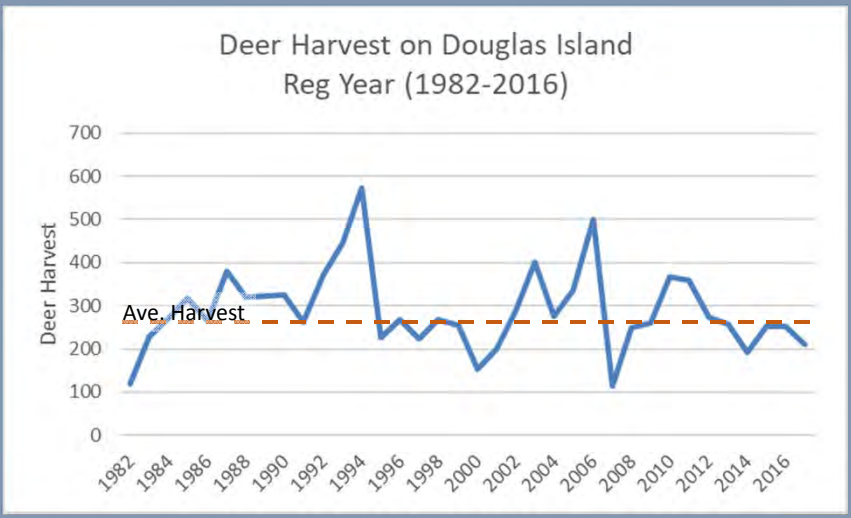
### Wolf Harvest in Unit 1C



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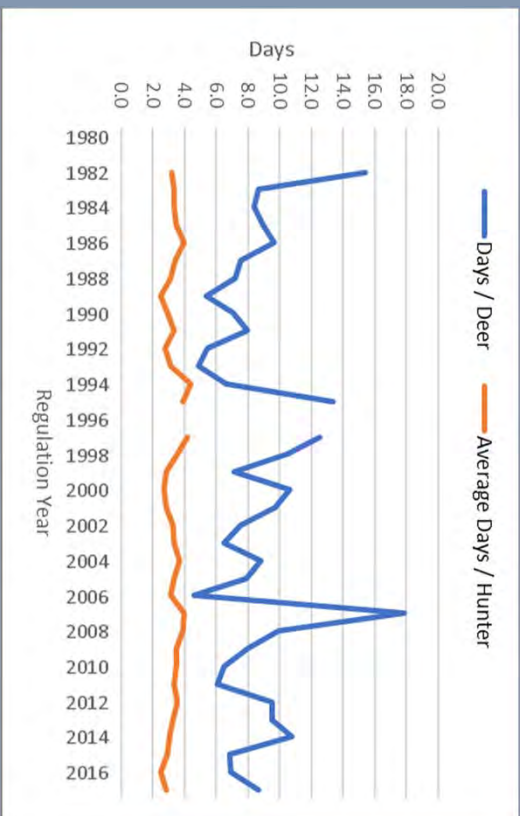
### Deer Harvest on Douglas Island



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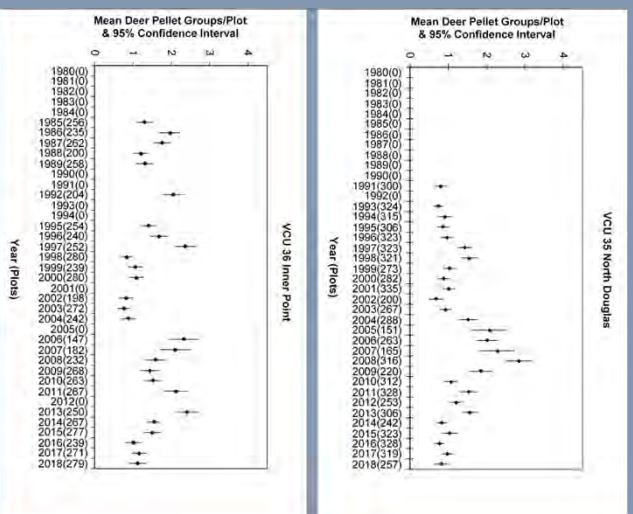
# Hunter and Harvest effort on Douglas Island



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# Douglas Island Deer Pellet Counts



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## Proposal 22

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in Unit 1C

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

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## Proposal 23

Public Proposal

### Effect of Proposal:

Expand the archery-only registration permit  
hunt area for Mt. Goats in Unit 1C

### Department Recommendation:

Against

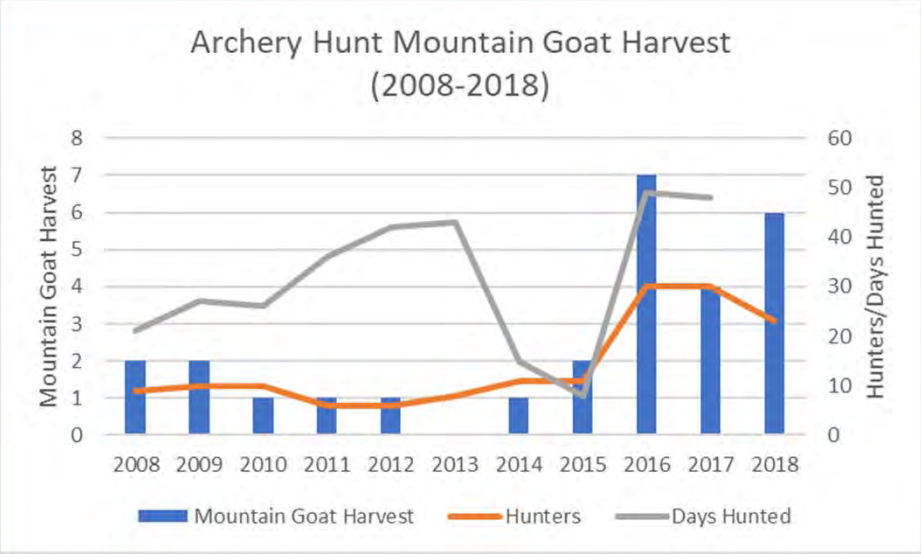
### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Opposed



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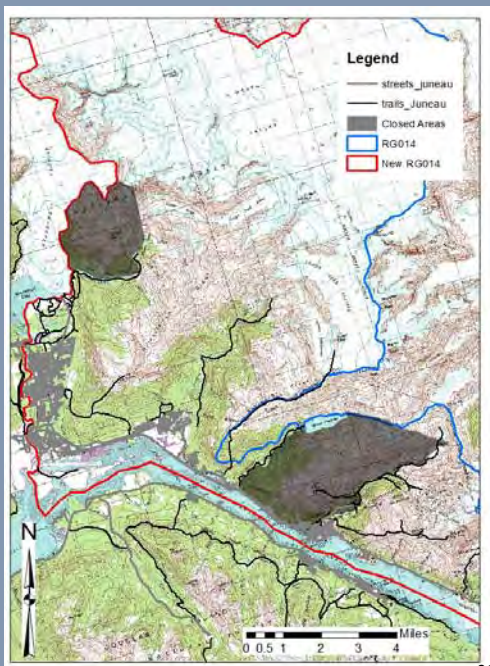
# RG014 Goat Harvest



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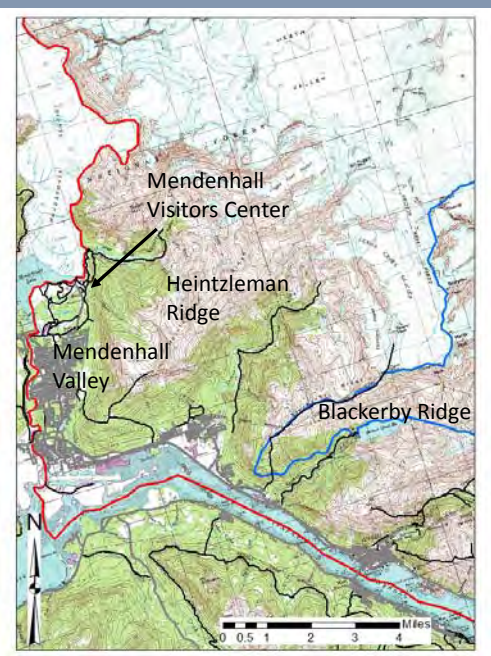
# 5 AAC 92.510. Areas closed to hunting

- Mt. Bullard
  - 5 AAC 92.510(a)(3)(D)
- Mt. Juneau Drainage
  - 5 AAC 92.510(a)(3)(F)
- Closed by regulation to mountain goat hunting.



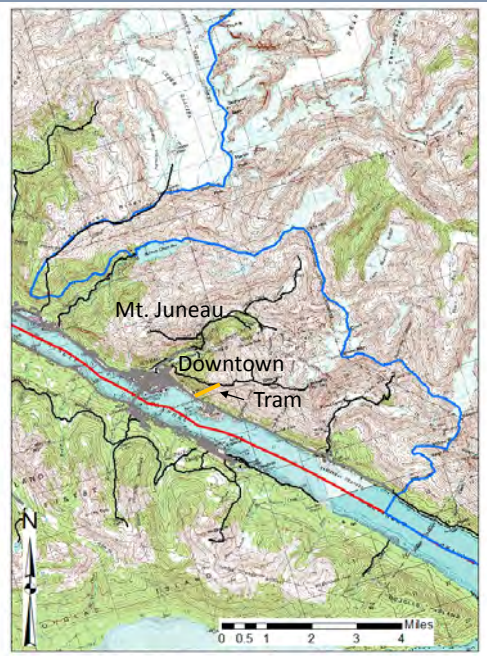
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# Mendenhall Valley



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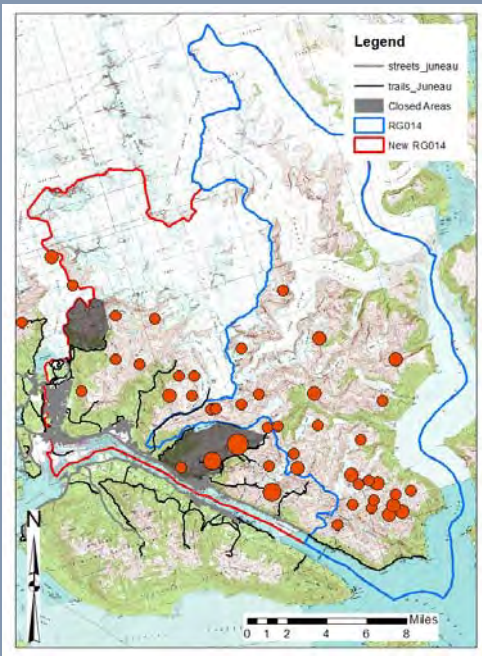
# Downtown Juneau



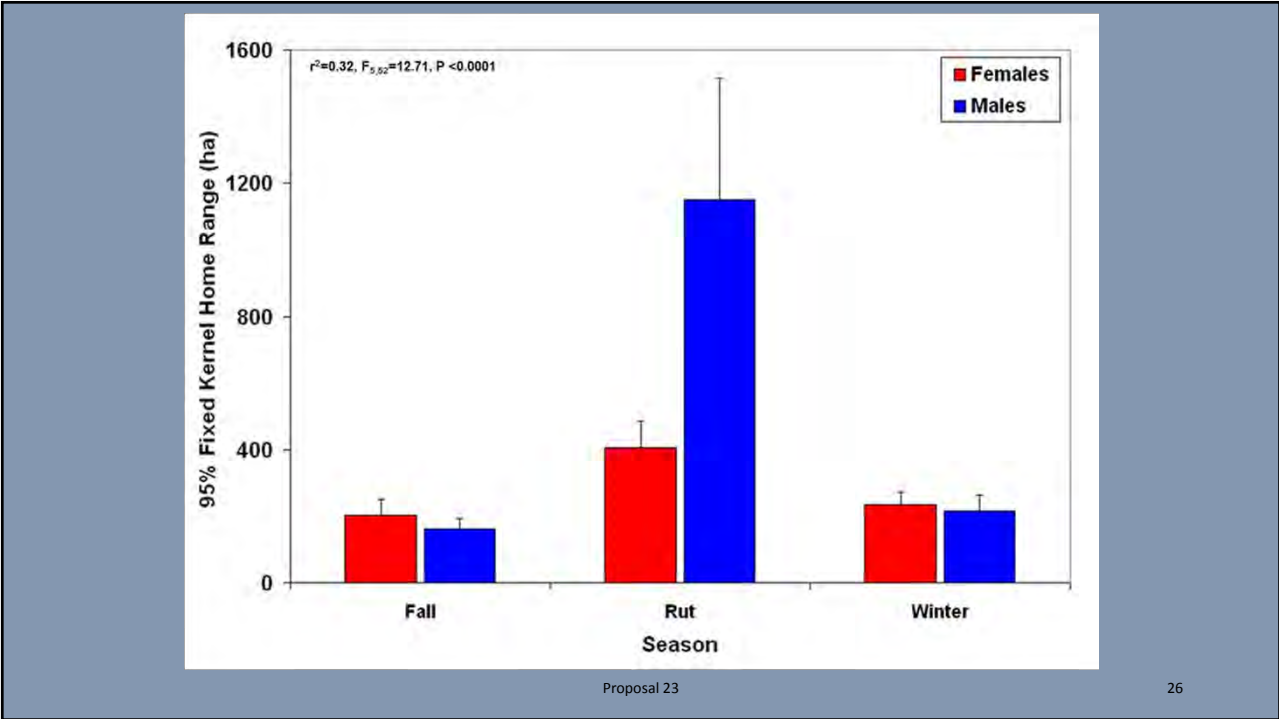
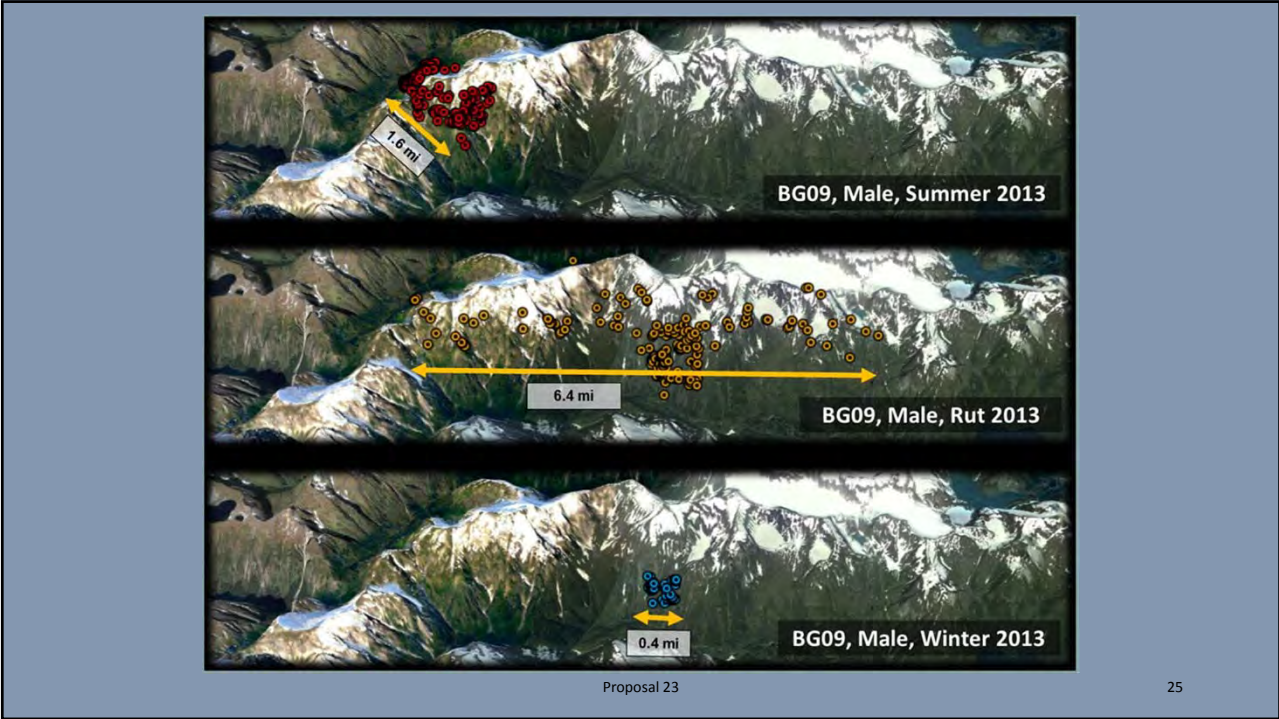
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# 2018 Mt. Goat Survey Data

Year	RG014	Blackerby Ridge	Additional RG014
2012	140	6	185
2014	159	77	203
2018	42	2	39



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hunt area for Mt. Goats in Unit 1C

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Opposed

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## Proposal 24

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### Effect of Proposal:

Amend the boundary description of RG014 on  
Blackerby Ridge

### Department Recommendation:

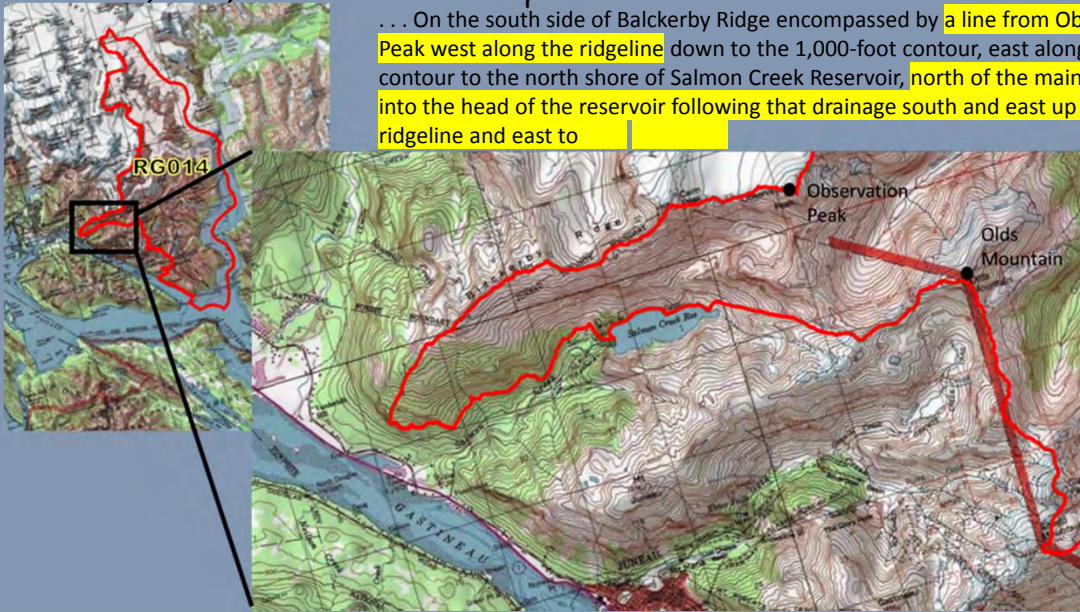
Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

## The proposed description:

... On the south side of Blackerby Ridge encompassed by a line from Observation Peak west along the ridgeline down to the 1,000-foot contour, east along that contour to the north shore of Salmon Creek Reservoir, north of the main drainage into the head of the reservoir following that drainage south and east up to the ridgeline and east to



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### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

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## Proposal 25

Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Proposal

### Effect of Proposal:

Extend 5A moose hunt

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Yakutat AC – Support

Year	Harvest West of Dangerous River	Harvest East of Dangerous River	Total
2008	20	15	35
2009	22	16	38
2010	23	14	37
2011	25	13	38
2012	27	13	40
2013	25	8	33
2014	28	16	44
2015	29	21	51
2016	27	17	44
2017	35	22	57



## Unit 5A Hunt Areas



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## Survey Data for East and West Dangerous River

Year	West Dangerous River						East Dangerous River					
	Min. Count	Obs. Rate	Calves	Bulls	Cows	Unident. Sex	Min. Count	Obs. Rate	Calves	Bulls	Cows	Unident. Sex
2015	293	49.2	51	43	33	166	535	73.1	100	85	76	274
2016	290	58.9	43	39	68	140	253	72.2	44	38	54	117

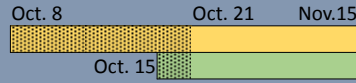
- Surveys conducted in late December  
Difficult to determine sex composition
- Managed as any bull hunt

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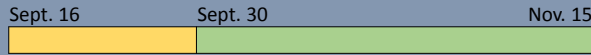
## Federal and State 5A Moose Seasons

### Pre-changes East and West Dangerous

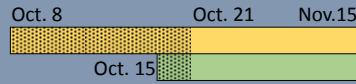


### Suggestion to Extend

#### East Dangerous



#### West Dangerous



- Federal Subsistence Season
- Federal Subsistence Season; Federal Lands Open Only to Local Hunters
- State Season
- State Season; Only non-Federal Lands Open to Non-local hunters

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## Proposal 25

Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Proposal

### Effect of Proposal:

Extend 5A moose hunt

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Yakutat AC – Support

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# Proposal 26

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game Proposal

## Effect of Proposal:

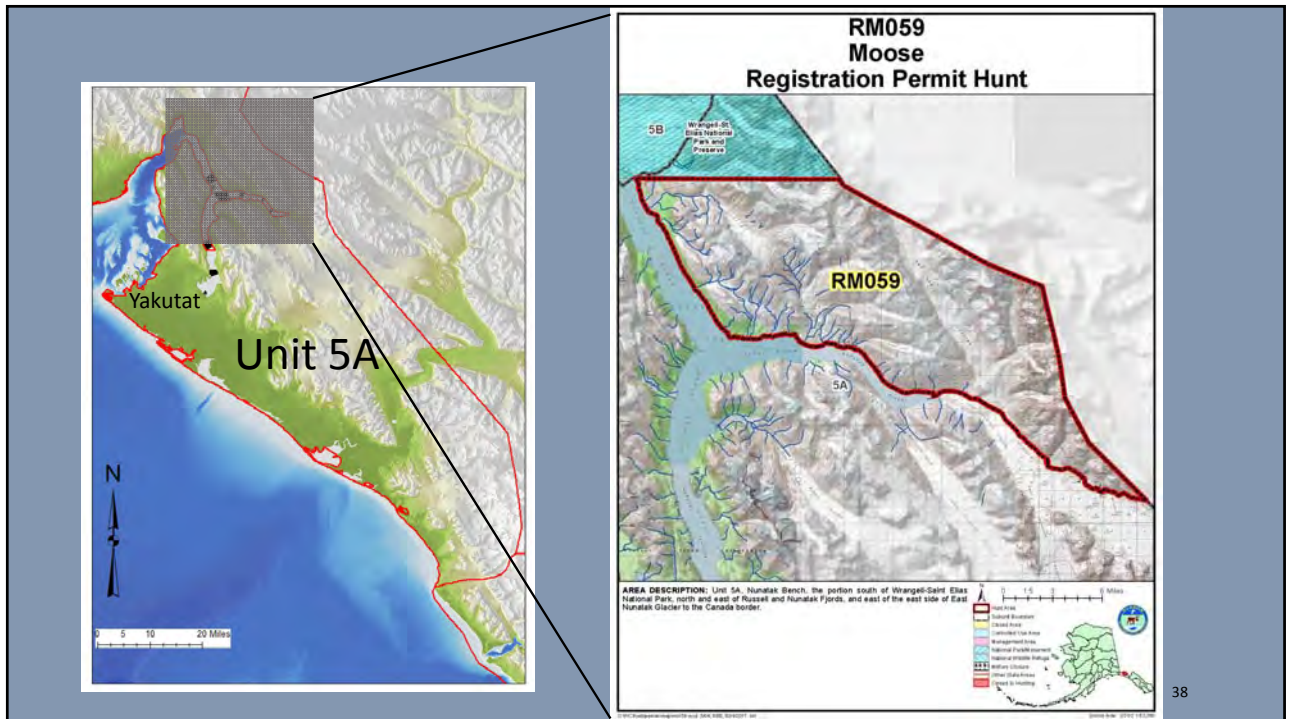
Reauthorize antlerless moose season Unit 5A  
Nunatak Bench

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral

## Advisory Council Recommendation:

Yakutat AC – Support



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Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game Proposal

### Effect of Proposal:

Reauthorize antlerless moose season Unit 5A  
Nunatak Bench

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Yakutat AC – Support

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## Proposal 27

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### Effect of Proposal:

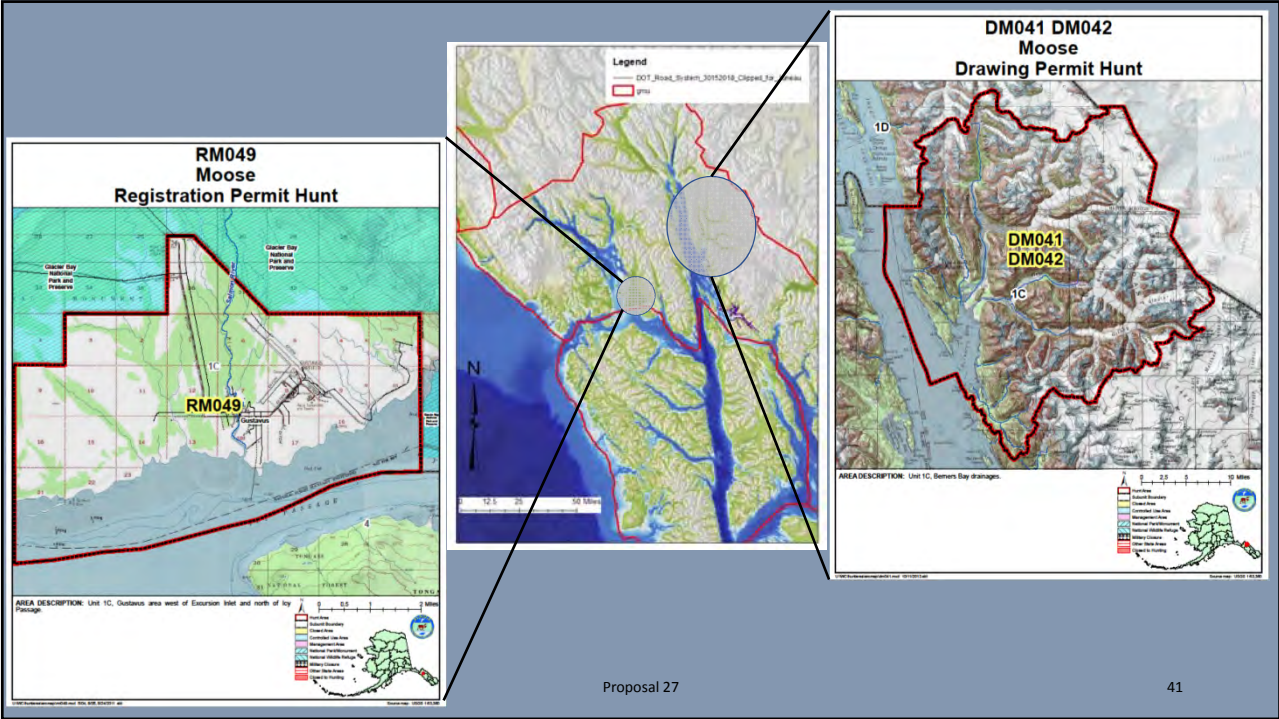
Reauthorize Unit 1C antlerless moose seasons  
Gustavus/Berners Bay

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support



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## Effect of Proposal:

- Reauthorize Unit 1C antlerless moose seasons
- Gustavus/Berners Bay

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral

## Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

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## Effect of Proposal:

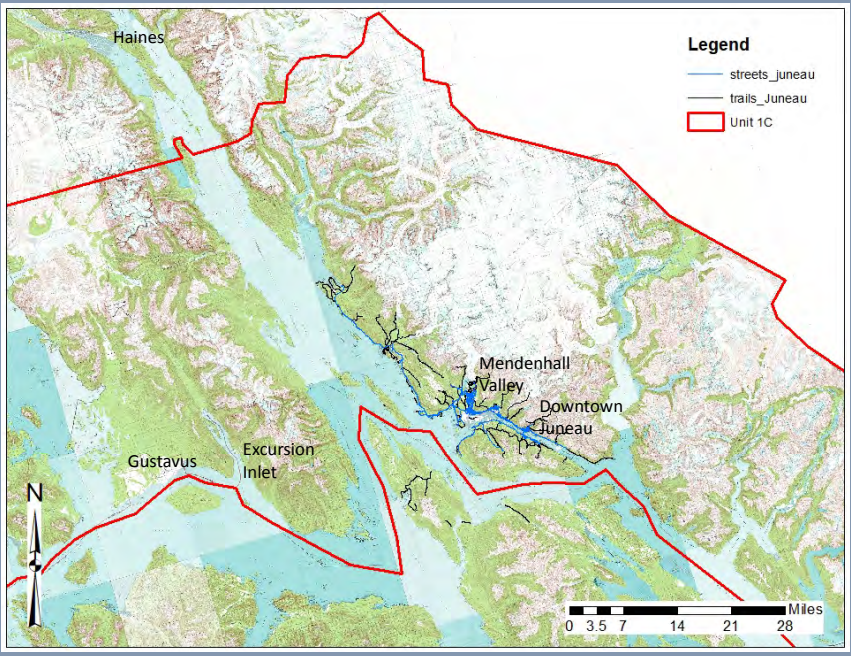
Require ADF&G to issue permits to bait black bears in Unit 1C

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral

## Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support



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# Outreach and Education

- Annual PSAs on the Radio
- Presentations to new Coast Guard recruits at orientation
- Created and distributed garbage/bear pamphlets
- Met with neighborhood associations
- Participated on interagency bear committees
- Participated in "community day" events
- Bear safety for Department of Natural Resources and Forest Service



# Black Bear Mortality in Unit 1C

Year	Animals Harvested	Nuisance & Road Kills
2008	90	7
2009	84	4
2010	104	6
2011	103	8
2012	75	7
2013	41	7
2014	58	12
2015	40	5
2016	61	4
2017	68	12

Draw for non-residents non-guided



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Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

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## **Proposal 29**

**Shift Waterfowl Season Two Weeks Earlier  
In Unit 1C**

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**Department Recommendation:**

**Neutral**

**AC Recommendation:**

Juneau-Douglas AC: Support Proposal 16

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## Discussion

- Waterfowl season for Unit 1C would shift two weeks earlier: Sept. 1 – Dec. 16 [Sept. 16 – Dec. 31] for both residents and nonresidents
- Proposal is out of conformity with the State's authority within USFWS waterfowl regulations framework.

## Federal Waterfowl Framework

- USFWS has waterfowl management authority
- Current state authority to structure seasons:
  - Uniform across zone
  - Date range: Sept 1 – Jan 26
  - Maximum season length: 107 days
- Future options
  - Proposals to split the zone or to split season are eligible for consideration every five years (next in 2020)

## Splitting Season or Zone

- These changes require federal approval and must be justified on the basis of creating equitable opportunity – not just higher harvest
- Rationale should illustrate differences in migration paths, migration timing, habitat conditions, and weather/climate patterns.
- USFWS denied BOG zone split request (1998)

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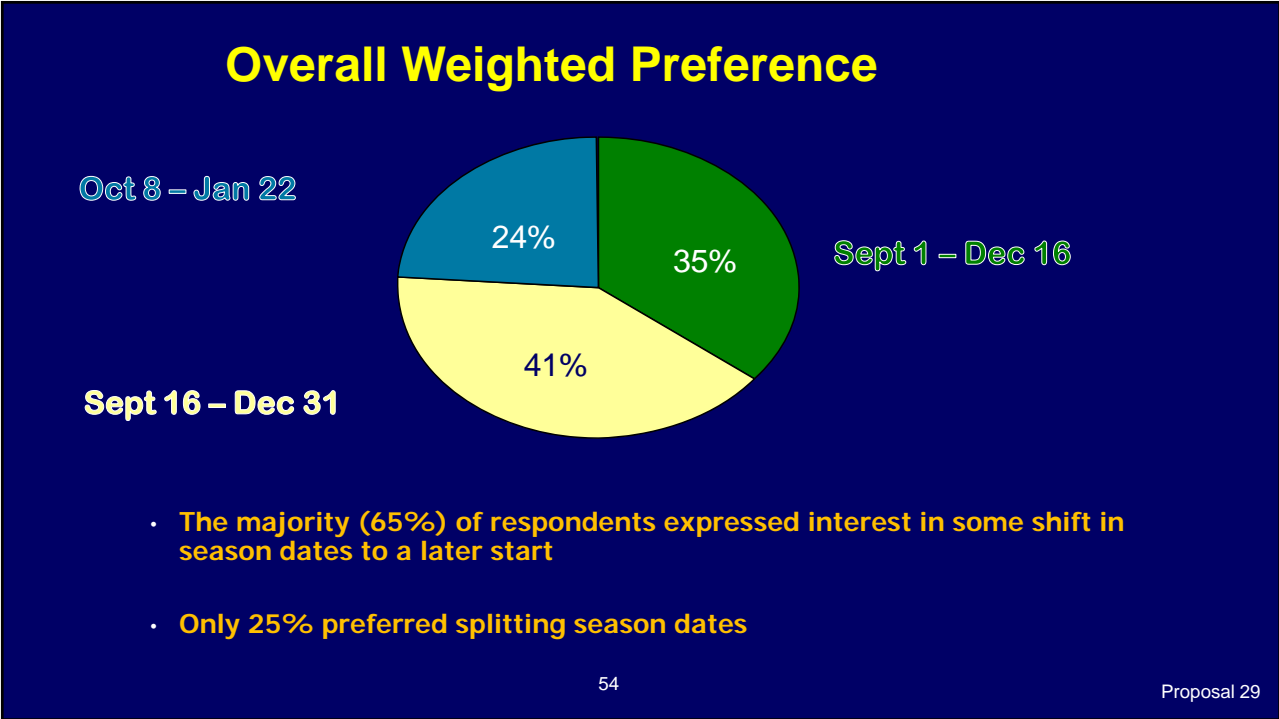
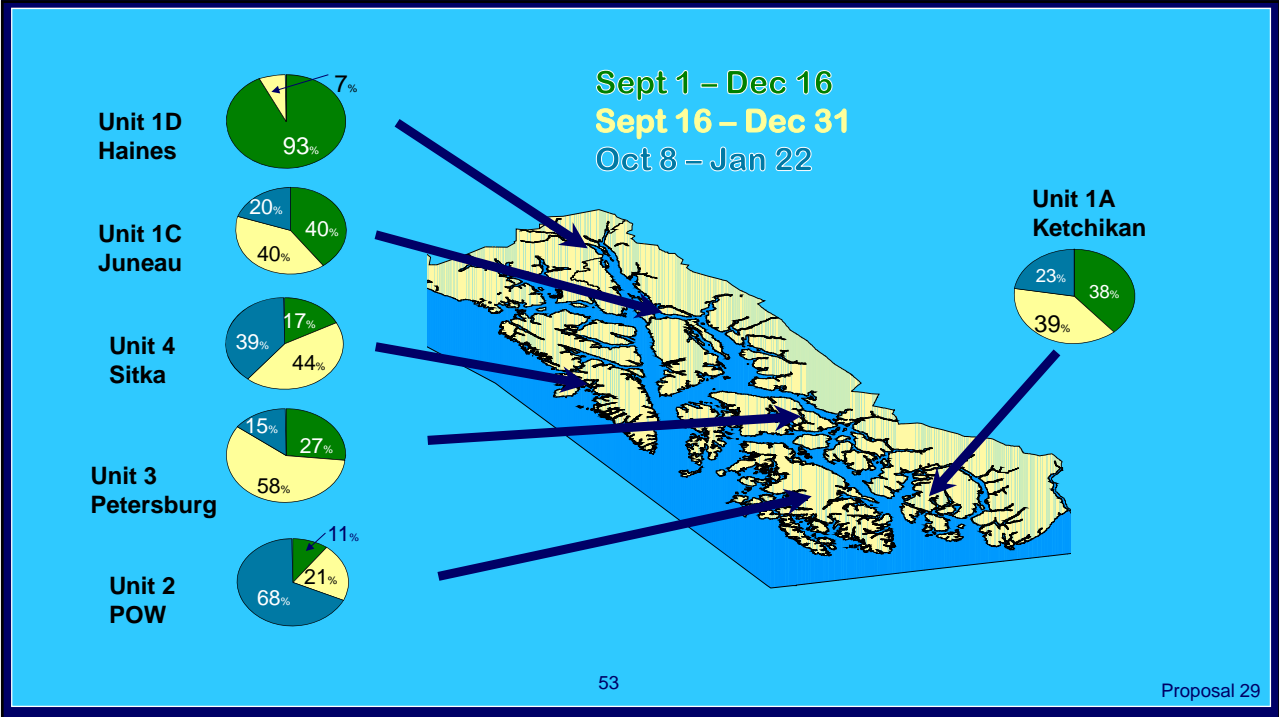
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## 2008 Survey of Hunter Preferences

- Random survey of 2006 waterfowl hunters living in Southeast Alaska
- Two question survey:
  - Preference of starting dates
    - Sept 1 – Dec 16 (current season)
    - Sept 16 – Dec 31 (two weeks later)
    - Oct 8 – Jan 22 (five weeks later)
  - Desire to have split season

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## Result

- 2008 BOG shifted dates to compromise for majority of hunters (From Sept. 1 – Dec. 16 to Sept. 16 – Dec. 31)

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## Pros and Cons of Shifting Earlier

### ▪ Pros

- Increased opportunity for harvest of early migrants (small and medium dabblers)
- Better weather and longer daylight hours
- Less harvest of local wintering birds
- Increased opportunity for sandhill cranes

### ▪ Cons

- Decreased ability to select males
- Less opportunity for sea ducks
- No hunting during holidays
- Less opportunity for late migrating dabblers and wintering mallards

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## **Proposal 29**

### **Shift Waterfowl Season Two Weeks Earlier In Unit 1C**

Public Proposal

**Department Recommendation:**

**Neutral**

**AC Recommendation:**

Juneau-Douglas AC: Support Proposal 16

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## Proposal 30

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### Effect of Proposal:

Create 3-day youth hunt to start waterfowl season on Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

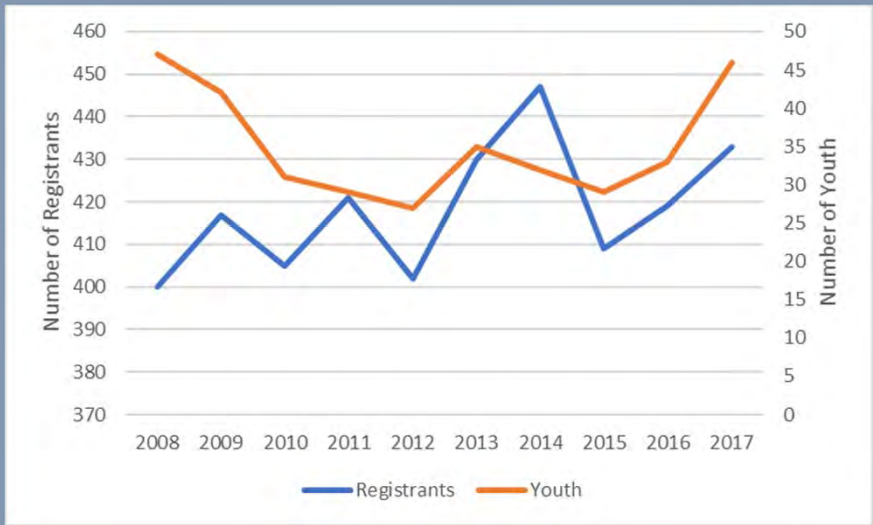
Juneau-Douglas AC – Amended to 2 days; Support

### Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge



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### Number of Youth using the Refuge



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## Proposal 30

Public Proposal

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Create 3-day youth hunt to start waterfowl season on Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Amended to 2 days; Support

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## Proposal 31

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### Effect of Proposal:

Allow use of submerged traps in the Juneau closed area

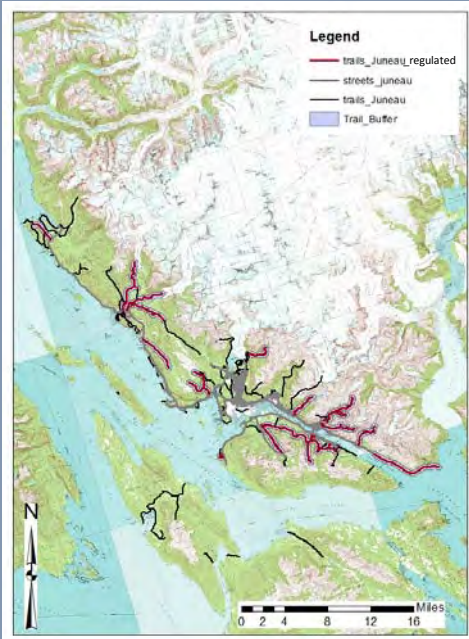
### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### Advisory Council Recommendation:

Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

# Regulated Juneau Trails



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# Background (pre and post trail ordinance)

- Unit 1C fur sealing 1983-1986
  - Otter – average 31 per year
  - Beaver – average 55 per year
- Unit 1C fur sealing 2007-2017
  - Otter – average 24 per year
  - Beaver – average 39 per year

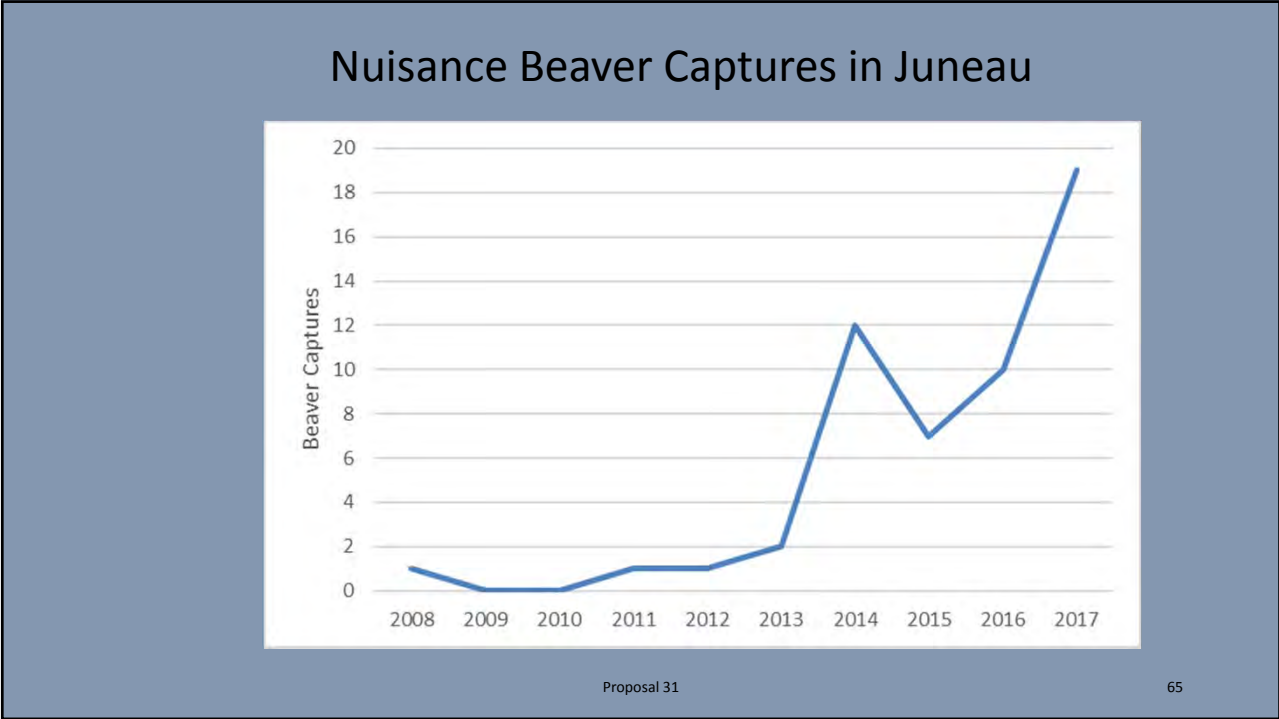


- Trails run along waterways and are off limits to trapping
- Difference in hides sealed may be due to lack of trapping access

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**Effect of Proposal:**  
Allow use of submerged traps in the Juneau closed area

**Department Recommendation:**  
Neutral

**Advisory Council Recommendation:**  
Juneau-Douglas AC – Support

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## Proposal 32

Areas Closed To Trapping  
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:  
**Neutral**

**AC Recommendation:**  
Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose

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## Discussion

- Adopts language and conditions found in Skagway Municipal Code
- Prohibits trapping in parks, cemeteries, and Dyea Campground.
- Methods
  - Leghold & ground traps - 1/8 mile buffer.
  - Tree traps - 5' above ground & 50 yards.
    - "Rural" areas - 25 yards.

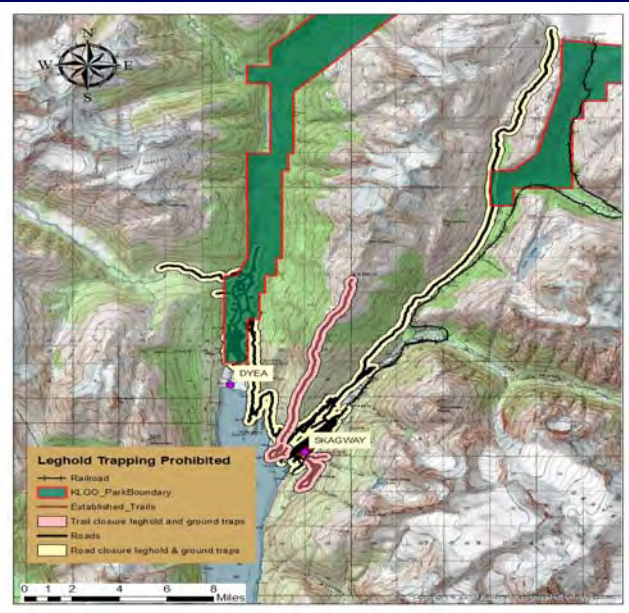
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# Discussion

Leghold and ground traps:

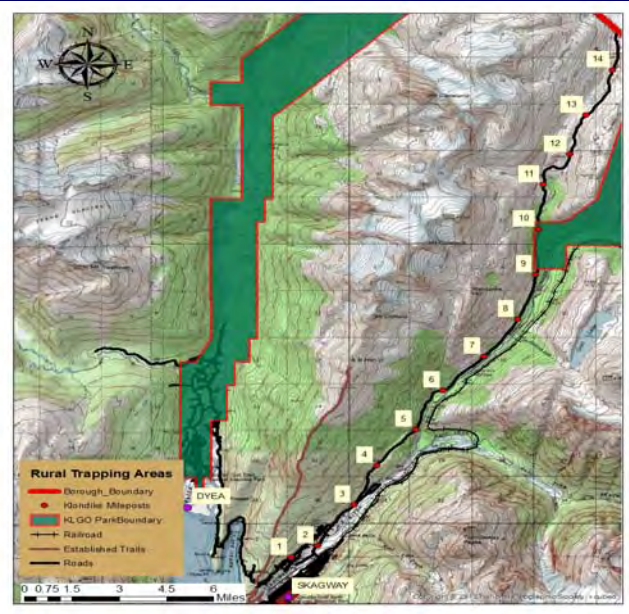
- Prohibited within 1/8 mile of roads, established trails, and right of ways.
- Federal lands in KLGO closed to all trapping.



# Discussion

Rural Trapping Areas:

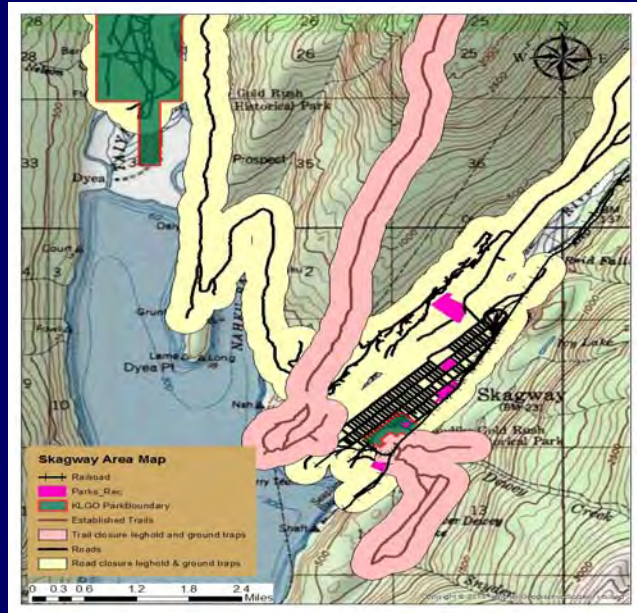
- 25 yd. buffer for tree traps (5' ft. off ground).
- 1/2 mile north of MP 3 to Canadian border.
- 1/2 mile north of Gold Rush Cemetery on R.R. tracks to Canadian border.
- West Creek Area.
- Leghold trapping 1/8 mile buffer.



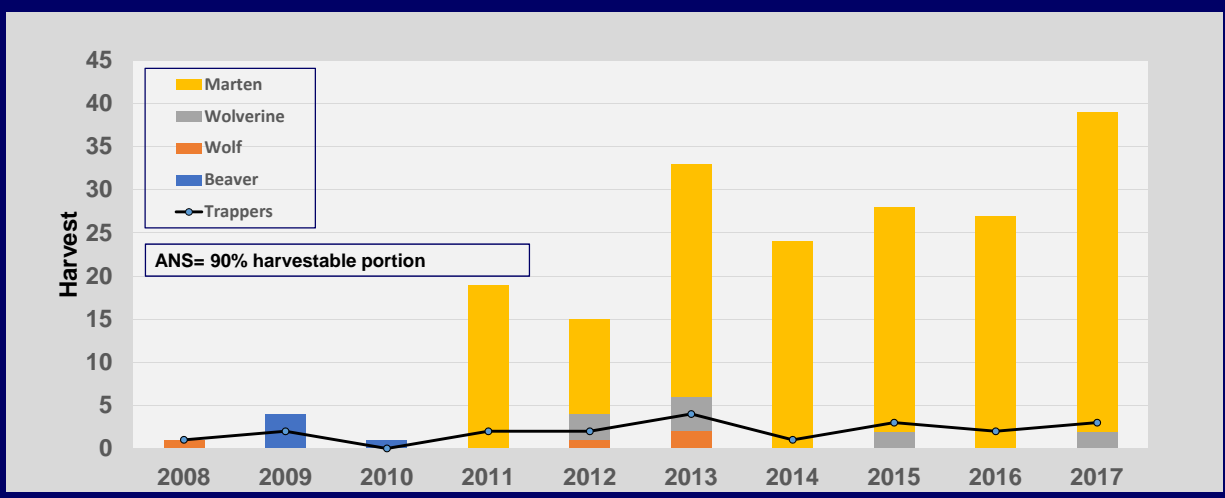
# Discussion

Additional Restrictions:

- Tree traps- 5' above ground (50 yd. buffer).
- Dyea Campground, city parks, and cemeteries closed.
- "Active Trapping" signs (private property).
- Leghold trapping 1/8 mile buffer.
- Steep Terrain.



## RY2008-2017 Trapper Harvest Skagway Area



## Discussion

### PROS

- Intended to increase safety.
- No conservation concerns.

### CONS

- Steep terrain limits access for trapping.
- Reduced opportunity.

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Areas Closed To Trapping  
Public proposal

Department Recommendation:

**Neutral**

**AC Recommendation:**

Upper Lynn Canal AC: Oppose

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