

Proposal 45

Extend Resident Deer Season on Mitkof, Woewodski & Butterworth Islands

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support w/amendment
Ketchikan AC: Support

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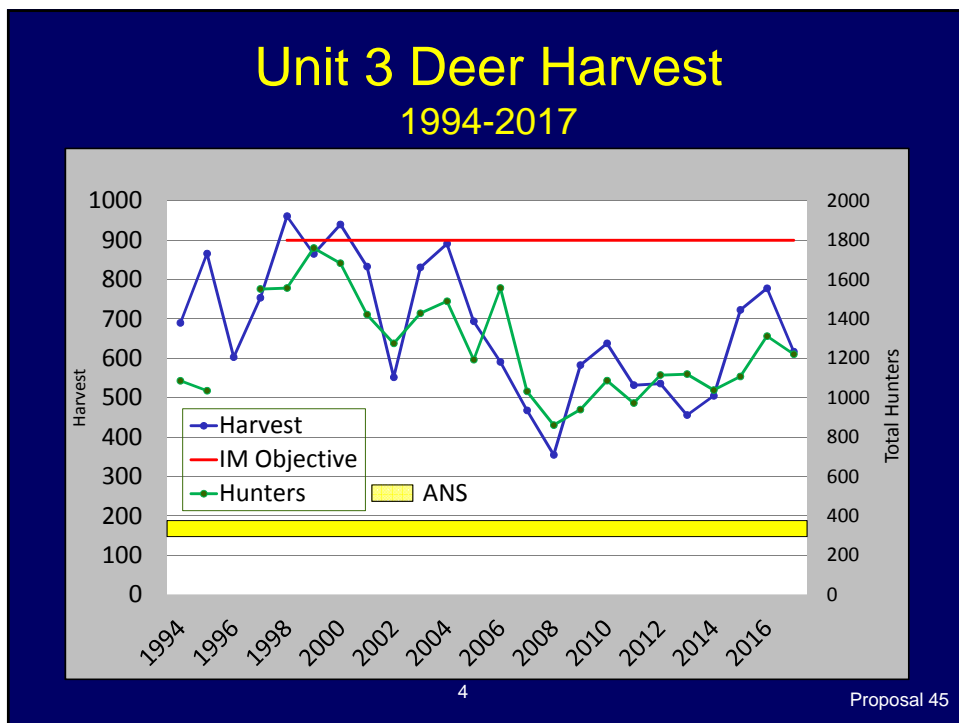
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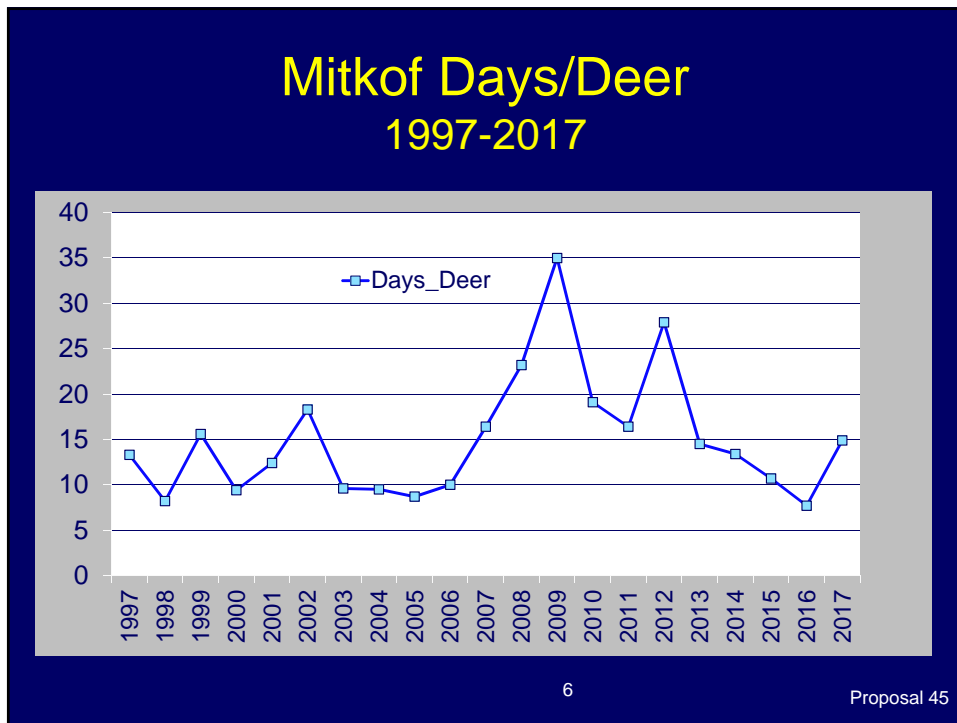
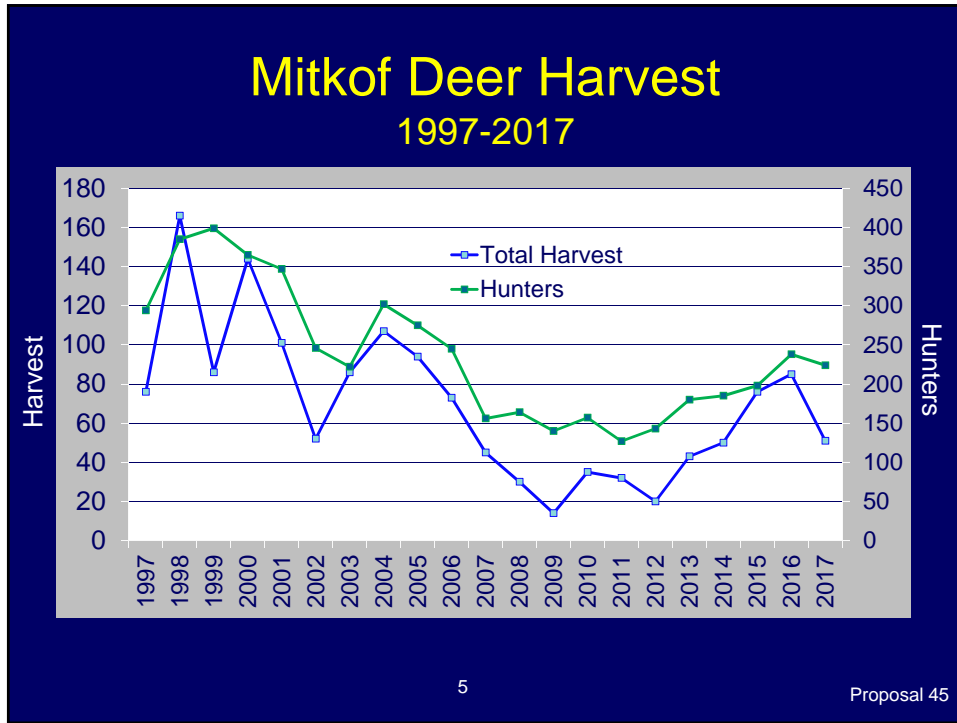
Discussion

- This proposal would extend the resident deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 to include the peak of the rut.
- Current Season Dates: Oct 15 - 31
- Proposed Season Dates: Oct 15 – Nov 15

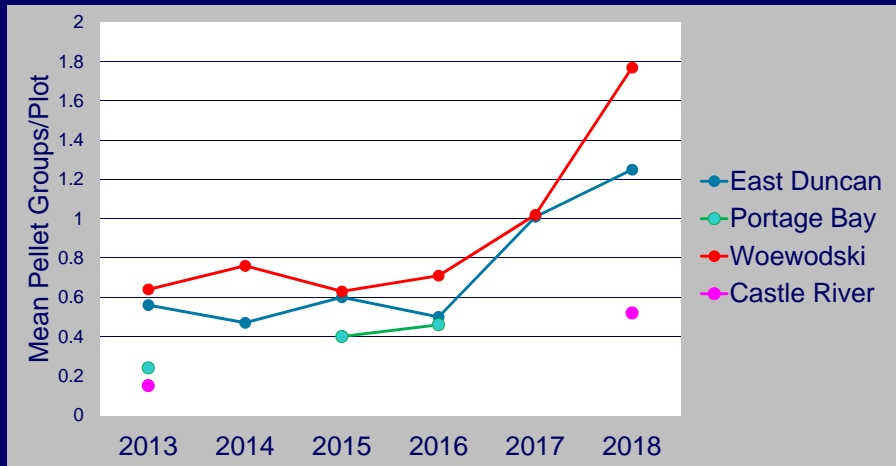
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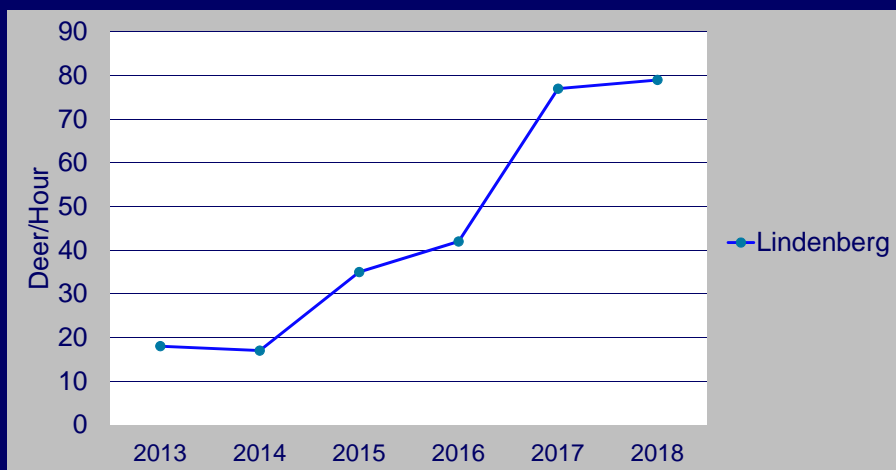
Unit 3 Pellet Surveys



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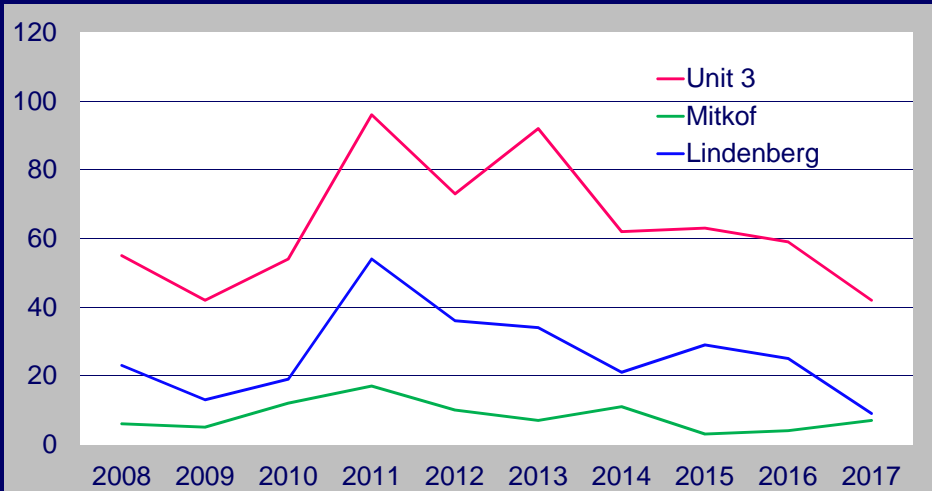
Unit 3 Alpine Surveys



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Unit 3 Wolf Harvest 2008-2017



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Discussion

- Deer population has demonstrated adequate recovery to support some liberalization, but how much and when?
 - November 7?
 - November 10?
 - October 1-31?
 - Early alpine season?
- ADF&G recommends Proposal 45 & 46 decisions mirror each other

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**Extend Resident Deer Season on
Lindenberg Peninsula**

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Neutral

AC Recommendation:

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Ketchikan AC: Support

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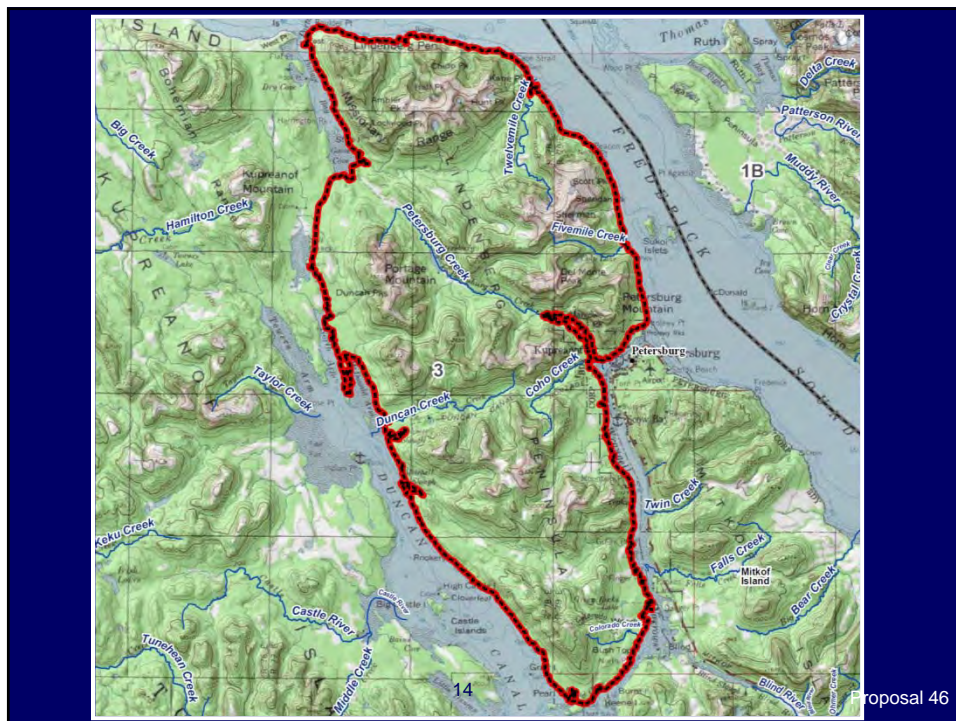
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Discussion

- This proposal would extend the resident deer season on the Lindenberg Peninsula east of Portage Bay-Duncan Canal Portage to include the peak of the rut.
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- Proposed Season Dates: Oct 15 – Nov 15

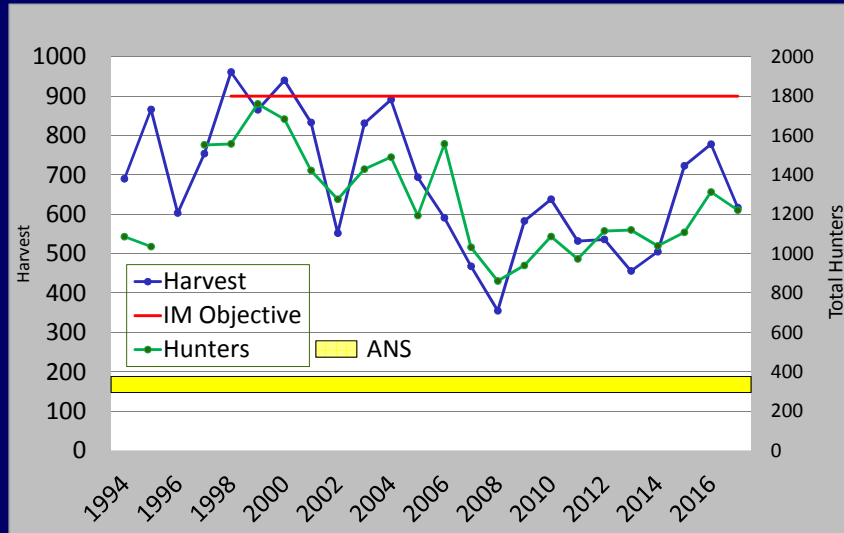
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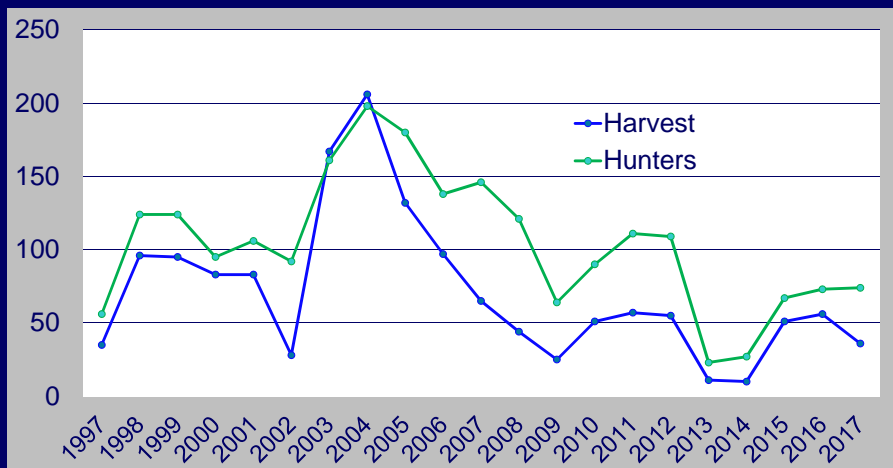
Unit 3 Deer Harvest 1994-2017



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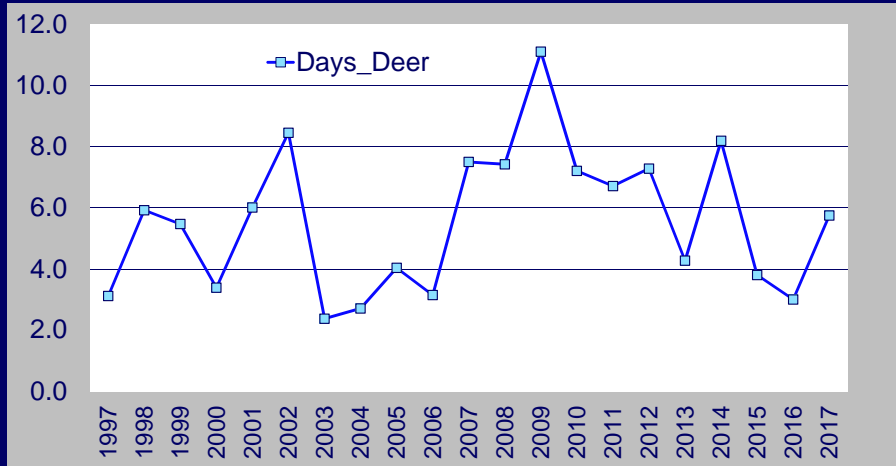
Lindenberg Deer Harvest 1997-2017



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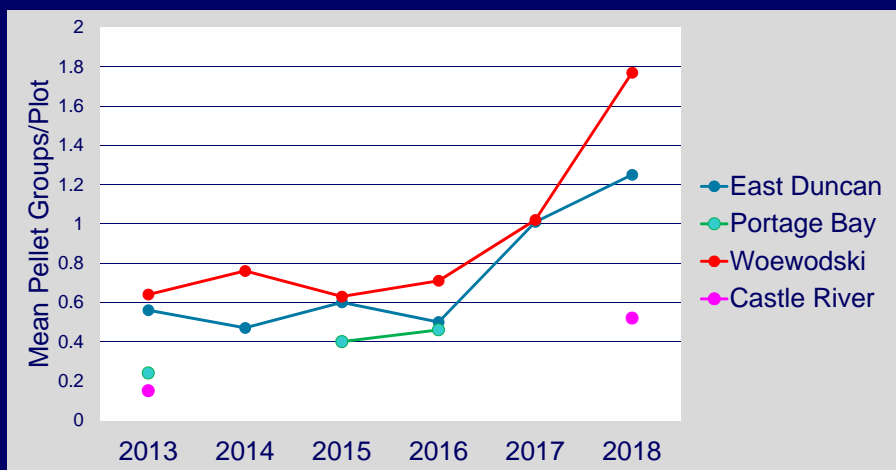
Lindenberg Days/Deer 1997-2017



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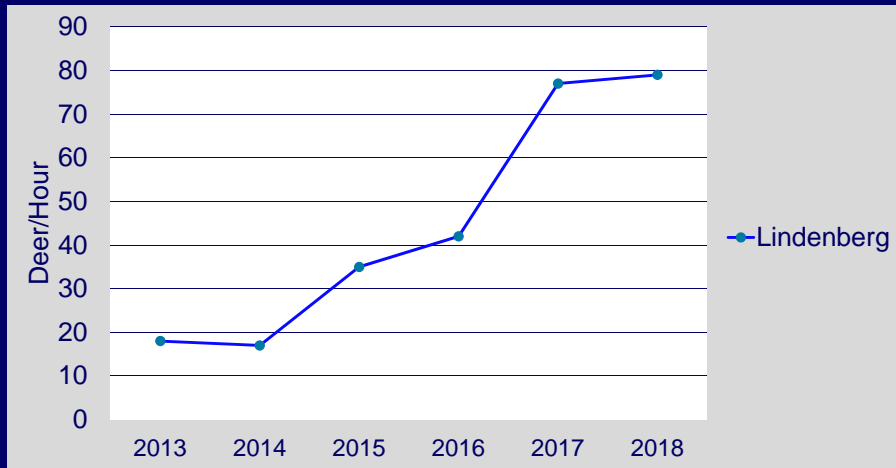
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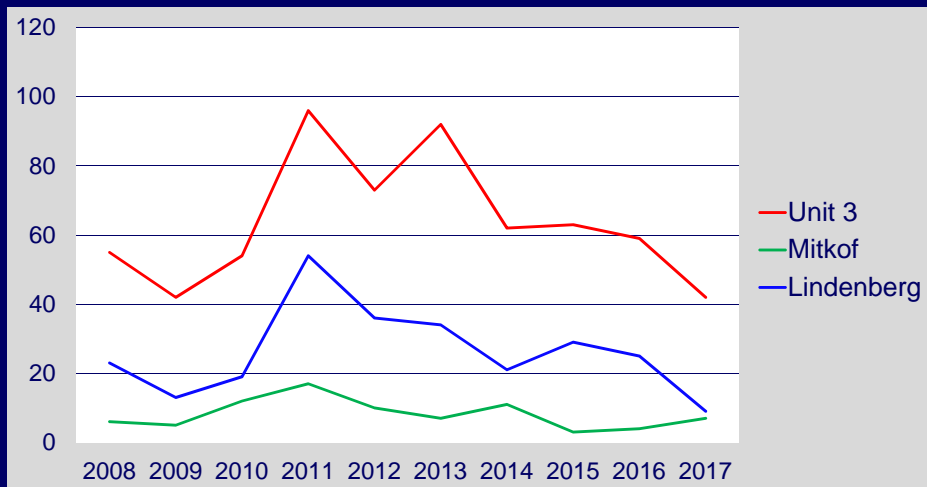
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Unit 3 Wolf Harvest 2008-2017



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Proposal 47

Close the General Season Elk Hunt Units 1-3

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation:

Adopt

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support (7/6)
Ketchikan AC: Split (6/6)

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Discussion

- This proposal would eliminate the general season elk hunt in Units 1, 2 and the remainder of Unit 3
- 30+ years has not resulted in colonization outside of Etolin/Zarembo
- Suspected abuse and “bootlegging”

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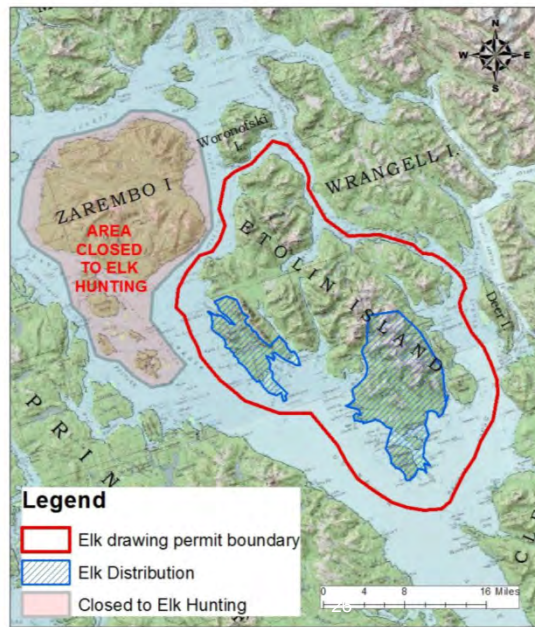
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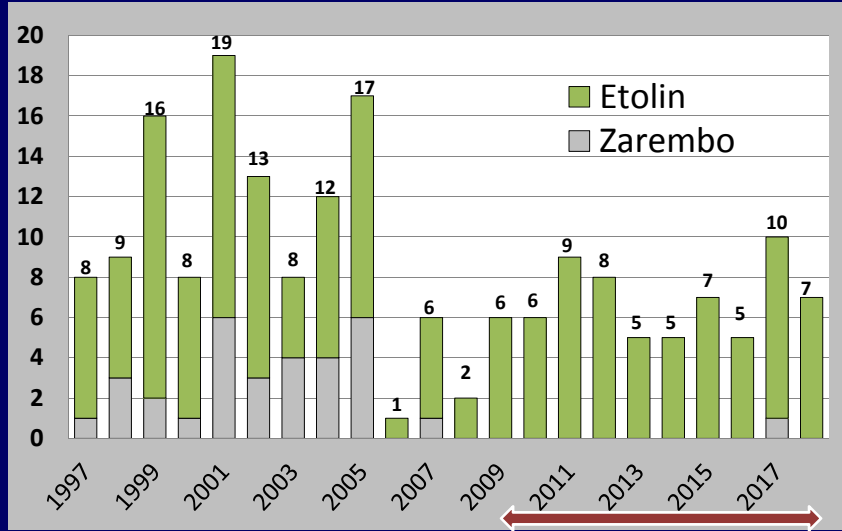
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DE-318, DE-321, DE-323, and RE-325 Elk Permit Hunt Boundary

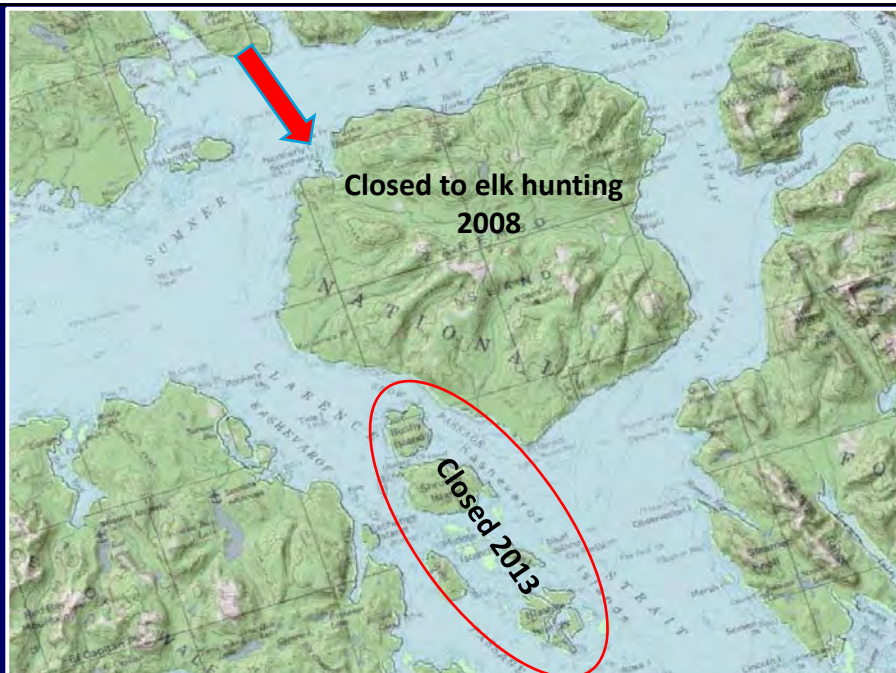


Unit 3 Elk Harvest 1997-2018



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Discussion

- No verification of kill location for any elk reported harvested outside the draw hunt boundaries
- Anecdotal reports from other hunters in the field of abuse

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Proposal 48

Change Bag Limit and Open Fall Season In Unit 3

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Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support
Wrangell AC: Support

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Discussion

- Change bag limit to one brown bear every regulatory year (currently 1 bear every 4 years)
- Add fall season Sept. 15-Dec. 31
 - Current season March 15-May 31
- No open season for nonresidents

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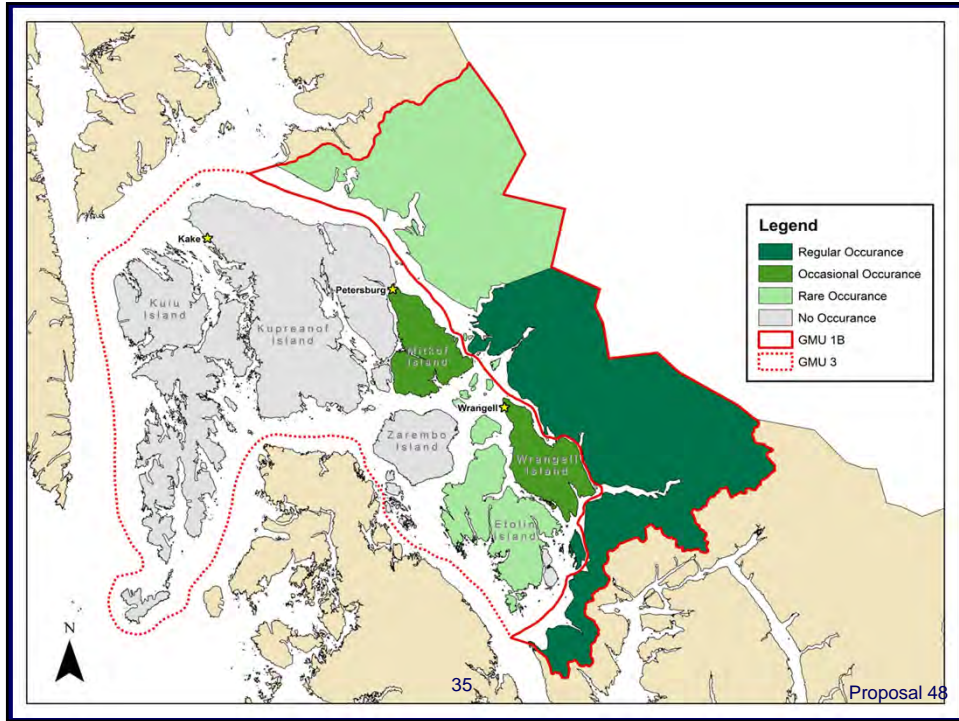
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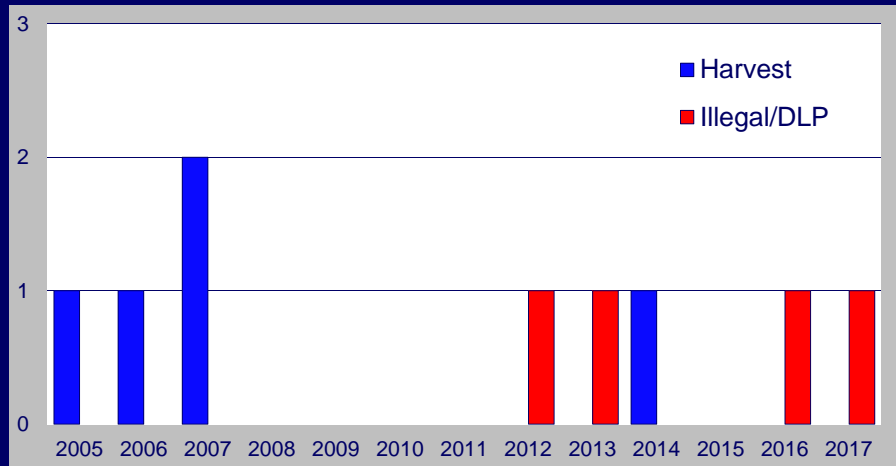
- Brown bears occur only on those islands separated from mainland by short water crossings including:
 - Mitkof
 - Wrangell
 - Etolin
 - Deer

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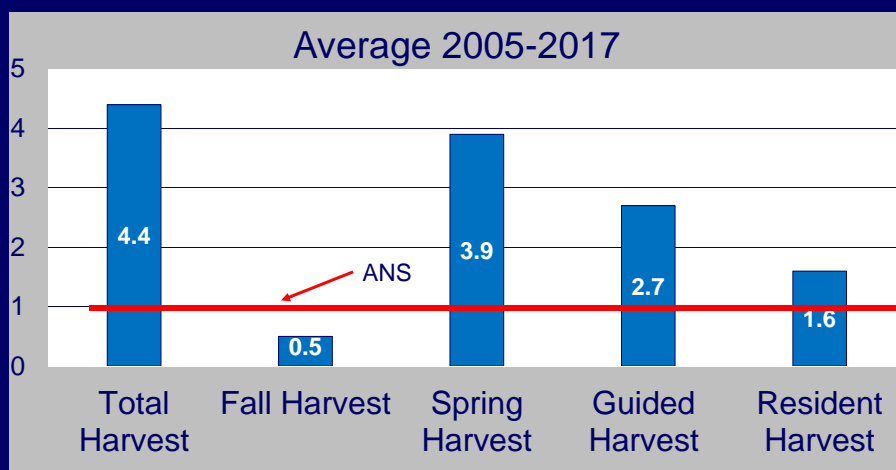
Unit 3 Brown Bear Kills 2005-2017



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Unit 1B Brown Bear Harvest



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Unit 1B & 3 Harvest vs. Guidelines 2005-2017

Est. brown bear pop. @ density = .3/mi ²	Max. annual mortality @ 4%	Max. female mortality @1.5%
134	5.4	2.0
Average Annual Harvest 1B & 3	5.0	1.7
Range	3 - 8	0 - 5

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DISCUSSION

- May be acceptable to to manage Unit 3 brown bears as segment of 1B population due to likely interchange
- Some additional fall harvest likely not a conservation concern but 1 bear/year likely unsustainable

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Discussion

- Fall season coincides with other hunts, likely some increased incidental take
- Conservation or limit expansion?

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AC Recommendation:

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Wrangell AC: Support

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Proposal 52

Repeal Shorter Reporting and Sealing Requirements for Kuiu Is. Black Bear

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support

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Proposal 52

Discussion

- Currently nonresident black bear hunters on Kuiu Island are required to report harvest within 5 days and seal hide and skull within 14 days
- Proposal would align reporting requirements with the rest of SE (sealed within 30 days)

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Proposal 52

Discussion

- In 2001 BOG established 120 bear HGL and shorter reporting/sealing requirements in light of conservation concerns and to facilitate timely management
- Average annual nonresident harvest (guided and unguided) has dropped ~40% (84 to 52) since draw hunt implemented

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Proposal 52

Discussion

- No longer needed for management with draw permit hunt in place
- Unnecessary burden for guides and unguided nonresidents

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Requirements for Kuiu Is. Black Bear**

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support

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**Repeal Shorter Sealing Requirements for
Kuiu Is. Black Bear**

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support

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Proposal 51

Discussion

- Currently nonresident black bear hunters on Kuiu Island are required to report harvest within 5 days and seal hide and skull within 14 days
- Proposal would align sealing requirements with the rest of SE (sealed within 30 days) but retain 5 day reporting

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Proposal 51

Discussion

- In 2001 BOG established 120 bear HGL and shorter reporting/sealing requirements in light of conservation concerns and to facilitate timely management
- Average annual nonresident harvest (guided and unguided) has dropped ~40% (84 to 52) since draw hunt implemented

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- No longer needed for management with draw permit hunt in place
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Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support

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Proposal 53

Modify the Petersburg Management Area
Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:

Neutral

AC Recommendation:

Petersburg AC: Support

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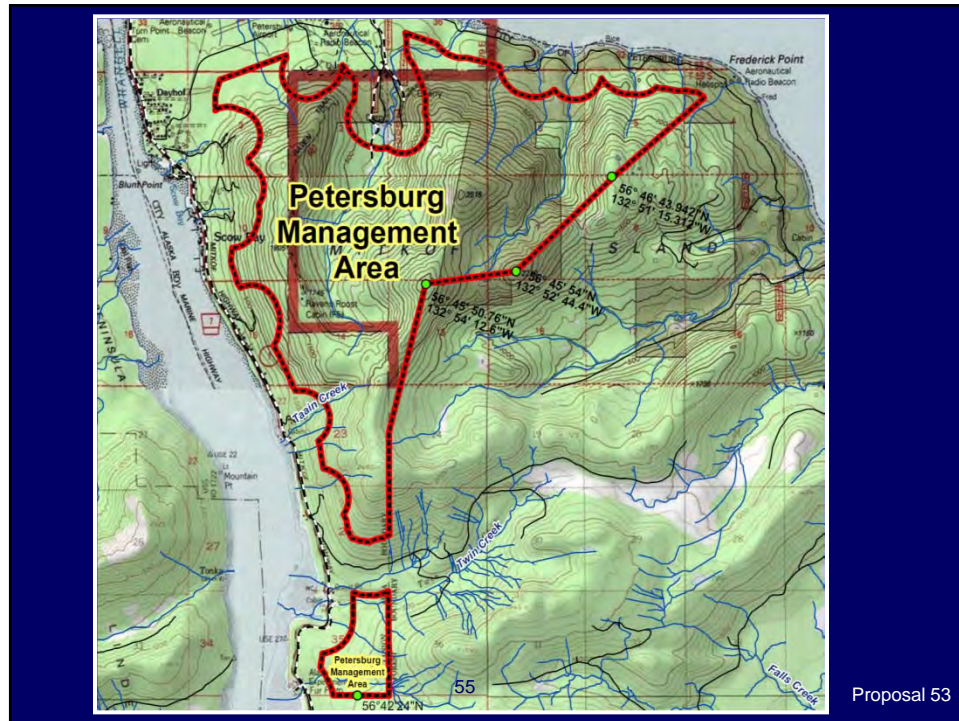
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Discussion

- Change the set back from airport property, dwellings, businesses, highways, roads and streets within corporate city limits from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile (440 yards) to 100 yards
- Average annual harvest very low (<10)

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Season and Bag Limits

- Petersburg Management Area
 - Two bucks, Oct 15 - Dec 15 by bow and arrow only
- Remainder of Mitkof Island
 - One buck, Oct 15 – Oct 31
- Amend proposal to update PMA boundaries then consider 100 yard restriction



Discussion

- Established in 2001 when city prohibited discharge of firearms for public safety
- Archery only provision required IBEP certification, reinforcing public safety and wounding concerns
- Risk/benefit of allowing archery hunters more opportunity vs. more exposure

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AC Recommendation:

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