

## PROPOSAL 82

Add the East Fork of the Upper Eklutna River drainage prior drawing permit areas for Dall sheep (DS127, DS128, DS129) to the current DS124, DS125, DS126, and DS224 hunt area covering the northeast portion of Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

### SUPPORT

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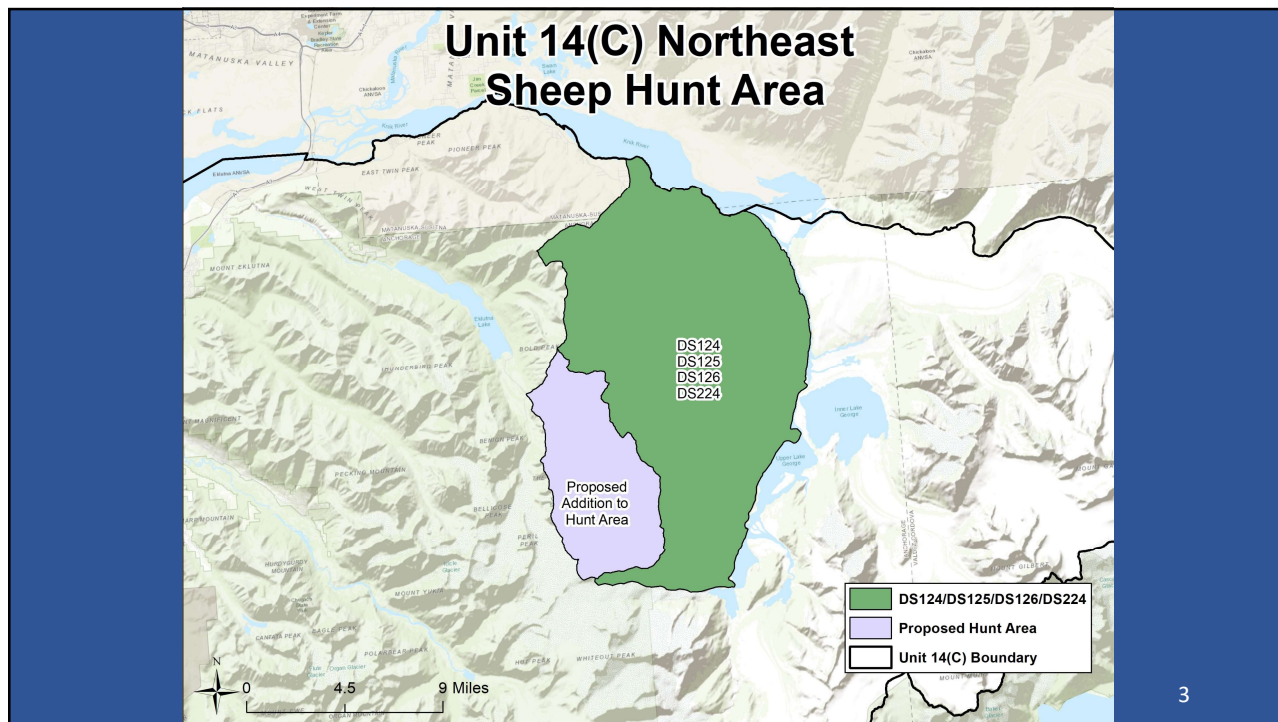
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## Background

- Rifle drawing permit hunts in this area were last issued with a full-curl only bag limit and closed in 2011 due to the decline in the number of sheep observed during aerial minimum count surveys.
- Currently, the only harvest of Dall sheep in the East Fork of the Eklutna River drainage is within the archery drawing permit hunt areas (DS140 and DS240). However, harvest may also occur through the Governor's Permit.
- This proposal does not require a specific regulatory change.

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## Background

- Recent surveys indicate there are not enough full-curl rams to warrant opening any new drawing permit hunts using a rifle and targeting full-curl rams.
- However, adding more area to an existing hunt area, as this proposal advocates, could spread hunting effort out.

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## Background

- As another option, the Department supports adding the area in question to the current DS141 and DS241 archery-only drawing permit hunts, because there are numerous reports of hunter crowding in the West Fork of the upper Eklutna River drainage and this would provide additional area for archery hunters to spread out.
- This would also provide some additional opportunity under the any ram, archery-only hunt structure.

## Background

	East & West Fork Eklutna	West Fork Eklutna	Unit 14 (C) Northeast
Reg Year	DS140/DS240 Harvest	DS141/DS241 Harvest	DS124, DS125, DS126, DS224 Harvest
2018	2	2	3
2019	1	3	2
2020	1	0	2
2021	0	1	3
2022	0	2	3

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**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

SUPPORT

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## PROPOSAL 83

Re-open the late-season drawing permit hunts for Dall sheep (DS139 and DS239) within Unit 14(C)

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

OPPOSED

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## Background

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- These hunts were closed in 2011 after observing a decline in the sheep population after aerial minimum count surveys.
- The current number of Dall sheep within Unit 14(C) does not warrant redistribution of harvest from one hunt area into several others.

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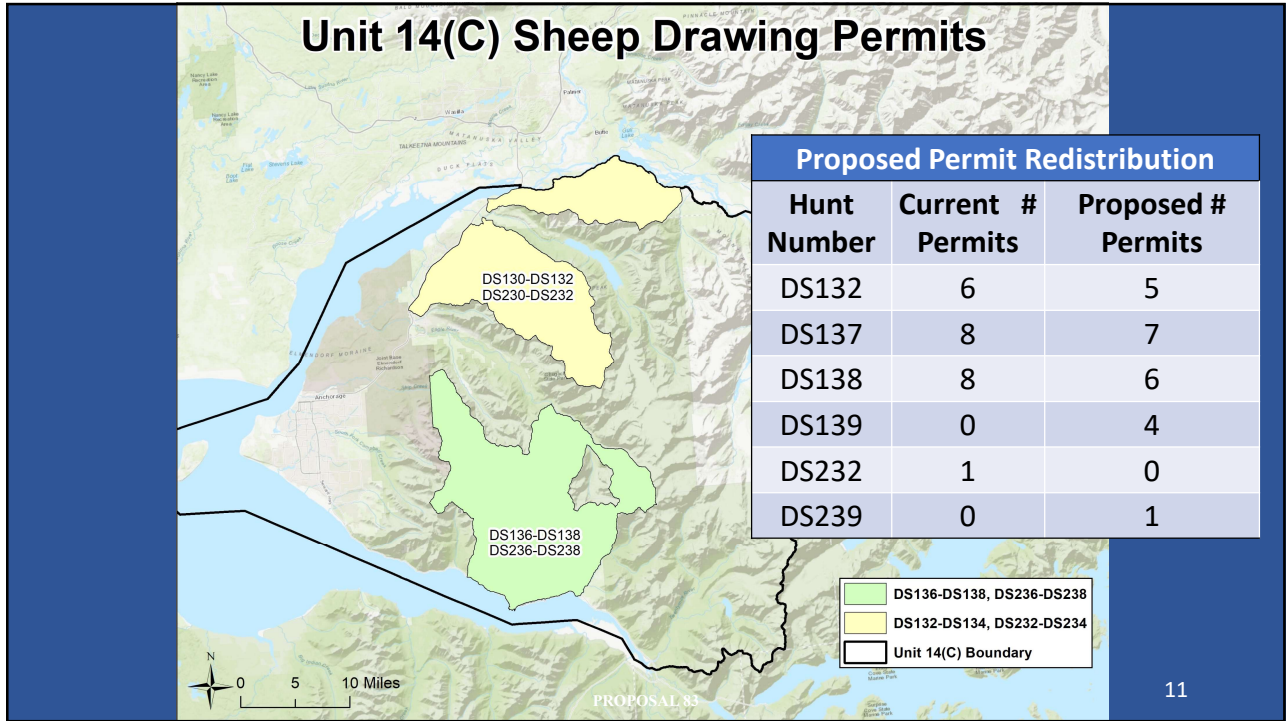
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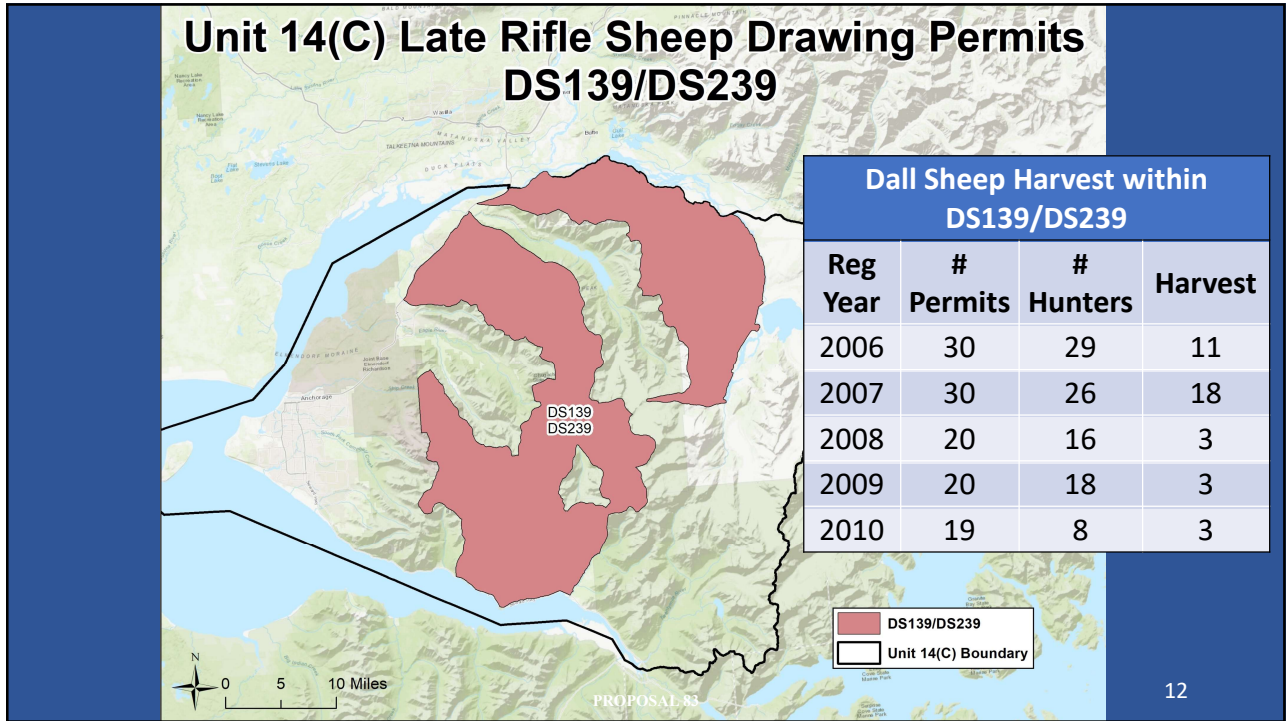
- The proposed hunt dates would be September 18<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, resulting in part of the season falling outside of the aerial sheep-spotting closure from Aug 10<sup>th</sup> to Sept 20<sup>th</sup>.
- This proposal does not require a specific regulatory change.

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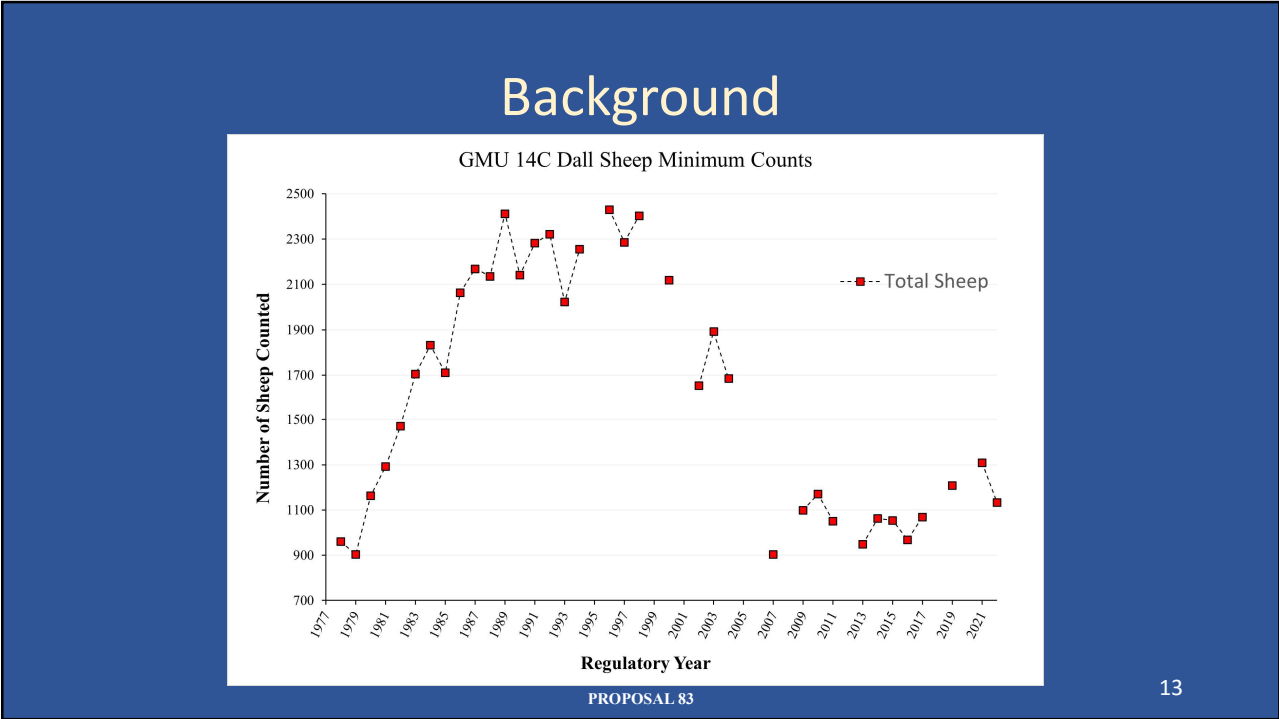
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## Background

Unit 14(C) Dall Sheep Observations (Aerial Surveys)					
Reg Year	Full Curl Rams	Sublegal Rams	Ewe-likes	Lambs	Total Sheep
2010	55	276	659	180	1170
2011	42	293	599	116	1051
2013	47	287	523	85	948
2014	29	277	586	170	1062
2015	41	244	561	200	1054
2016	46	233	540	149	968
2017	30	259	601	179	1069
2019	27	264	712	168	1208
2021	42	239	762	215	1309
2022	36	292	678	126	1133

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## PROPOSAL 83

Re-open the late-season drawing permit hunts for Dall sheep (DS139 and DS239) within Unit 14(C)

**Public Proposal**

Department Recommendation

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## PROPOSAL 84

Create a new archery-only drawing permit hunt for Dall sheep using the current DS141/DS241 hunt area within the Eklutna Management Area of Unit 14(C)

**Public Proposal**

Department Recommendation

OPPOSED

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## Background

- As proposed, this hunt would create a new archery-only drawing permit with an earlier season (August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>) than the current DS140, DS141, DS240, DS241 drawing permit hunts (which are all also archery-only).
- If adopted, the total number of permits available would not be increased, but instead this hunt would require redistributing a portion of the tags from the DS141 hunt to this new hunt.

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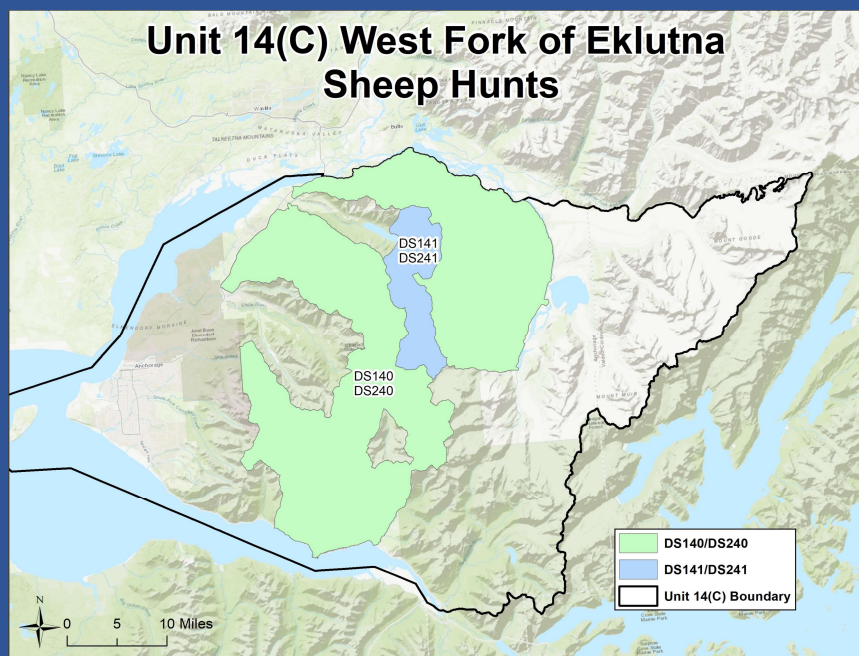
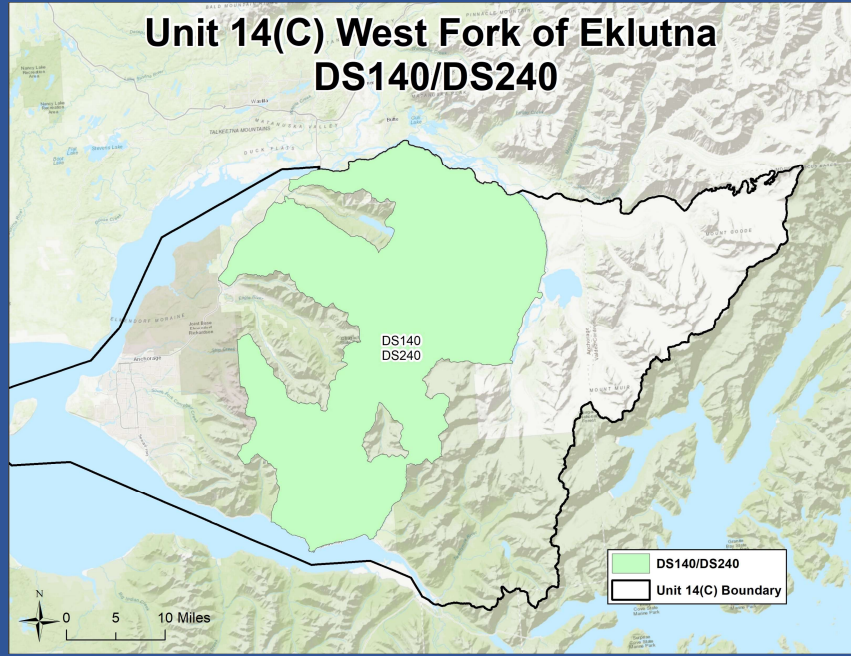
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## Background

- This hunt would fall outside of the aerial sheep-spotting closure period beginning August 10<sup>th</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The ability for sheep hunters to locate sheep from the air would likely result in an increase in sheep harvest, which is unwarranted considering the current state of the sheep population in the area.
- If adopted, we request the early season be August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

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## Background

Dall Sheep Harvest Within Eklutna River Drainage				
Reg Year	# Permits	DS141/DS241 Harvest	# Permits	DS140/DS240 Harvest
2018	25	2	60	2
2019	25	3	60	1
2020	25	0	60	0
2021	25	1	60	0
2022	25	2	60	0

## Background

Eklutna River Drainage Dall Sheep Observations (Aerial Surveys)						
Reg Year	Full Curl Rams	Sublegal Rams	Ewe-likes	Lambs	Unidentified	Total Sheep
2016	5	29	102	22	0	158
2017	2	31	96	31	0	160
2019	4	25	98	27	0	158
2021	7	44	135	41	1	228
2022	6	33	164	37	0	240

## PROPOSAL 84

Create a new archery-only drawing permit hunt for Dall sheep using the current DS141/DS241 hunt area within the Eklutna Management Area of Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

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## PROPOSAL 208

Convert nonresident drawing permit DS236 to second degree of kindred (2DK) only, convert all other nonresident rifle drawing permits in GMU 14(C) to guided only, and issue at least one nonresident permit for each of the four Unit 14(C) rifle permit areas

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups and OPPOSED to the limitation of our ability to set permit numbers

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## Effect of Proposal

- Nonresident hunters wanting to hunt sheep in Unit 14(C) with a relative of the second degree of kindred could only apply for DS236.
- Nonresident hunters wanting to hunt in DS236 with a guide would no longer have that option, but would still be able to hunt in DS237 and DS238, which are in the same hunt area.
- This proposal would require the Department to issue at least one nonresident permit in each of the hunt areas in Unit 14(C), limiting the Department's ability to reduce permit numbers in response to future conservation concerns.

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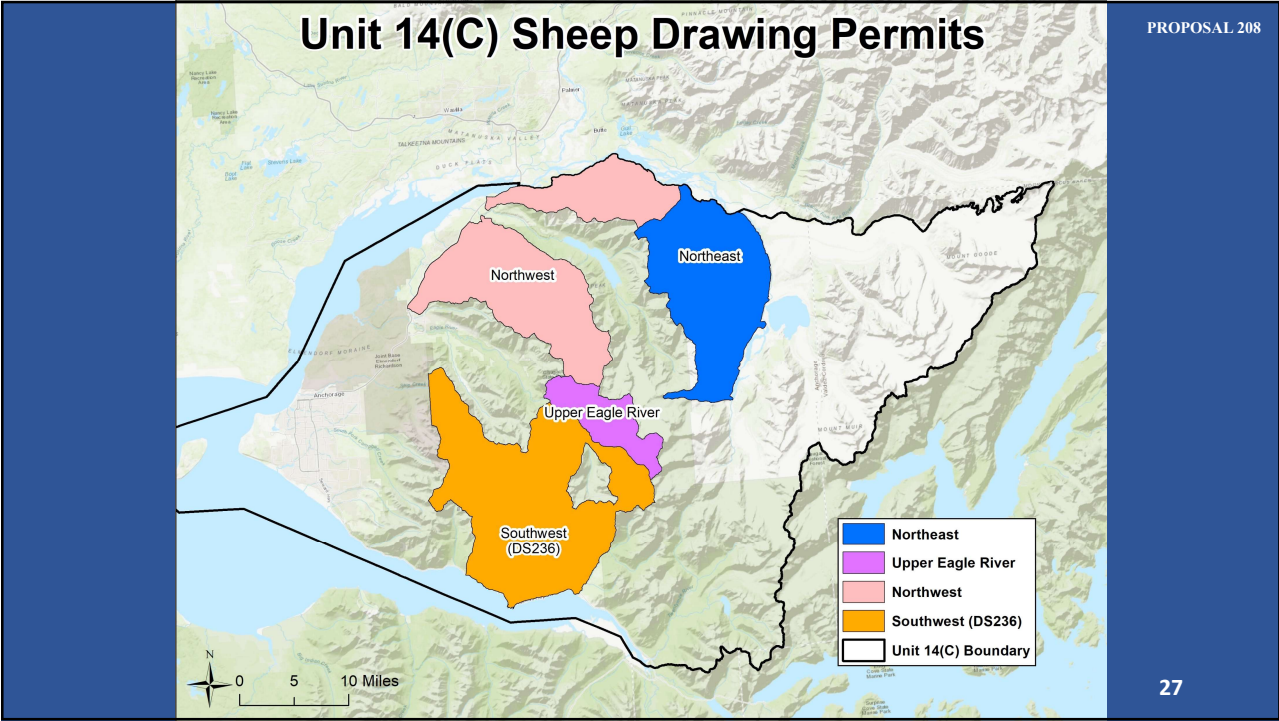
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## Background

- At the statewide meeting in March 2022, the BOG passed Proposal 149, creating a separate drawing for 2DK hunters for sheep where there was an allocation for nonresidents.
- The Department did not follow the examples given in the proposal for where these permits would be distributed, due to existing regulations.

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- Currently, there are 61 rifle sheep permits in 14(C), 7 of which are allocated to nonresidents

Hunt	Hunt Area	Total Permits	Residency
DS124-126	Northeast	9	Resident
DS130-132	Northwest	18	Resident
DS134-135	Upper Eagle River	3	Resident
DS136-138	Southwest	24	Resident
DS024	Northeast	1	Nonresident, 2DK only
DS230-232	Northwest	3	Nonresident, guided only
DS236-238	Southwest	3	Nonresident, guided only

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Current Nonresident Rifle Permit Hunt Structure

Hunt #	Hunt Area	Total Permits	Residency
DS024	Northeast	1	Nonresident, 2DK only
DS230-232	Northwest	3	Nonresident, guided only
DS236-238	Southwest	3	Nonresident, guided only

Proposed Nonresident Rifle Permit Hunt Structure

Hunt #	Hunt Area	Total Permits	Residency
DSXXX	Southwest	1	Nonresident, 2DK only
DS224	Northeast	1	Nonresident, guided only
DS230-231	Northwest	2	Nonresident, guided only
DS233	Upper Eagle River	1	Nonresident, guided only
DS237-238	Southwest	2	Nonresident, guided only

## Background

- Currently, there are six nonresident guided only permits distributed between the Northwest and Southwest hunt areas; this proposal would require a redistribution of those permits.

## Background

- 5 AAC 92.057 states that a maximum of 5% of archery permits for Dall sheep in Unit 14C shall be issued to nonresidents, and a maximum of 13% of the unrestricted weapon permits shall be issued to nonresidents.

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## Background

- Since this proposal would require the issuance of four nonresident permits (one for each hunt area), the Department would no longer have the authority to drop the overall permit numbers below 31 total permits (4 of 30 permits is 13.3%) and stay in compliance with 5 AAC 92.057, no matter the status of the sheep population.

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## PROPOSAL 208

Convert nonresident drawing permit DS236 to second degree of kindred only, convert all other nonresident rifle drawing permits in GMU 14(C) to guided only, and issue at least one nonresident permit for each of the four Unit 14(C) rifle permit areas

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups and  
OPPOSED to the limitation of our ability to set permit numbers

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## PROPOSAL 85

Create an archery-only drawing permit for mountain goat in the West Fork of the Upper Eklutna River drainage within Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

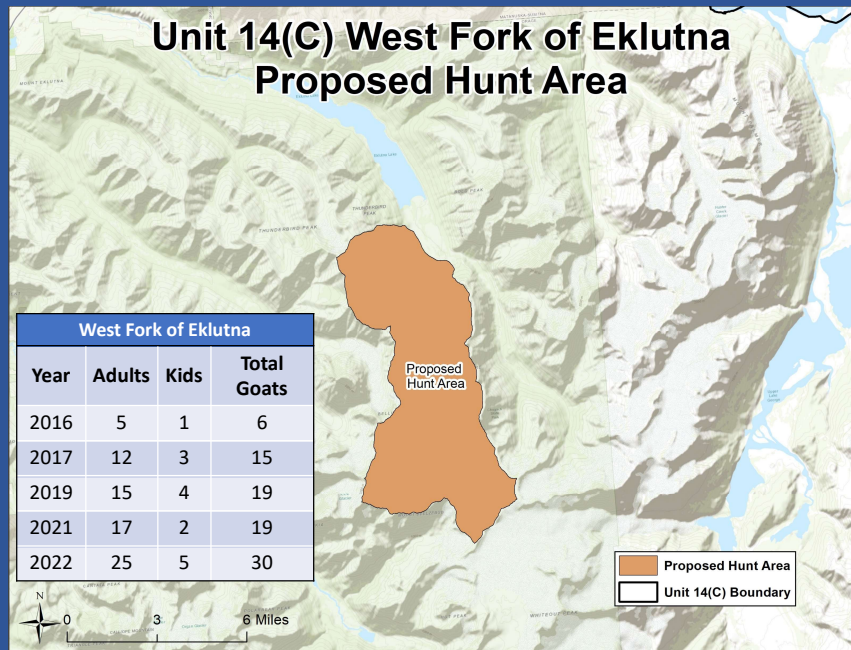
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## Background

- The number of mountain goats observed during sheep surveys does not suggest there are enough goats to open a new drawing permit hunt solely in the West Fork of the Eklutna River drainage.
- We have no information on movement of mountain goats from one fork of the upper Eklutna River drainage to the other.
- If a hunt were opened, the Department would issue one permit and advocate that the hunter try to take a male goat.



## PROPOSAL 85

Create an archery-only drawing permit for mountain goat in the West Fork of the Upper Eklutna River drainage within Unit 14(C)

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

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## PROPOSAL 86

Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer drainages in Units 7 and 14(C)

**Department Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

SUPPORT

AC Recommendations:

**Anchorage AC: 9-0-0 Support**

**Cooper Landing: 8-0-0**

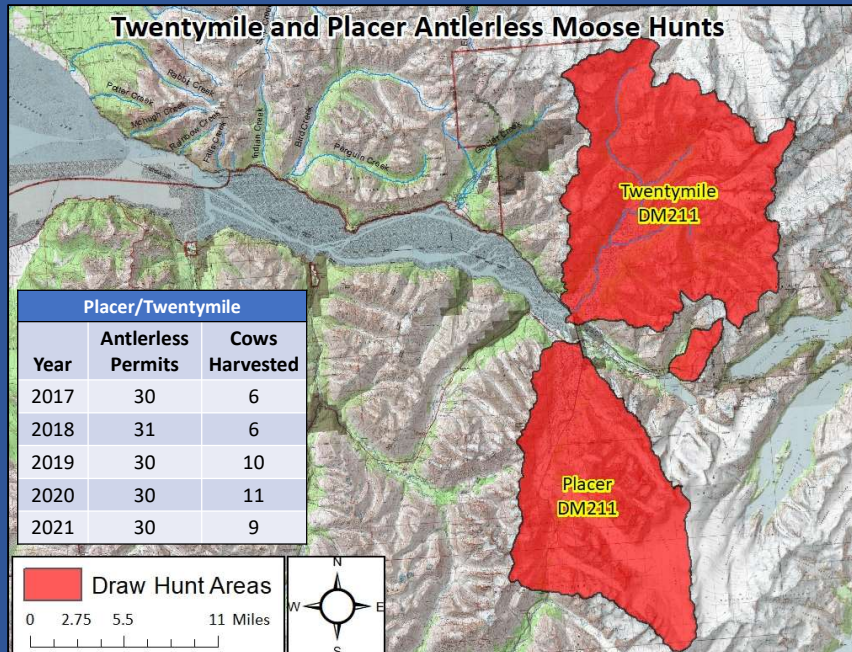
**Seward AC: Support**

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## Background

- These hunts have been successful in creating additional moose hunting opportunities with little or no controversy.
- The harvest of antlerless moose from these drainages has helped achieve the Department’s goal of maintaining moose numbers at a level to avoid significant mortality events during harsh winters.



## PROPOSAL 86

Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer drainages in Units 7 and 14(C)

### Department Proposal

### Department Recommendation

### SUPPORT

AC Recommendations:

**Anchorage AC: 9-0-0 Support**

**Cooper Landing: 8-0-0**

**Seward AC: Support**

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## PROPOSAL 87

Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14(C)  
Remainder

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

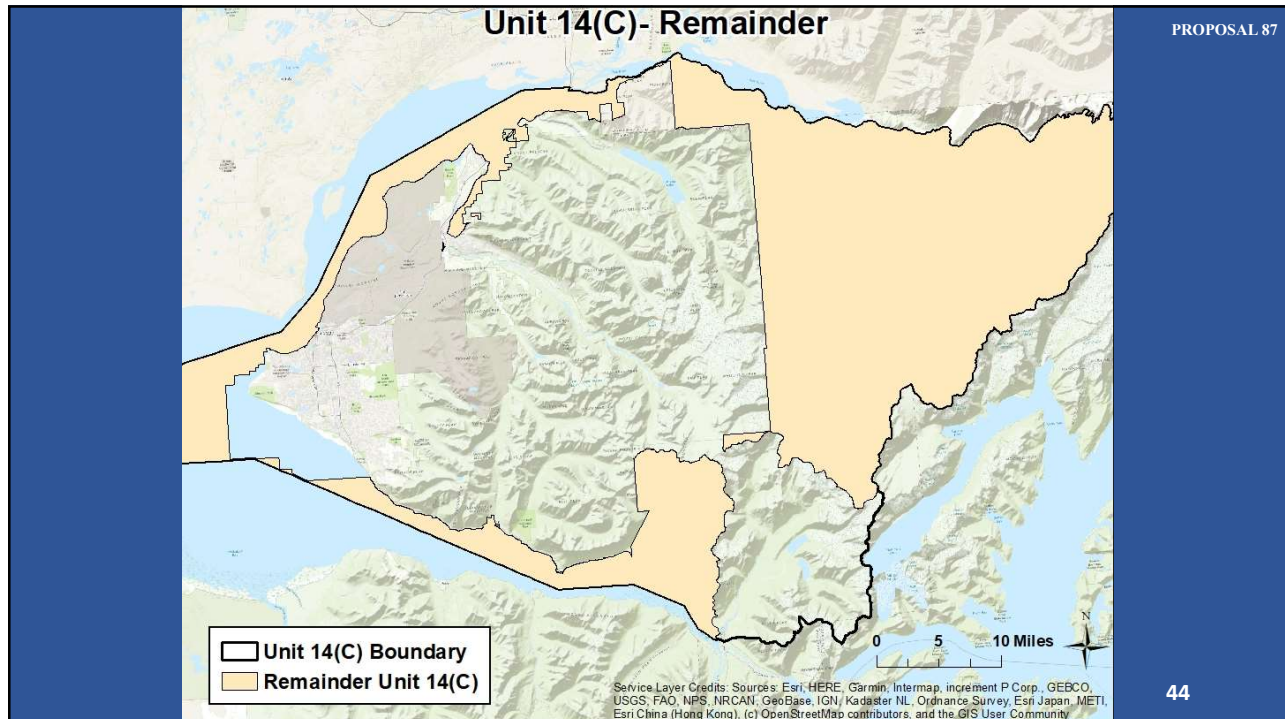
### SUPPORT

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## Effect of Proposal

- The proposal would open an archery only season from Aug 22- Aug 29 in the Remainder of Unit 14(C) with the legal animal being one bull with spike - fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side.



## Background

- Moose populations in Unit 14(C) appear to be stable to increasing.
- Current season in the Remainder of Unit 14(C) is Sept. 1- Sept. 30 and has a bag limit of one bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antler with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side.
- Hunter harvest averaged 16 moose over the last 5 years.

Regulatory Year	# of moose harvested in Remainder of Unit 14(C)
2017	23
2018	15
2019	12
2020	14
2021	17

## PROPOSAL 87

Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14(C) Remainder

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

SUPPORT

## PROPOSAL 88

Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park (CSP) Management Area in Unit 14(C) to an archery only hunt.

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

OPPOSED to the reduction of harvest and NEUTRAL on the allocation issue

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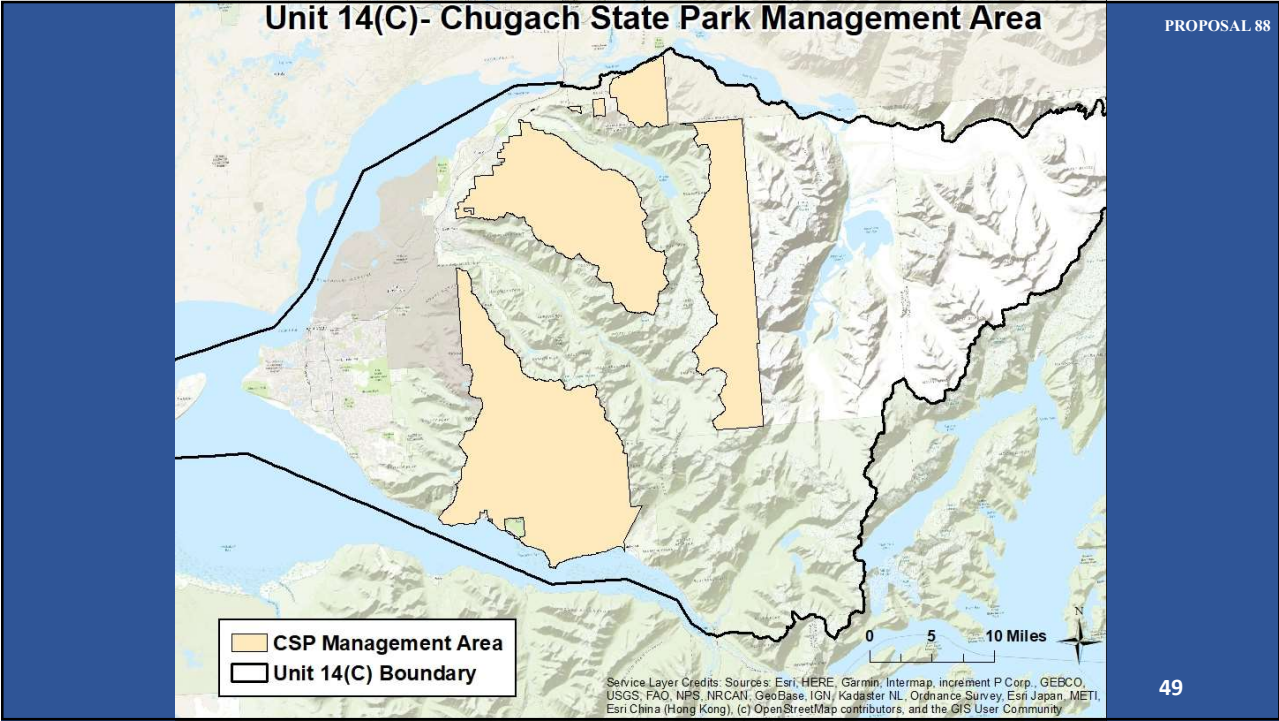
### Effect of Proposal

- The proposal would restrict the harvest of moose in the Chugach State Park (CSP) Management Area (excluding Ship Creek drainage) to the use of bow and arrow only during the general open season.

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## Background

- Unit 14(C) moose have been identified by the BOG in 5 AAC 92.108 as important for providing high levels of harvest for human consumptive use.
- Currently, that take of moose by bow and arrow is allowed during general season
- The moose harvest in the CSP Management Area has remained steady.

Regulatory Year	# of moose harvested in CSP
2017	10
2018	9
2019	10
2020	12
2021	15

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### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

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NEUTRAL on the allocation issue

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## PROPOSAL 203

Establish an antlerless moose drawing hunt for disabled and mobility impaired hunters in Kincaid Park in Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

NEUTRAL

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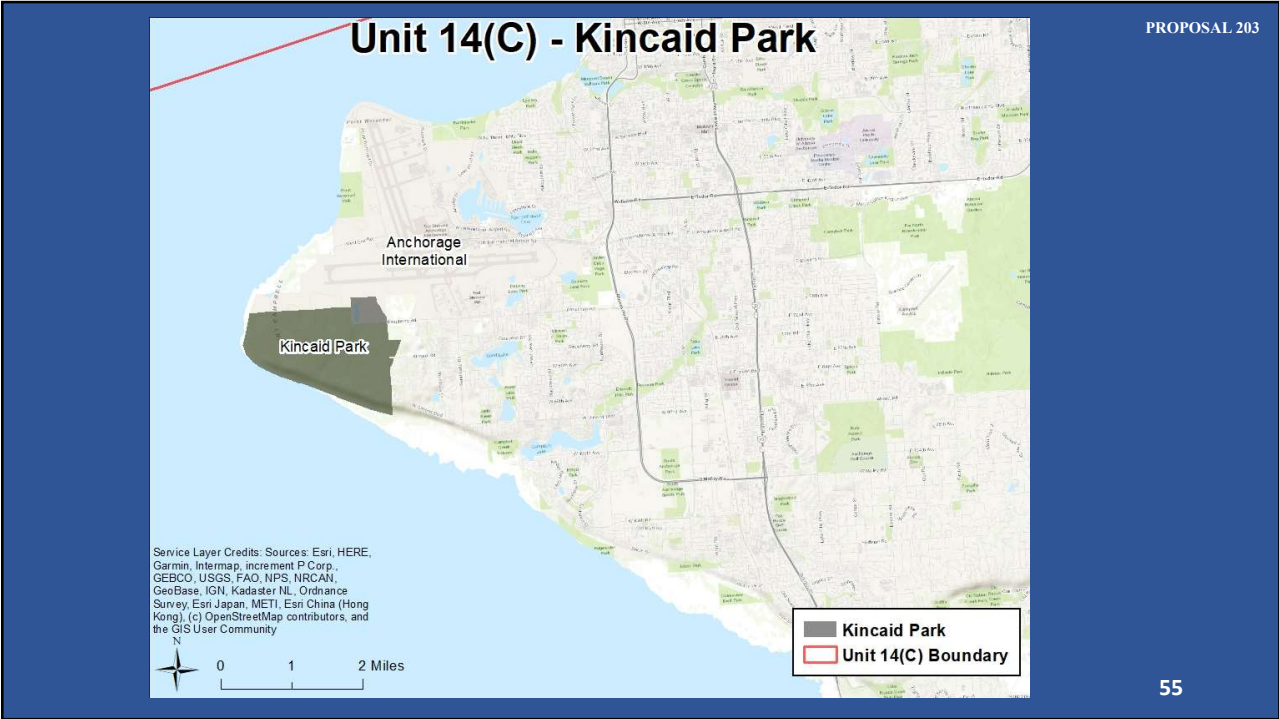
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## Effect of Proposal

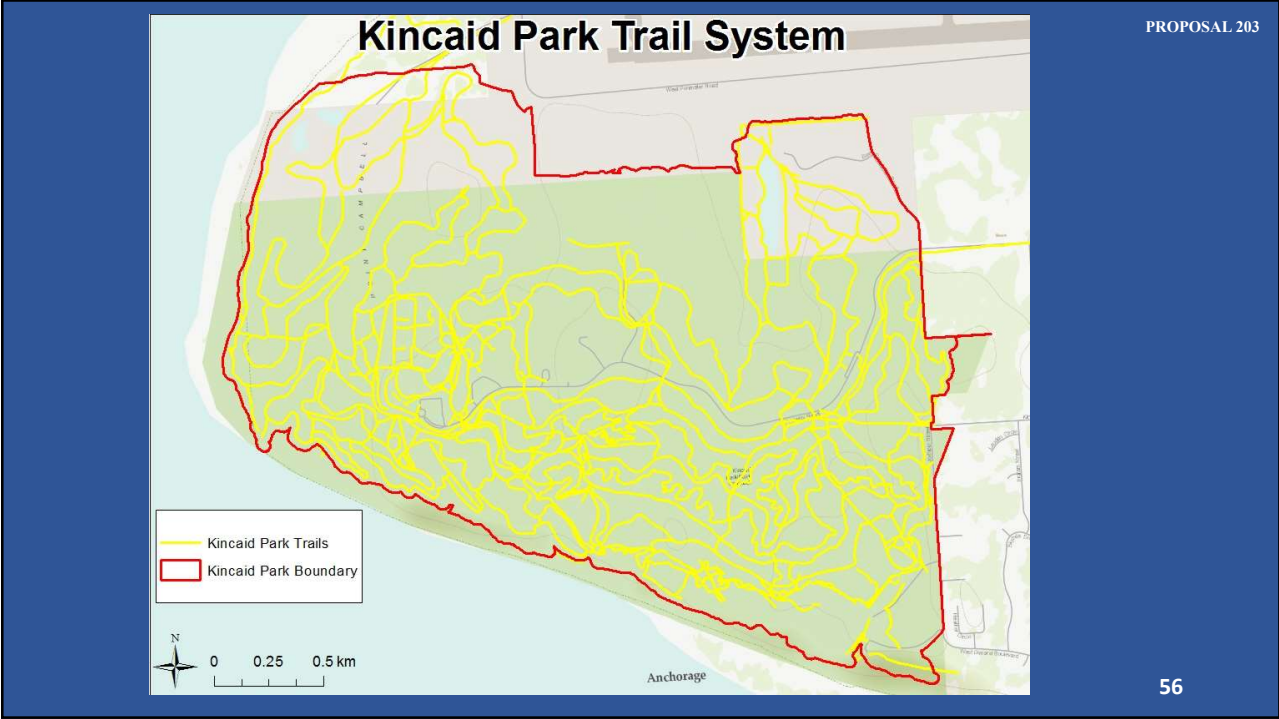
- This proposal would create an antlerless drawing hunt for hunters that are at least 70% physically disabled and mobility impaired in Kincaid Park.

## Background

- Kincaid is in the Anchorage Management Area.
- Current Regulations
  - 1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only, and by bow and arrow, shotgun, or muzzleloader only; up to 50 may be issued.



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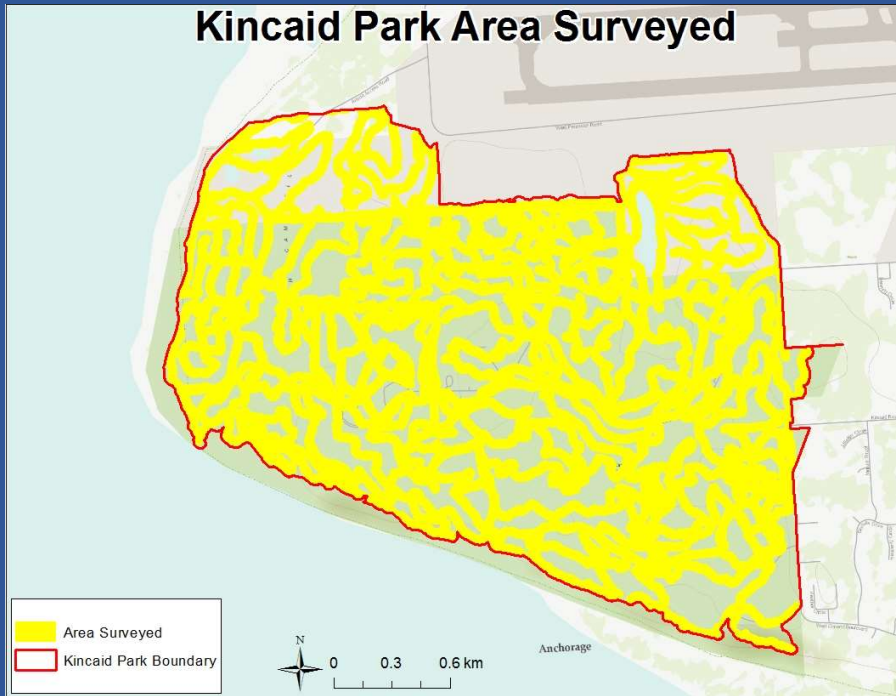
# Background

- Ground-based Surveys
- During 2014, two ground based surveys were conducted, using teams of observers walking trails.

February 26: Approximately 60% of the park was covered;  
4 moose counted

November 6: Approximately 70% of the park was covered;  
10 moose counted

## Kincaid Park Area Surveyed



## Background

- Poor Winter Habitat
  - Moose abundance appears to vary within the park seasonally
  - During both surveys (conducted during winter), moose abundance in the park seemed to be greatly reduced from summer
  - During winter, moose likely move into surrounding neighborhoods in order to find sufficient forage

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## Background

- High density of trails
- High density of recreational users
- Differing opinions of recreational users
- Hunting opportunity
- Possible reduction of conflicts



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**PROPOSAL 203**

Establish an antlerless moose drawing hunt for disabled and mobility impaired hunters in Kincaid Park in Unit 14(C)

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

NEUTRAL

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**PROPOSAL 89**

Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in Unit 14(C)

**Department Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

SUPPORT

AC Recommendations:

**Anchorage AC: 11-0-0 Support**

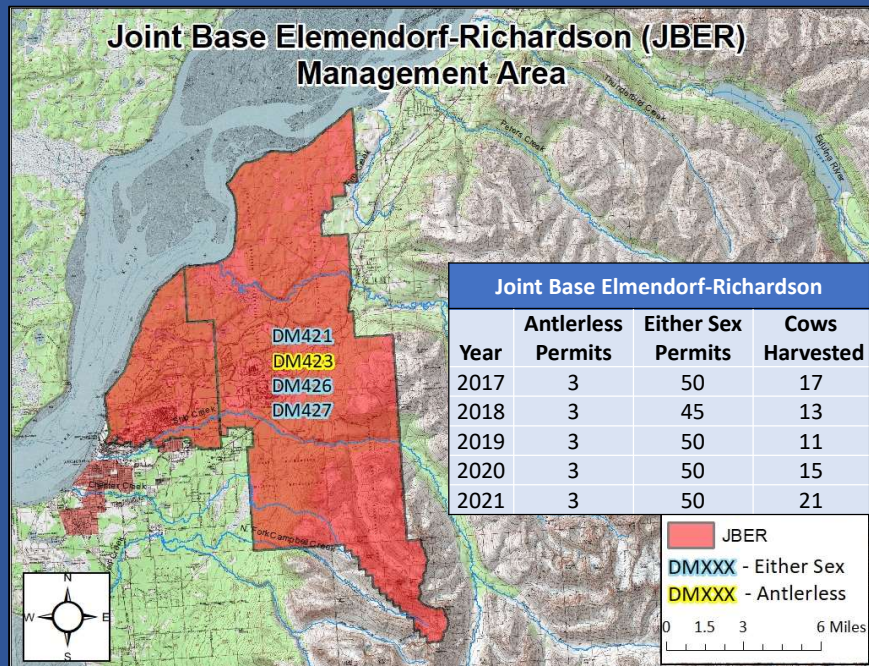
**Su-Valley AC: 6-0-0 Support**

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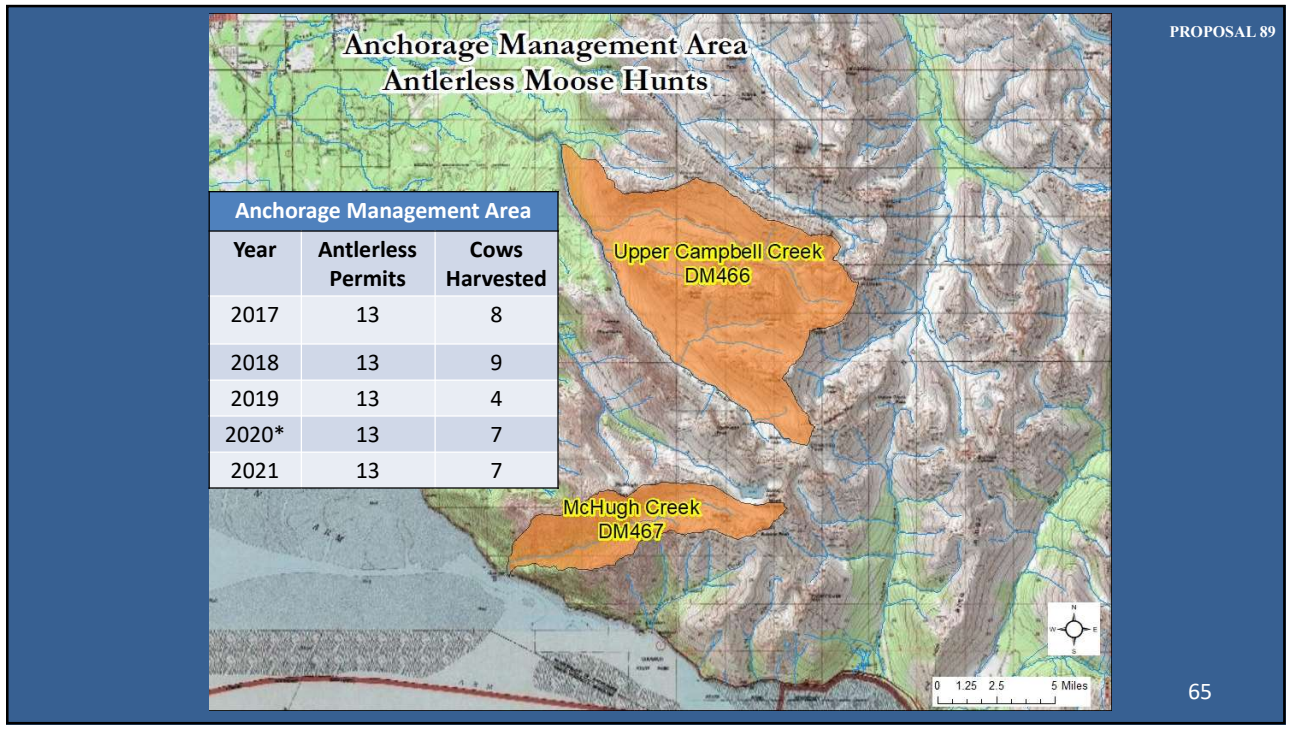
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## Background

- The harvest of antlerless moose has helped achieve the Department’s goal of maintaining moose numbers at a level to avoid significant mortality events during harsh winters and reduce overbrowsing of winter habitat, moose-vehicle collisions, moose-human conflicts in urban areas, and nutritional stress during severe winters



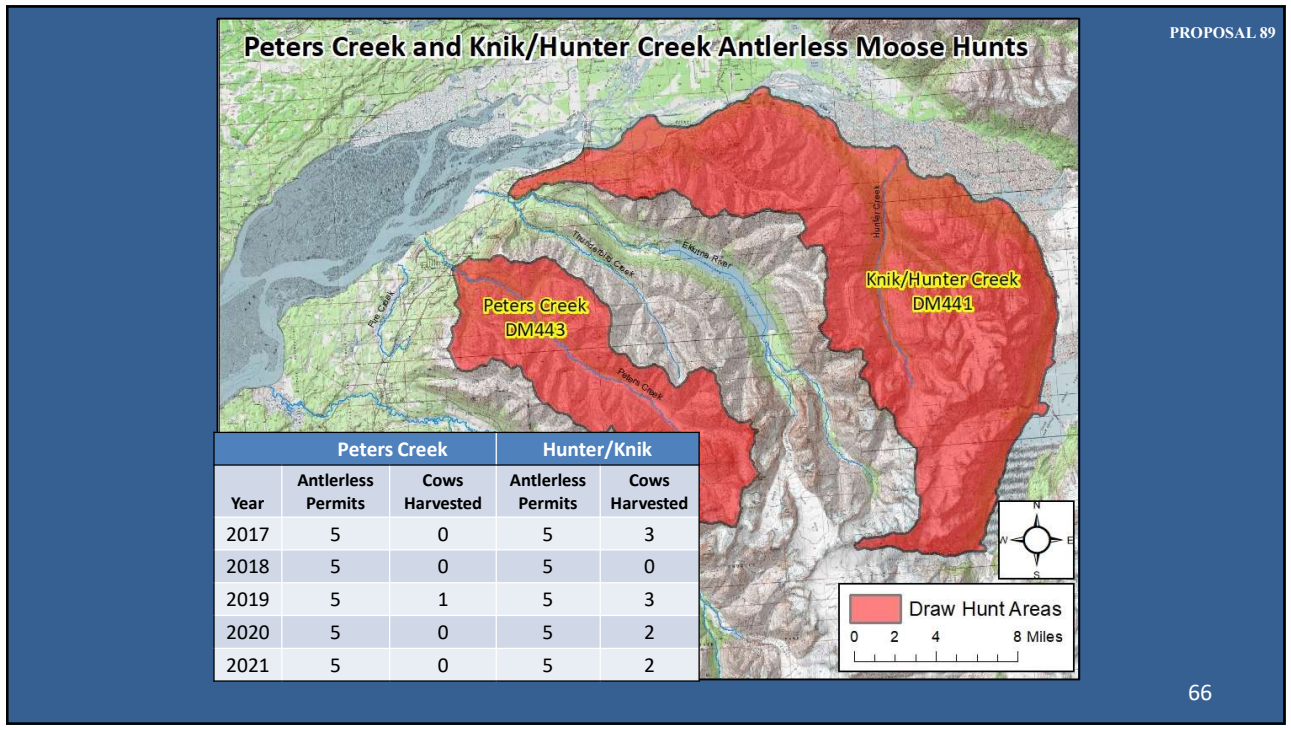




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## PROPOSAL 89

Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in Unit 14(C)

### Department Proposal

### Department Recommendation

### SUPPORT

AC Recommendations:

**Anchorage AC: 11-0-0 Support**

**Su-Valley AC: 6-0-0 Support**

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## PROPOSAL 90

Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity and is NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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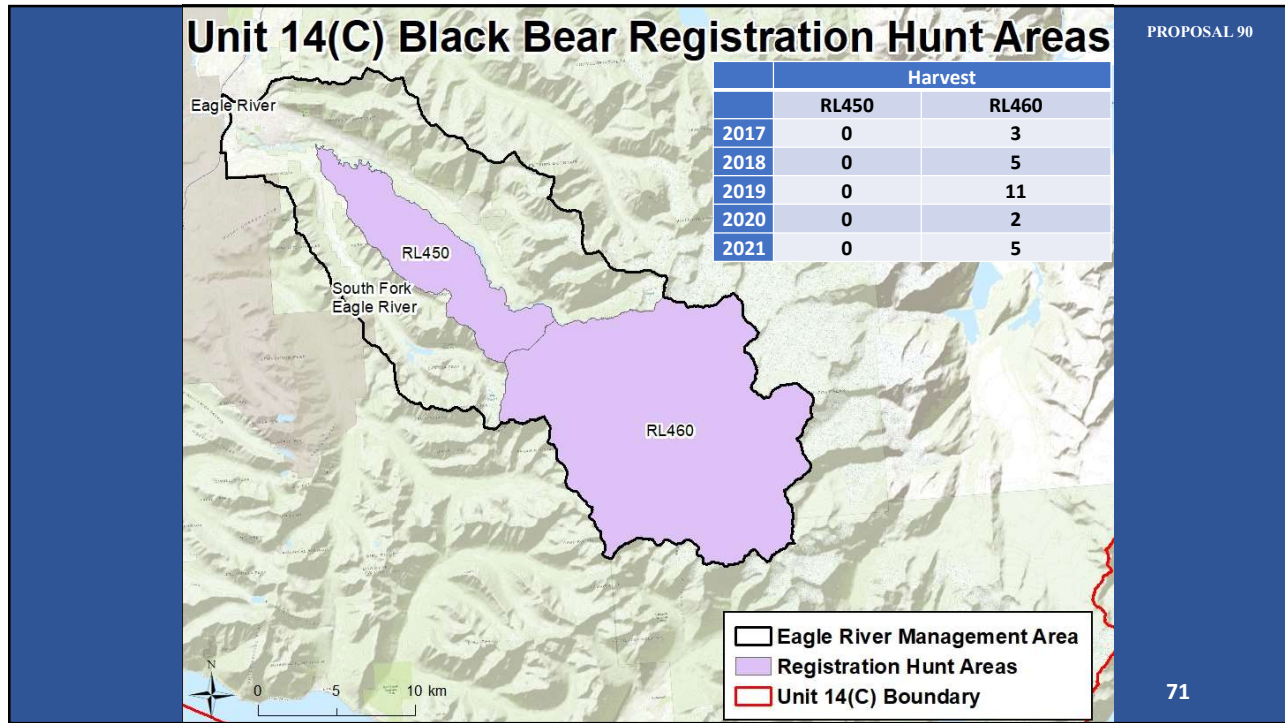
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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would create a black bear hunt in the South Fork Eagle River drainage and establish a ½ mile set back from any developed facility.

## Background

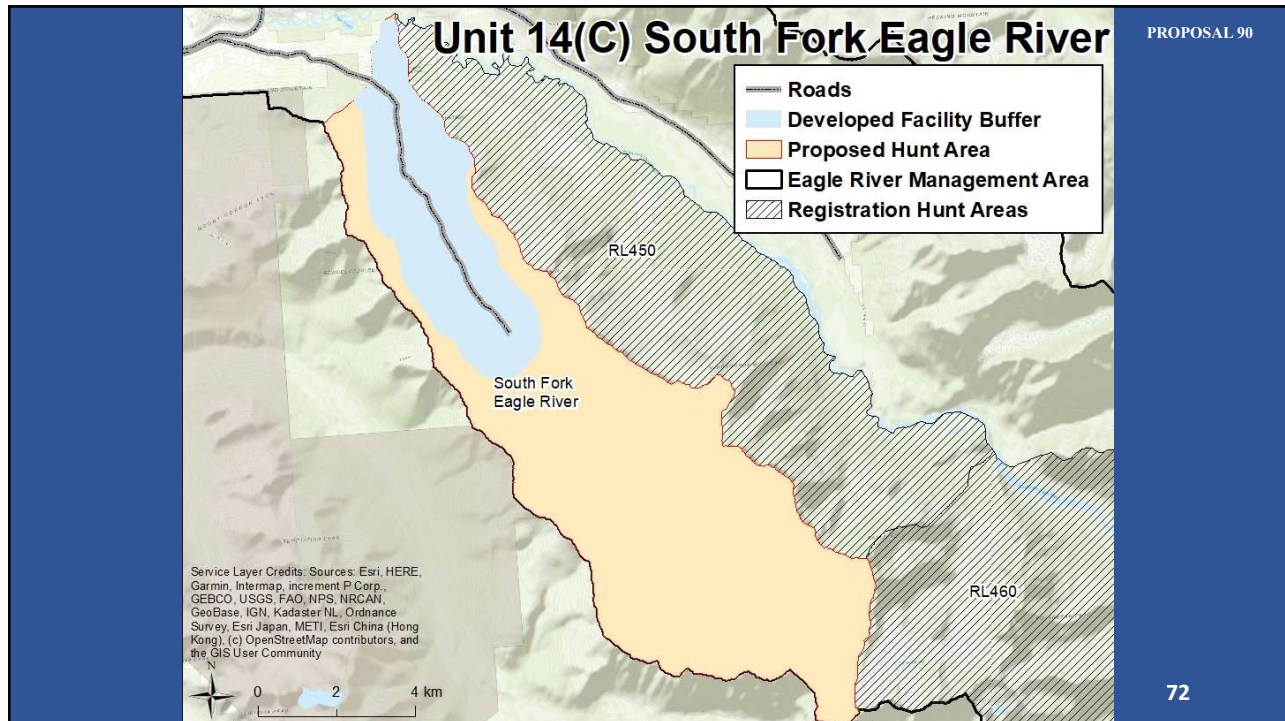
- Currently, there are two open areas for black bear hunting in the Eagle River Management Area.
  - RL450, Lower Eagle River, September 1- May 31 with a 1 bear bag limit and is limited to bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloader only
  - RL460, Upper Eagle River, September 1- June 15 with a 1 bear bag limit and is a non-weapons restricted hunt.



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## Background

- Both sides of the Eagle River Management Area are currently open to black bear harvest under general season, Sept. 1 - May 31.
- Black bear population appears healthy.
- Over last 5 years hunters harvested an average of 57 bears a year from Unit 14(C).

RY	Agency Kills	DLPs	Road kill	RR	Hunter Kills	Total
2017	14	16	4	0	36	70
2018	15	10	4	0	43	72
2019	3	1	3	0	71	78
2020	17	9	4	1	80	111
2021	13	3	4	0	55	75

## PROPOSAL 90

Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity and is NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

## PROPOSAL 91

Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14(C), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity and NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would add bow and arrow to the allowable means and methods for DL455.

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## Background

- Takes place in a portion of the JBER Management Area.
- Established in 2015 and then modified to lengthen the season dates in 2019 to Sept. 1 - June 15.
- To get Base Command approval for the hunt, the method of take agreed upon was shotgun and that hunters were required to take and pass a proficiency shoot.
- 10 black bears have been harvested since its inception.

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## PROPOSAL 91

Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14(C), Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity and NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## PROPOSAL 92

Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14(C), McHugh Creek area

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

NEUTRAL

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would add bow and arrow to the allowable methods and means for the DL457 black bear hunt.

DL457	
Season Dates:	October 1 - October 31
Bag Limit:	1 black bear (except sows with cubs)
Hunt Conditions	
• Check in/Check out	
• Weekday only	
• Shotgun or muzzleloader only	
• Required to take and pass proficiency test	
• Basic Hunter or muzzleloader education required	
• Unsalvageable remains must be moved 100 yards from any trail	

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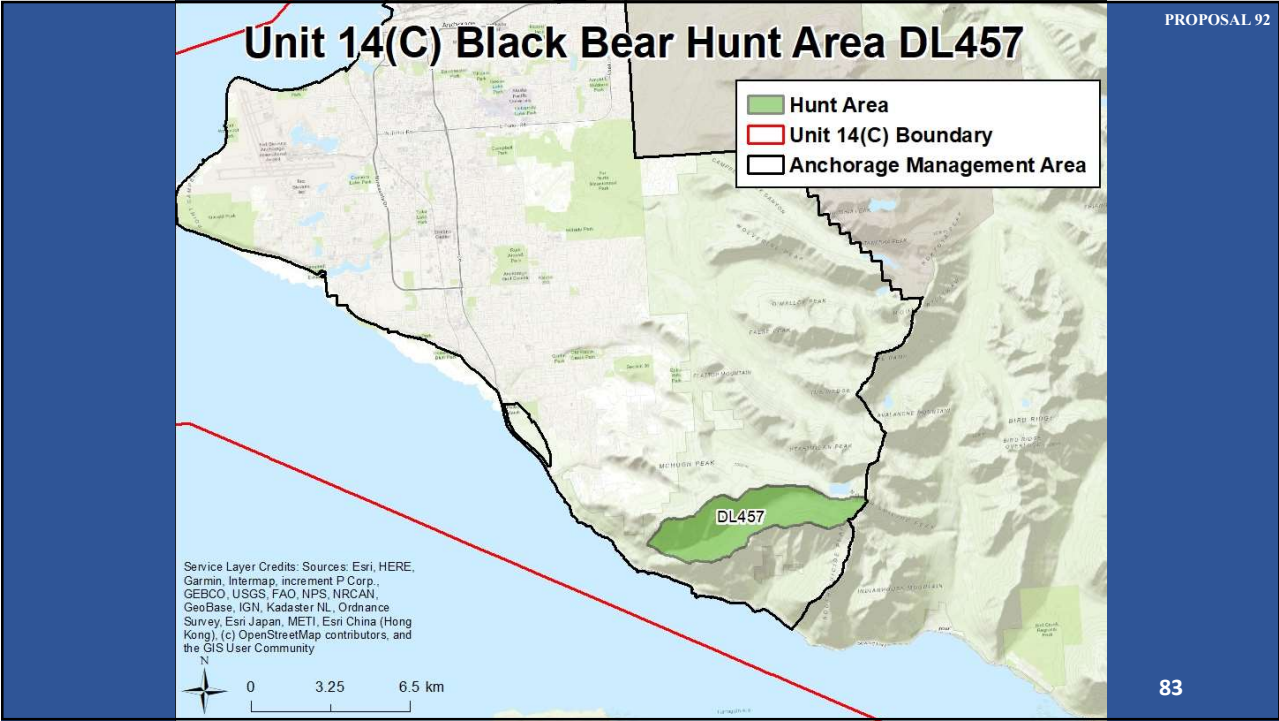
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## Background

- Takes place in the McHugh Drainage in the Anchorage Management Area.
- Established in 2019 with a bag limit of one bear. Current season dates are Oct. 1 - Oct. 31
- 1 black bear has been harvested since its inception.

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**PROPOSAL 92**

Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14(C), McHugh Creek area

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

NEUTRAL

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## PROPOSAL 93

Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14(C), JBER and McHugh Creek areas

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would add bow and arrow to the allowable methods and means for the DL457 and DL455 black bear hunts.

## Background

- DL457 takes place in the McHugh Drainage in the Anchorage Management Area.
- Established in 2019 with a bag limit of one bear. Current season dates are Oct. 1 - Oct. 31.

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## Background

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- Established in 2015 and then modified to lengthen the season dates in 2019 to Sept. 1 - June 15.
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## PROPOSAL 93

Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14(C), JBER and McHugh Creek areas

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## PROPOSAL 94

Open a black bear archery hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in Unit 14(C), Anchorage Management Area

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would create a new weekday only archery drawing hunt for black bear in the DL457 hunt area of the McHugh Creek drainage. Season dates would be Sept. 1 - May 31.

DL457	
Season Dates:	October 1 - October 31
Bag Limit:	1 black bear (except sows with cubs)
Hunt Conditions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check in/Check out</li> <li>• Weekday only</li> <li>• Shotgun or muzzleloader only</li> <li>• Required to take and pass proficiency test</li> <li>• Basic Hunter or muzzleloader education required</li> <li>• Unsalvageable remains must be moved 100 yards from any trail</li> </ul>	

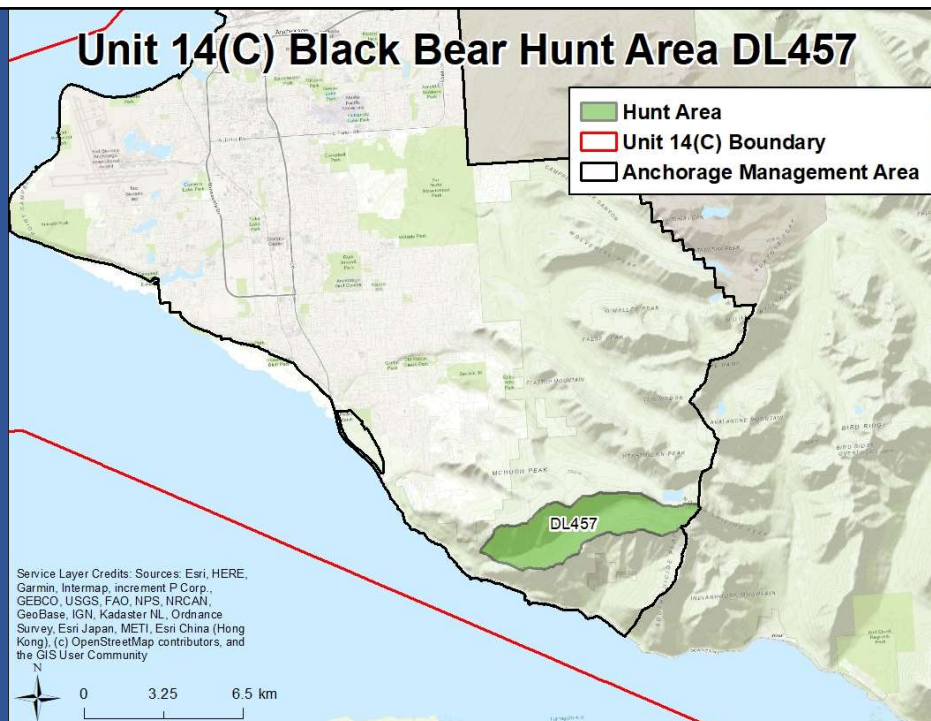
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## Background

- Takes place in the McHugh Creek drainage in the Anchorage Management Area.
- Currently, the only bear hunt in McHugh Creek drainage is DL457. DL457 was established in 2019 with a bag limit of one bear. Current season dates are Oct. 1 - Oct. 31.
- 1 black bear has been harvested since its inception.

## Unit 14(C) Black Bear Hunt Area DL457



## PROPOSAL 94

Open a black bear archery hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in Unit 14(C), Anchorage Management Area

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## PROPOSAL 95

Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14(C) Anchorage Management Area

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would create a new limited registration, weekday only, black bear archery hunt for residents in the DL457 hunt area of the McHugh Creek drainage. Season dates would be Sept. 1 - May 31.

DL457	
Season Dates:	October 1 - October 31
Bag Limit:	1 black bear (except sows with cubs)
Hunt Conditions	
• Check in/Check out	
• Weekday only	
• Shotgun or muzzleloader only	
• Required to take and pass proficiency test	
• Basic Hunter or muzzleloader education required	
• Unsalvageable remains must be moved 100 yards from any trail	

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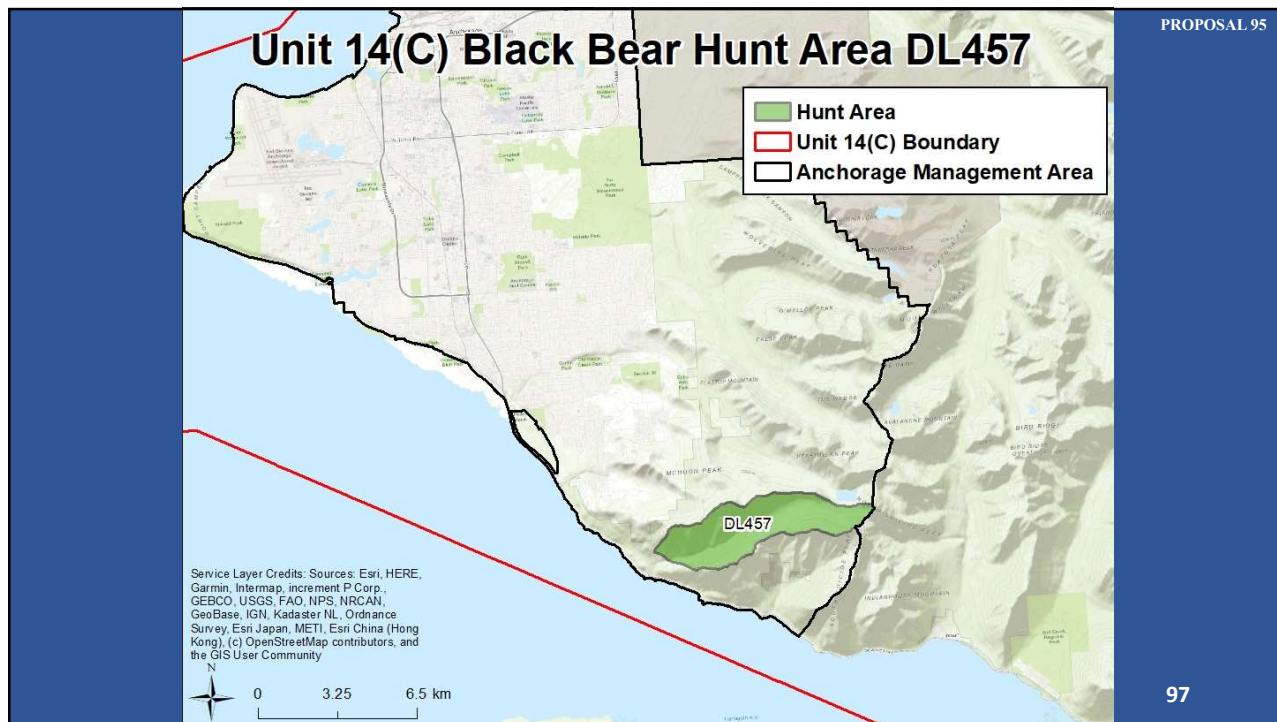
## Background

- Takes place in the McHugh Drainage in the Anchorage Management Area.
- Currently, the only bear hunt in McHugh Creek drainage is DL457. DL457 was established in 2019 with a bag limit of one bear. Current season dates are Oct. 1 - Oct. 31.
- 1 black bear has been harvested since its inception.

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**Department Recommendation**

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## PROPOSAL 96

Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14(C), the JBER Management Area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

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PROPOSAL 96

## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would allow hunters that draw archery moose tags on JBER the ability to obtain a registration black bear tag for the same season dates and areas as the moose tag.

## Background

- Takes place in the JBER Management Area.
- Currently, the only bear hunt on JBER is DL455.
- DL455 was established in 2015 and then modified to lengthen the season dates in 2019 to Sept. 1 - June 15.

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## Background

- Currently, there are five archery only drawing moose permit hunts on base with three different seasons and in two separate portions of JBER.

Hunt Number	Season Dates	Number of Permits RY21	Hunt Area
DM424	Sept. 1 - Nov. 15	40	Richardson portion of JBER
DM426	Dec. 15 - Jan. 15	20	Richardson portion of JBER
DM427	Dec. 15 - Jan. 15	25	Richardson portion of JBER
DM428	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	10	Elmendorf portion of JBER
DM430	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15	3	Elmendorf portion of JBER

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### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

NEUTRAL

## PROPOSAL 97

Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

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PROPOSAL 97

## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would create a brown bear hunt in the South Fork Eagle River drainage with a ½ mile buffer around any developed facility.

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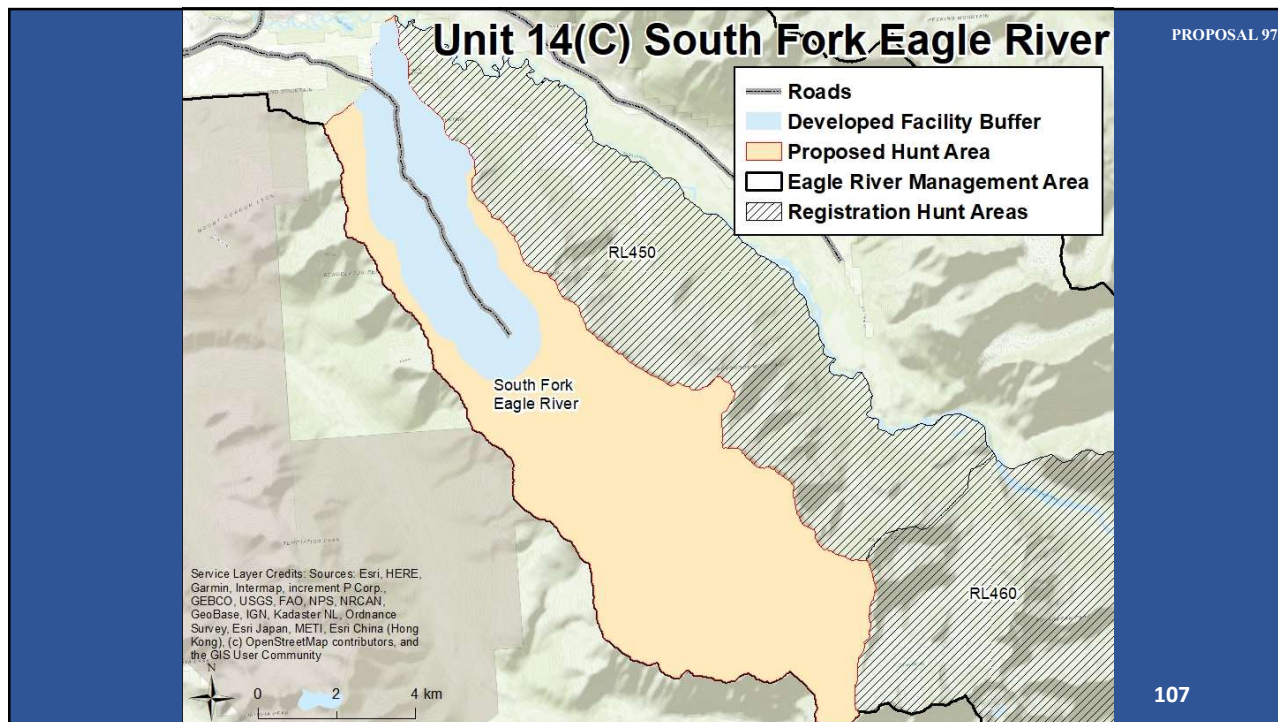
## Background

- Takes place in the Eagle River Management Area in Chugach State Park.
- Currently, there is no brown bear hunting in the Eagle River Management Area.
- The only bear hunting allowed is for black bear under RL450 and RL460 in the Eagle River Management Area.

## Background

- No current information on number of brown bears in the population.

Regulatory Year	Agency Kills	DLPs	Roadkill	Railroad	Hunter Kills	14(C) TOTAL
2017	7	0	0	0	6	13
2018	7	3	1	0	3	14
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2020	4	1	1	0	4	10
2021	0	4	1	1	3	9



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**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

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**PROPOSAL 98**

Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14(C).

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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PROPOSAL 98

**Effect of Proposal**

- This proposal would create a brown bear hunt in the Rainbow Creek drainage.

**Background**

- Takes place in the Anchorage Management Area in Chugach State Park.
- Currently, there is no brown bear hunting in the Anchorage Management Area.
- Rainbow Creek drainage has year-round residents and a well used multi use trail.

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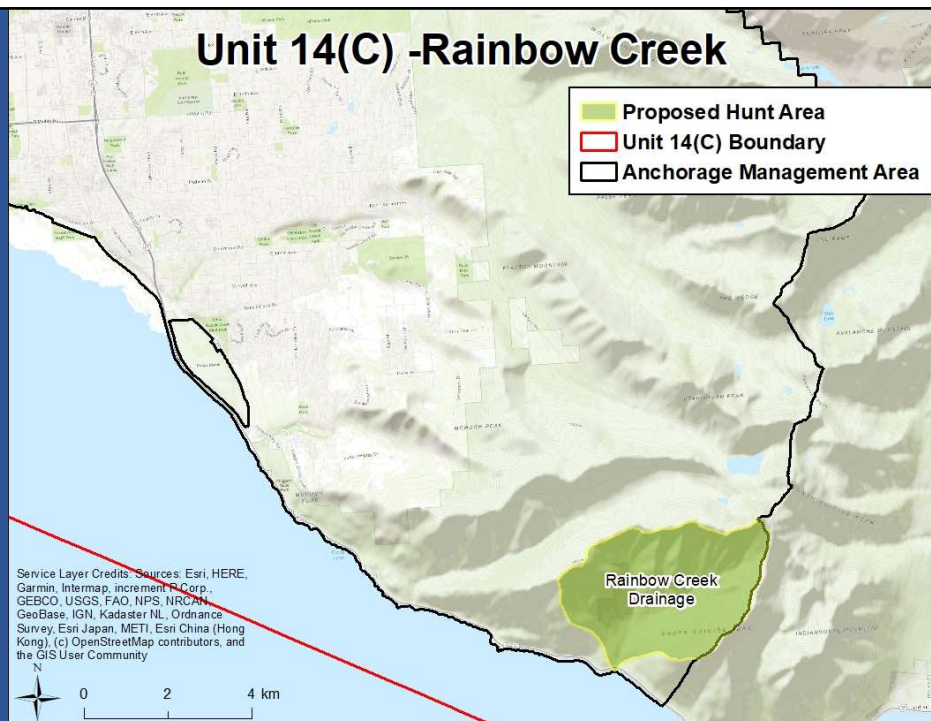
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## Unit 14(C) -Rainbow Creek





## PROPOSAL 98

Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## PROPOSAL 99

Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in the McHugh area for residents and non-residents in Unit 14(C)

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would create a weekday only archery brown bear hunt in the McHugh Creek drainage from Sept. 1 - May 31 for resident and non-resident hunters.

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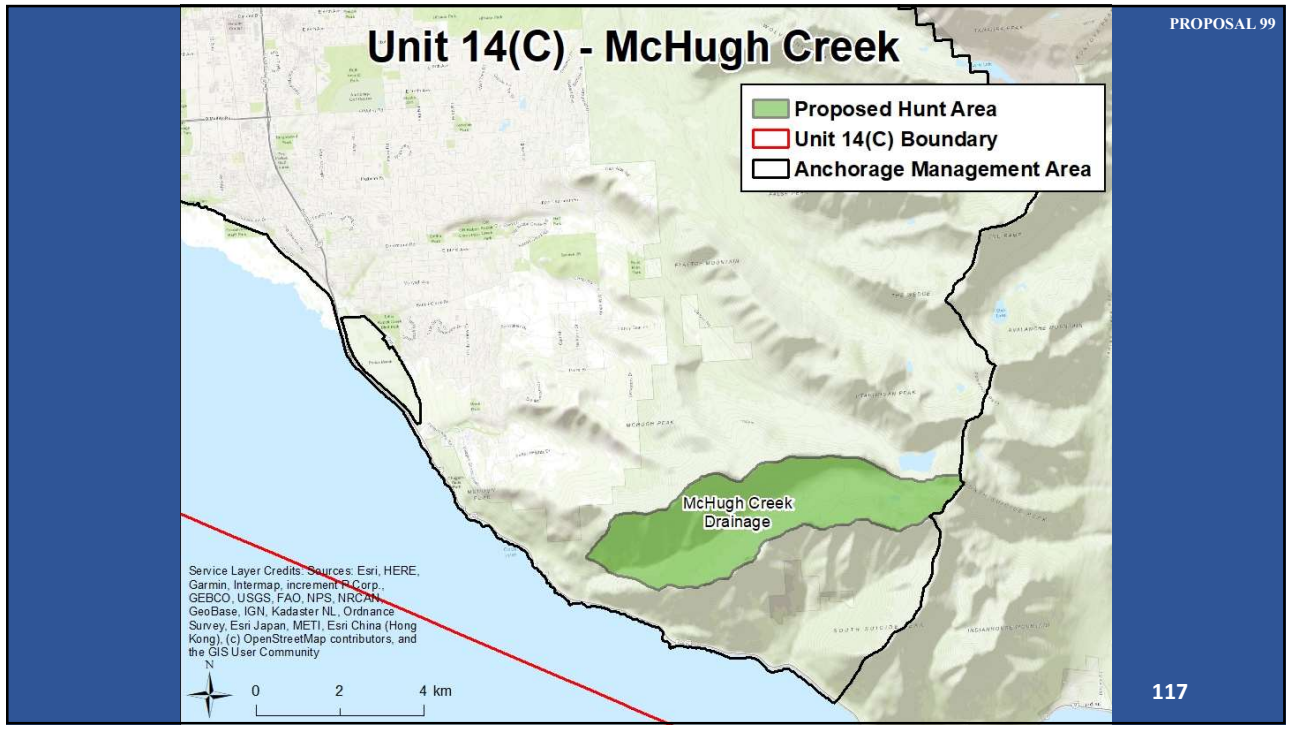
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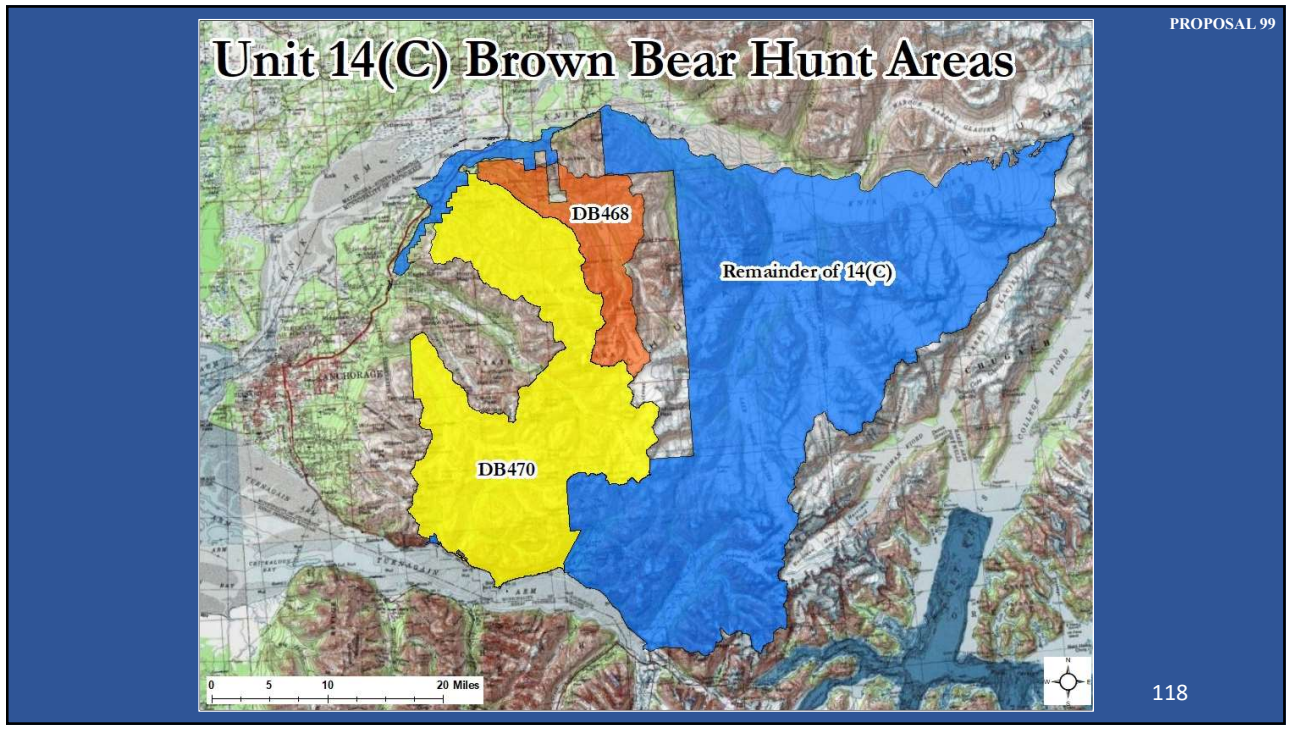
- Takes place in the Anchorage Management Area in Chugach State Park.
- There is no brown bear hunting in the Anchorage Management Area.
- The only bear hunting in the McHugh Creek drainage is the black bear hunt DL457.

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### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

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## PROPOSAL 100

Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14(C), JBER area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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PROPOSAL 100

## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would create an archery brown bear season in JBER Management Area for residents and non-residents that would run from Sept. 1 - May 31. The bag limit would be one bear every four regulatory years.

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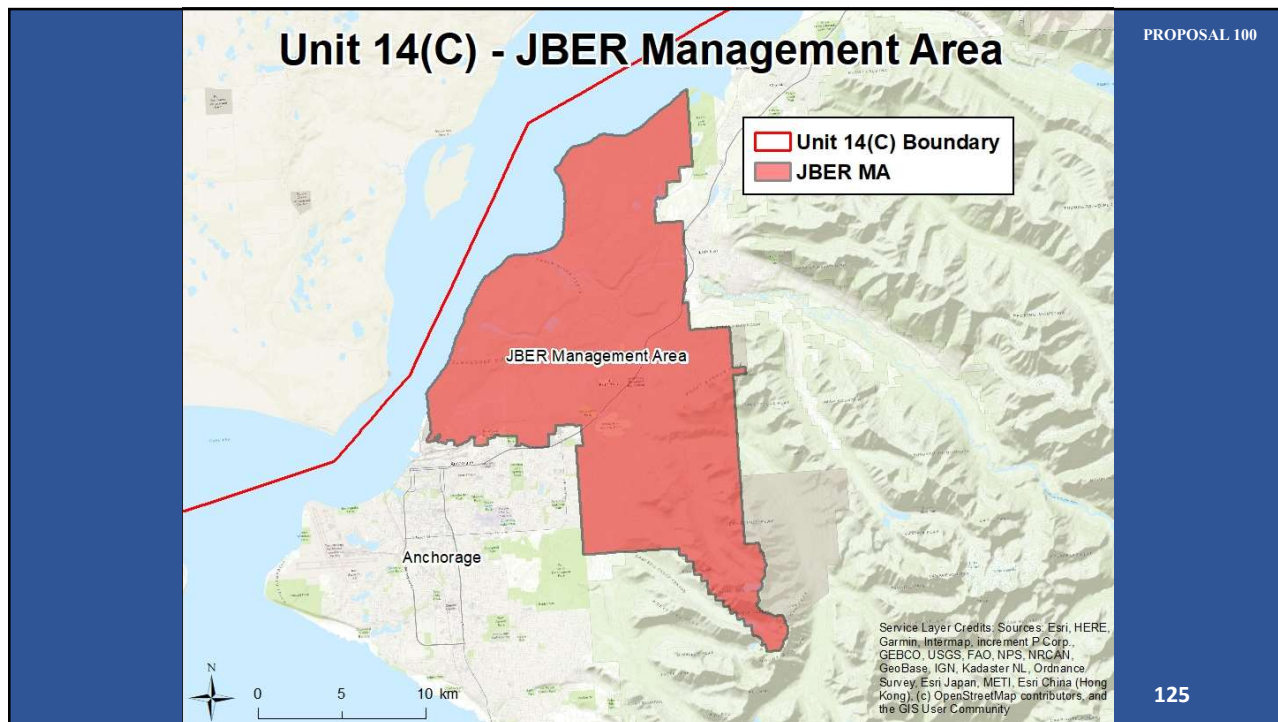
## Background

- Would take place in the JBER Management Area.
- Currently, there is no brown bear hunting in the JBER Management Area.
- The only bear hunting in the JBER Management Area is the Black bear hunt DL455.

## Background

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**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

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## PROPOSAL 101

Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14(C) Remainder

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

SUPPORTS additional opportunity NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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PROPOSAL 101

## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would extend the brown bear season in the Remainder of Unit 14(C) to June 30 and restrict June 1 - June 30 to archery only.

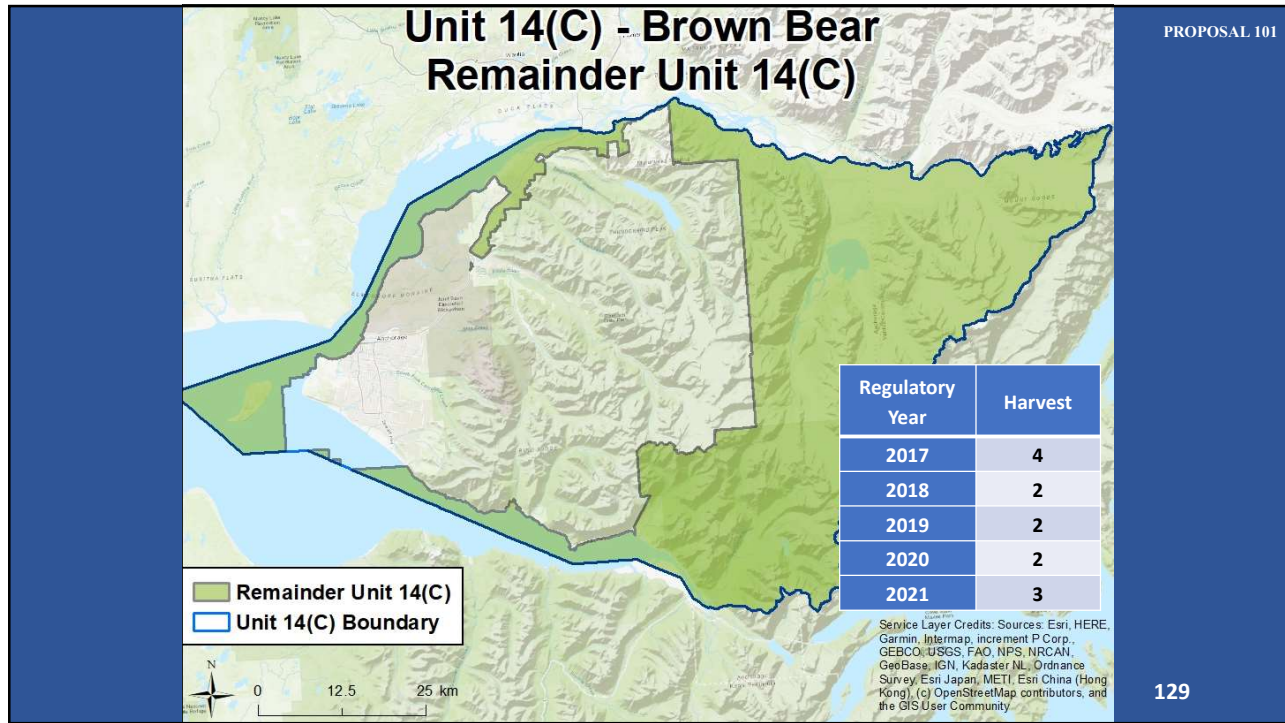
## Background

- Current season dates Sept. 1 - May 31.
- 1 bear every regulatory year.

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**Background**

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14(C) Remainder

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

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on the allocation between user groups

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## PROPOSAL 102

Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit  
14(C) Remainder

### Public Proposal

#### Department Recommendation

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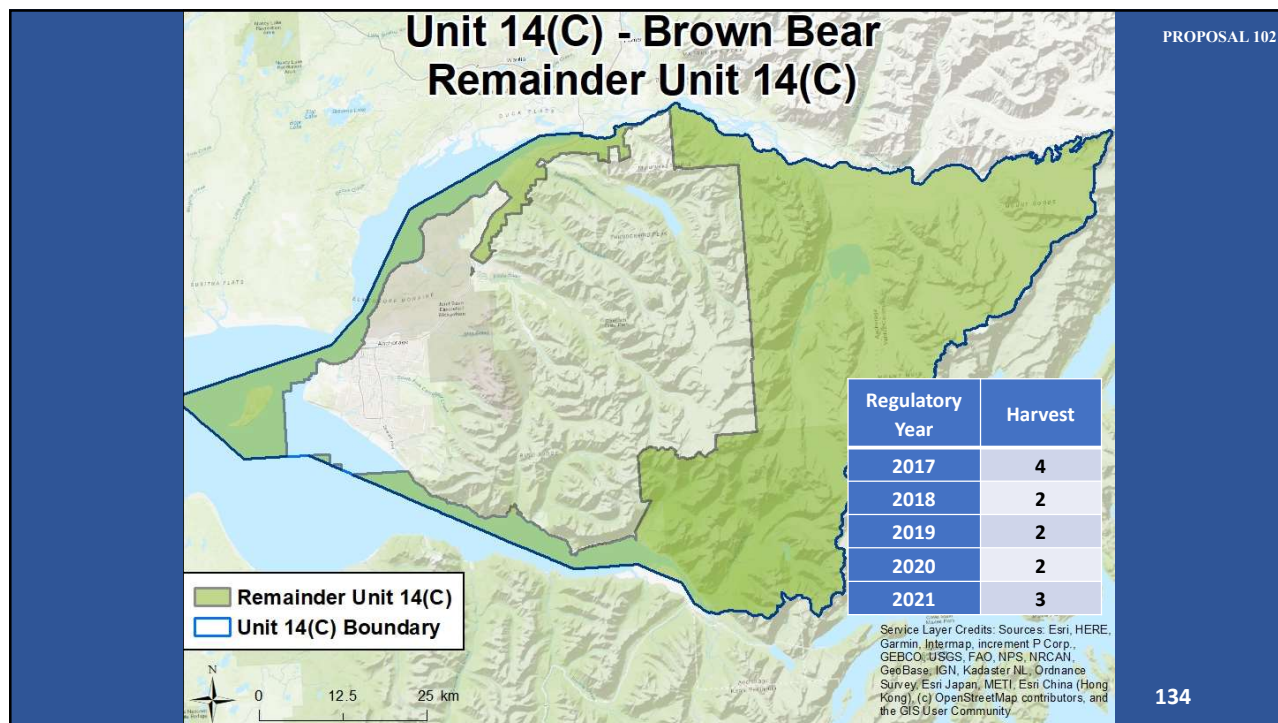
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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would extend the brown bear season in the Remainder of Unit 14(C) to June 15.

## Background

- Current season dates Sept. 1 - May 31.
- 1 bear every regulatory year.



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## PROPOSAL 102

Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14(C) Remainder

**Public Proposal**

Department Recommendation

SUPPORT

**PROPOSAL 103**

Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14(C), the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

NEUTRAL

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PROPOSAL 103

**Effect of Proposal**

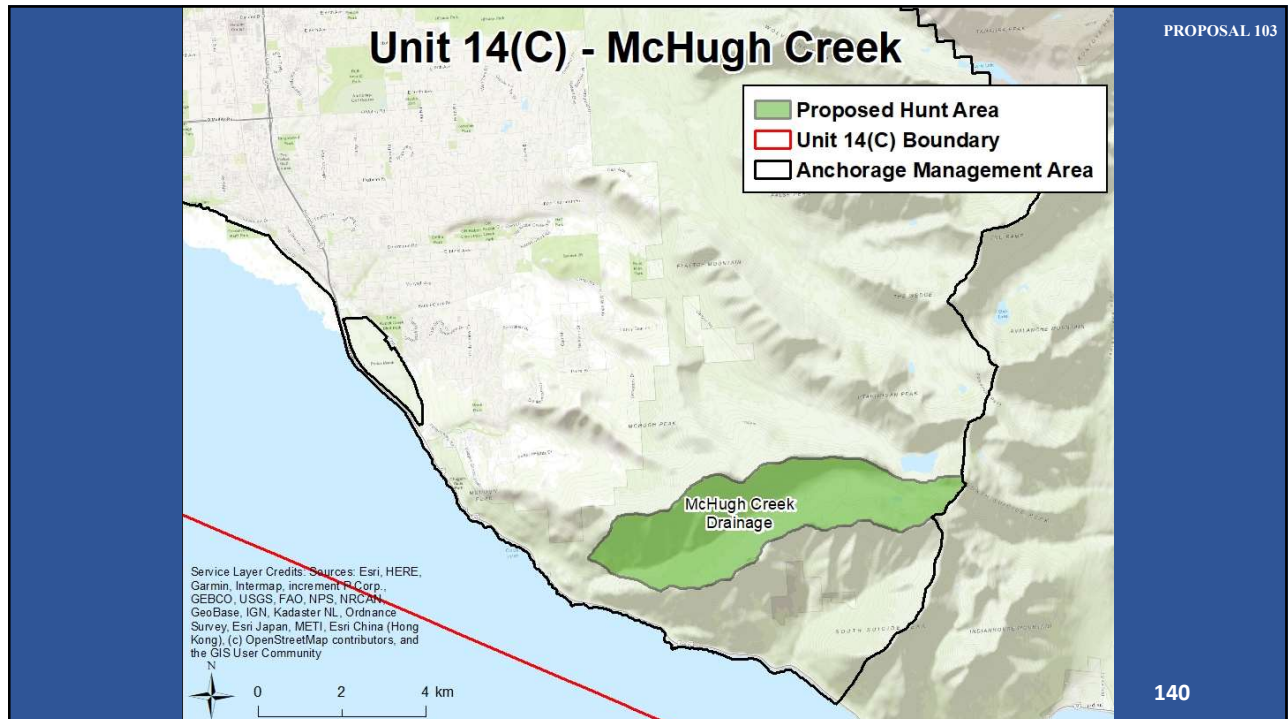
- This proposal would allow the establishment of a single bait station for brown and black bear in the McHugh Creek drainage and allow up to 6 hunters to use the bait station by registration permit from May 1 - June 15. The bait station would be established by the Department.

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## Background

- Black bear- DL457 (2019), drawing permit, Oct. 1 - Oct. 31, shotgun or muzzleloader only, weekday only.
- Brown bear- Currently no brown bear hunting.
- Unit-wide brown and black bear harvest stable over last 5 years.



## PROPOSAL 103

Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14(C), the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

NEUTRAL

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## PROPOSAL 104

Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14(C) to lynx hunting and trapping

**Public Proposal**

**Department Recommendation**

OPPOSED to the unnecessary reduction of opportunity and NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups

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## Effect of Proposal

- This proposal would close lynx hunting and trapping in Chugach State Park and the Glacier Creek drainage.

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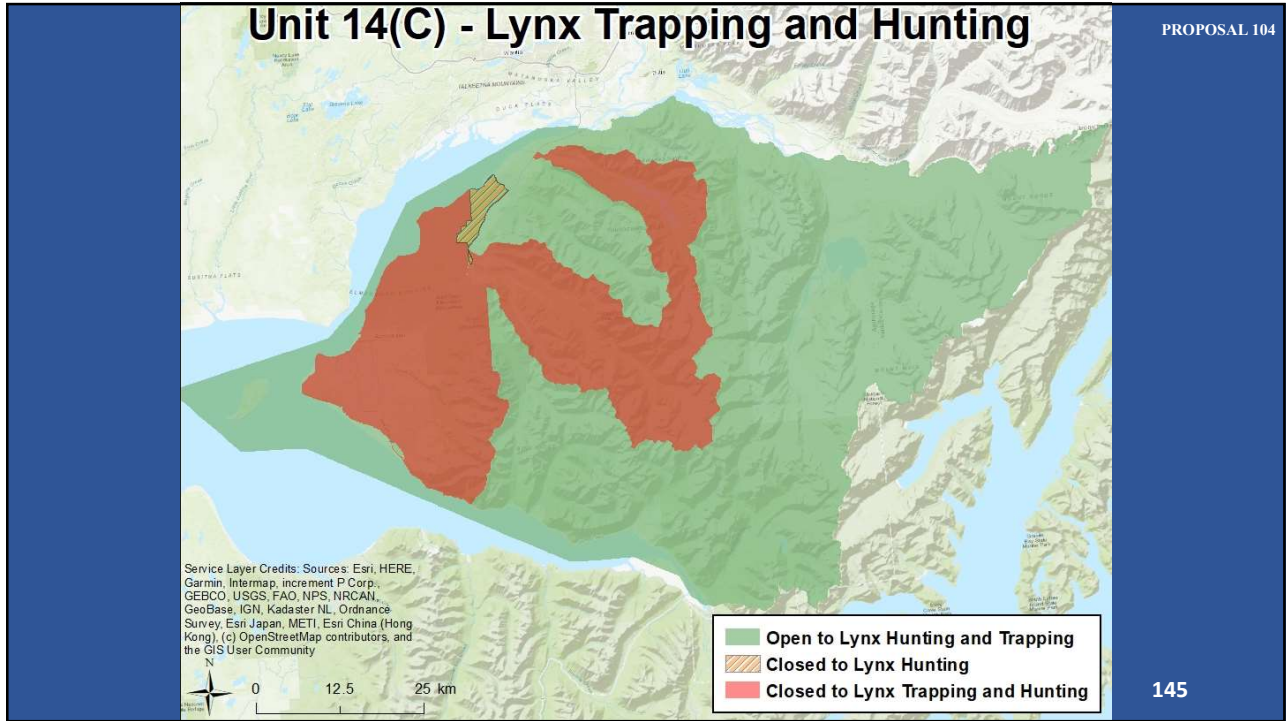
## Background

- Lynx populations are cyclical, responding to abundance of snowshoe hares.
- Lynx trapping
  - Remainder of Chugach State Park (which consists of the area within the park outside of the Eagle River, Eklutna, and Anchorage Management Areas), the Birchwood Management Area, and the Remainder of Unit 14(C).
- Lynx hunting
  - Remainder of Chugach State Park and the Remainder of Unit 14(C).

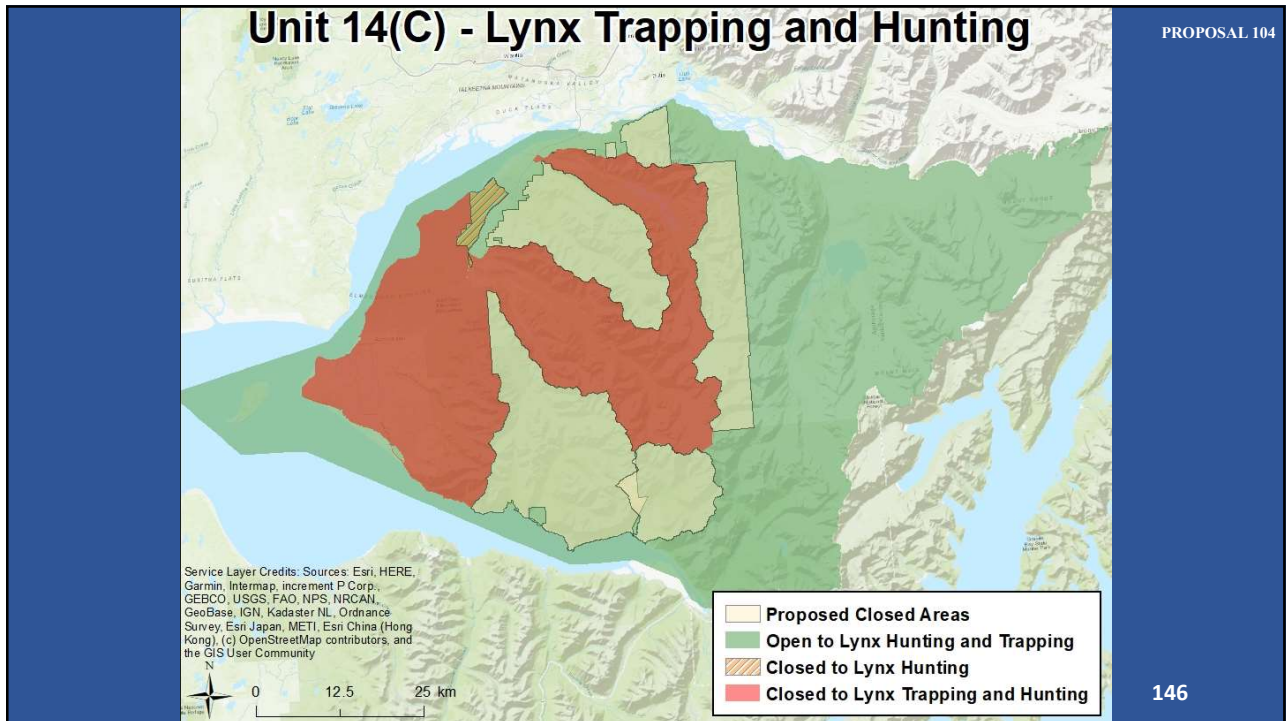
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## Background

- In the last 5 regulatory years, DLPs, vehicle strikes, and illegal take represented 23 or 62% of the 37 total lynx taken in Unit 14(C).

Year	DLP	Hunting	Trapping	Other <sup>A</sup>
2017 <sup>B</sup>	-	-	-	1
2018 <sup>B</sup>	3	-	-	2
2019 <sup>B</sup>	1	-	-	3
2020	4	5 (2C,3R)	7 (4C,3R)	2
2021	3	-	2 (0C,2R)	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>

<sup>A</sup>: Includes roadkills and illegal take.

<sup>B</sup>: Hunting and trapping closed by EO per lynx harvest tracking strategy adopted by BOG in 1992.

“C” = Chugach State Park; “R” = Remainder of 14(C).

## PROPOSAL 104

Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14(C) to lynx hunting and trapping

### Public Proposal

### Department Recommendation

OPPOSED to the loss of opportunity and NEUTRAL on the allocation between user groups