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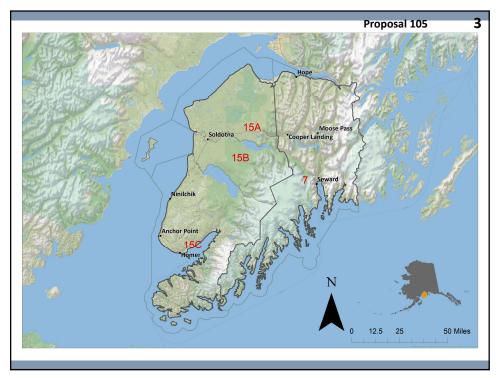
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 & 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral, but supports increased opportunity, and recommends that if adopted the board consider an amendment to 1 per species, per year.



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Background

- Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 & 15.
- RG331–352 Unit 7
- RG352–363 Unit 15
- RB300
- RM572

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Background

 Hunters may receive > 1 goat registration permit in separate goat areas.

- Example:
 - Fall goat hunting vs. spring brown bear hunting
 - Kalgin Island moose hunting vs. spring brown bear hunting

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 & 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral, but supports increased opportunity, and recommends that if adopted the board consider an amendment to 1 per species, per year.

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Proposal 106

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral due to the allocative nature with no biological concern.

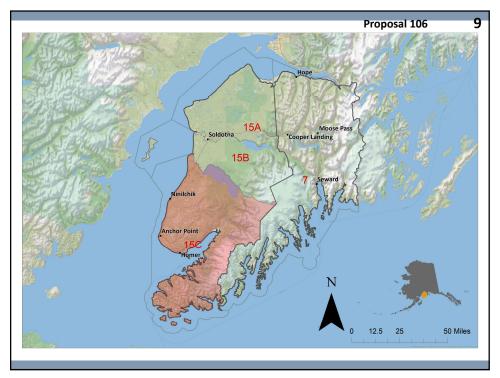
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Background

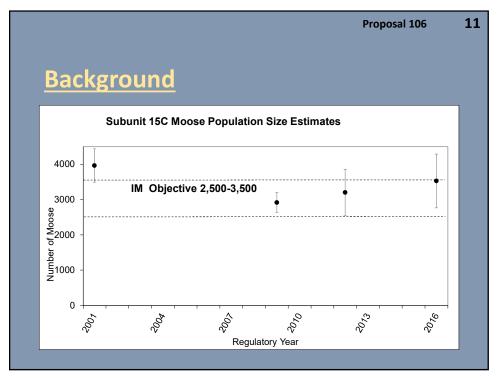
- The current regulations for the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area are as follows:
- Subunit 15C is closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle
 (except an aircraft or a boat) for moose hunting, including the
 transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or
 parts of moose, from Sep. 16–19, and Sep. 22–25. However, this
 does not apply to the use of motorized vehicle on a state or
 borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oilwell,
 Brody and Tustamena Lake roads, or driveways used for direct
 access to a primary residence or business.

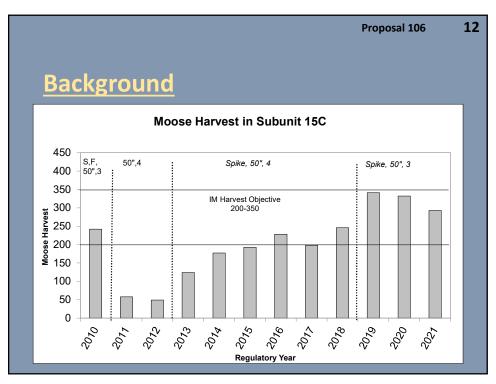


Proposal 106 10

Background

- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.



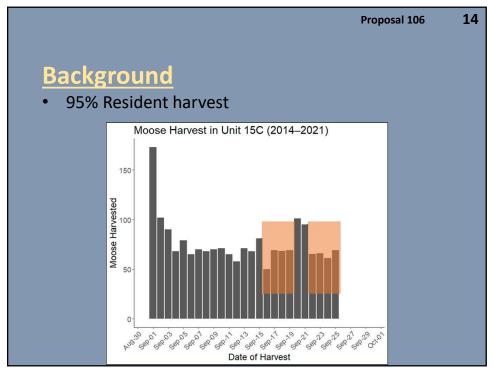


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Background

- The proposal as written would either:
 - Abolish the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area
 - Motorized vehicle use would be restricted to every other week
 - Motorized vehicle use would be restricted to every 3 days

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral due to the allocative nature with no biological concern.

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in 15C using motorized vehicles.

Recommendation:

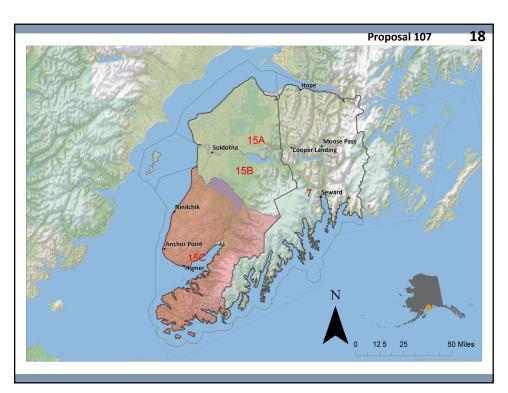
Neutral as primarily allocative with no biological concern.

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Background

- The current regulations for the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area are as follows:
- Subunit 15C is closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle
 (except an aircraft or a boat) for moose hunting, including the
 transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, and/or
 parts of moose, from Sep. 16–19, and Sep. 22–25. However, this
 does not apply to the use of motorized vehicle on a state or
 borough maintained highway or on graveled portions of Oilwell,
 Brody and Tustamena Lake roads, or driveways used for direct
 access to a primary residence or business.

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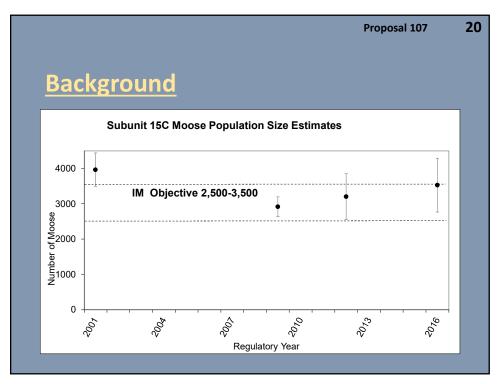


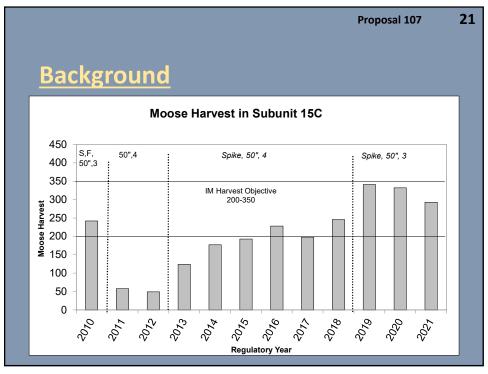
Proposal 107 19

Background

- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective: 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

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Background

- The proposal as written would allow:
 - Veterans with a service connected disability of 50% or greater to use motorized vehicles within The Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area from September 16–19 and September 22– 25 to hunt moose.

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Background

- ADF&G and Kenai National Wildlife Refuge
- 'This person must require a wheelchair for mobility,...'
- '...within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge...'
- "...Licenses for Alaska residents 60 years and older or disabled veterans are available...Licenses for Alaskan residents who are 70% physically disabled, or developmentally disabled are available...."

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Proposal 107

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in 15C using motorized vehicles.

Recommendation:

Neutral as primarily allocative with no biological concern.

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Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 & 15 registration hunts.

Recommendation:

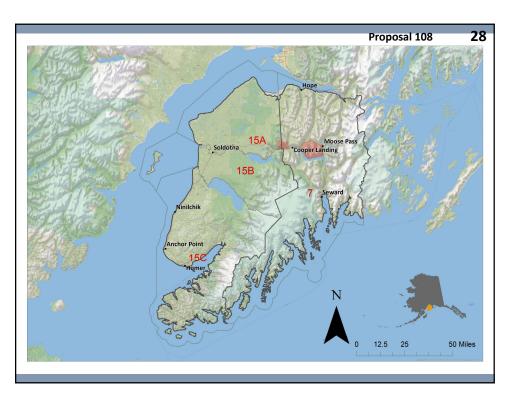
Neutral as the current hunt structure is adequate for managing Kenai sheep regulated by full curl management.

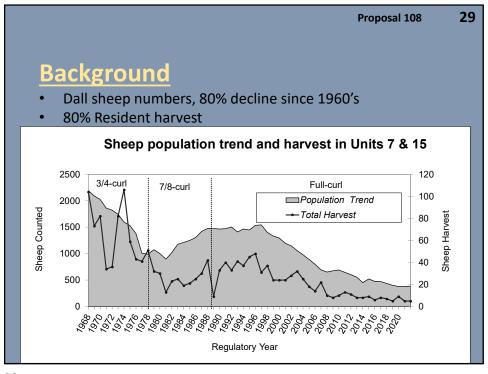
Proposal 108 27

Background

- State harvest ticket, 2 draw hunt areas
 - Round Mountain and Crescent Lake
 - Aug. 1–5 youth hunt
 - Aug. 10–Sep. 20 general season harvest ticket
 - 1 full curl ram or larger bag limit
- Regulatory year 2013–2021
 - Average annual harvest of 6 rams
 - Unit 7 = 4
 - Unit 15 = 2
 - 1 federal subsistence harvest
- Limited information regarding sheep movements

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Background

Limited information regarding sheep movements

Permit numbers

Permit areas

Potential decrease in opportunity

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Proposal 108

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 & 15 registration hunts.

Recommendation:

Neutral as the current hunt structure is adequate for managing Kenai sheep regulated by full curl management.

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close sheep hunting in Unit 15.

Recommendation:

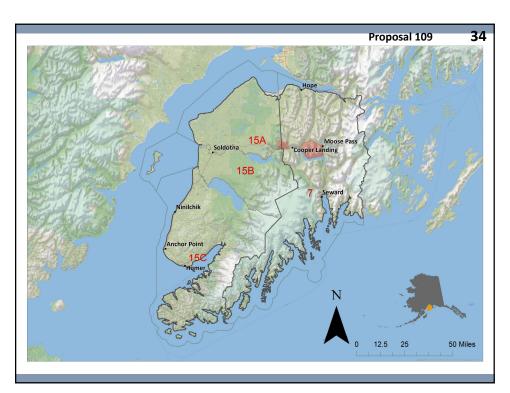
Opposed to this proposal due to reduced opportunity and lack of evidence opposing full curl management.

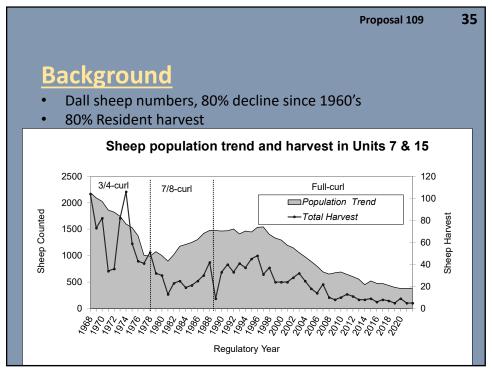
Proposal 109 33

Background

- State harvest ticket, 2 draw hunt areas
 - Round Mountain and Crescent Lake
 - Aug. 1–5 youth hunt
 - Aug. 10–Sep. 20 general season harvest ticket
 - 1 full curl ram or larger bag limit
- Regulatory year 2013–2021
 - Average annual harvest of 6 rams
 - Unit 7 = 4
 - Unit 15 = 2
 - 1 federal subsistence harvest
- Limited information regarding sheep movements

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Proposal 109

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close sheep hunting in Unit 15.

Recommendation:

Opposed to this proposal due to reduced opportunity and lack of evidence opposing full curl management.

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Proposal 110

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create archery only, registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder

- One ram with full curl horn or larger by bow and arrow for certified bowhunters only; Aug. 10–Sep. 20.
- One ram with full curl horn or larger, by Bow and Arrow only for certified bowhunters. Youth hunt only; Aug. 1–5.

Recommendation:

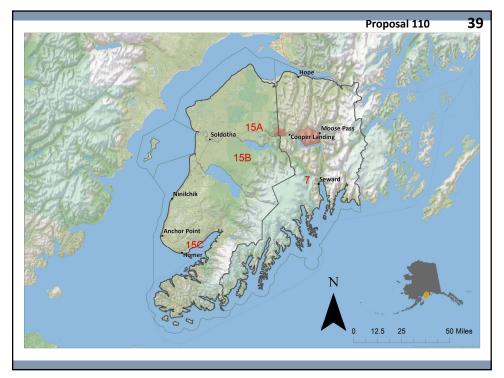
Neutral due to allocative nature.

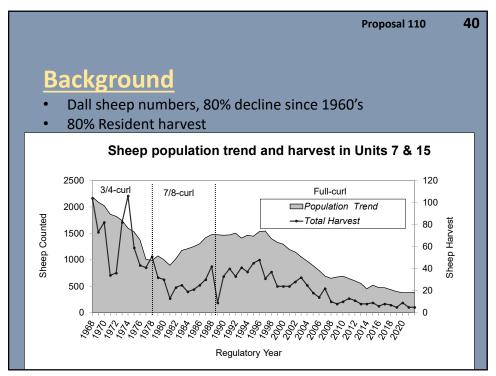
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Background

- State harvest ticket, 2 draw hunt areas
 - Round Mountain and Crescent Lake
 - Aug. 1–5 youth hunt
 - Aug. 10–Sep. 20 general season harvest ticket
 - 1 full curl ram or larger bag limit
- RY 2013-2021
 - Average annual harvest of 6 rams
 - Unit 7 = 4
 - Unit 15 = 2
 - 1 federal subsistence harvest
 - · 1 archery sheep harvest recorded on the Kenai





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Background

• Proposal would remove or potentially overlap the youth and general sheep season in Unit 7.

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create archery only, registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder

- One ram with full curl horn or larger by bow and arrow for certified bowhunters only; Aug. 10–Sep. 20.
- One ram with full curl horn or larger, by Bow and Arrow only for certified bowhunters. Youth hunt only; Aug. 1–5.

Recommendation:

Neutral due to allocative nature.

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create archery only, registration hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 & 15 Remainder with season dates of Aug. 1–5 with a bag limit of one ram, with full curl horn or larger (every 4 regulatory years for nonresidents). Certified bowhunters only.

Recommendation:

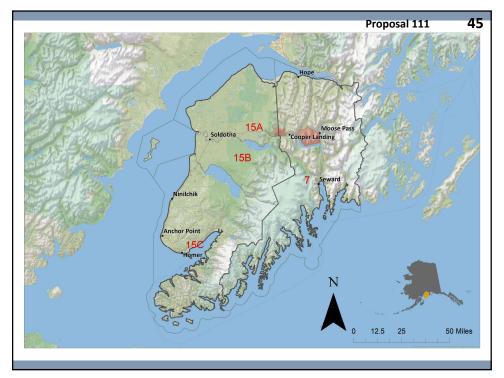
Neutral due to allocative nature noting overlaps with youth season and aircraft spotting.

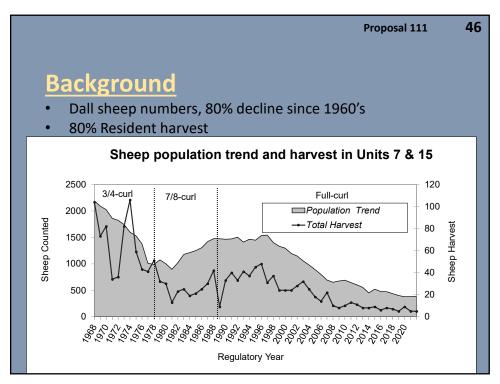
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Background

- State harvest ticket, 2 draw hunt areas
 - Round Mountain and Crescent Lake
 - Aug. 1–5 youth hunt
 - Aug. 10–Sep. 20 general season harvest ticket
 - 1 full curl ram or larger bag limit
- RY 2013-2021
 - Average annual harvest of 6 rams
 - Unit 7 = 4
 - Unit 15 = 2
 - 1 federal subsistence harvest
 - 1 archery sheep harvest recorded on the Kenai





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Background

- Proposal would overlap the youth only sheep season in Units 7 & 15.
- Includes the period wherein sheep may be located by aircraft to direct sheep hunters which is prohibited during Aug. 10–Sep. 20.

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Proposal 111

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create archery only, registration hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 & 15 Remainder with season dates of Aug. 1–5 with a bag limit of one ram, with full curl horn or larger (every 4 regulatory years for nonresidents). Certified bowhunters only.

Recommendation:

Neutral due to allocative nature noting overlaps with youth season and aircraft spotting.

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Proposal 112

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder for one full-curl horn or larger ram with season dates of Sep. 21–Oct. 5 for residents and a bag limit of every four regulatory years for nonresidents.

Recommendation:

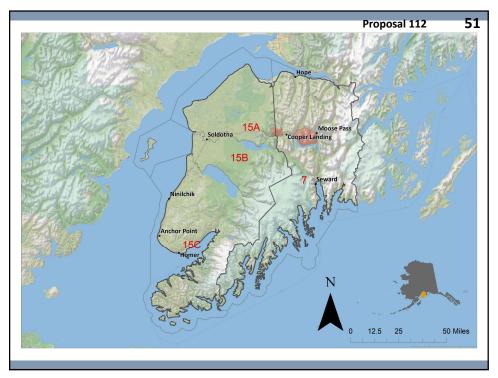
Opposed to the addition of hunting opportunity on a declining population but neutral on the method of harvest.

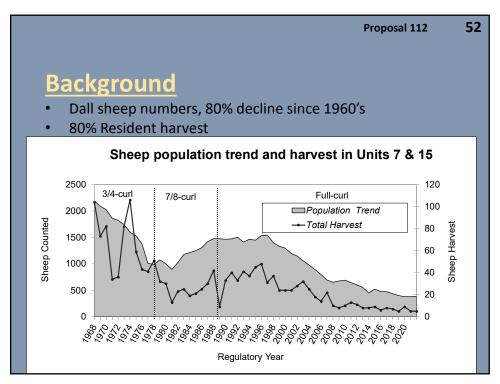
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Background

- State harvest ticket, 2 draw hunt areas
 - Round Mountain and Crescent Lake
 - Aug. 1–5 youth hunt
 - Aug. 10-Sep. 20 general season harvest ticket
 - 1 full curl ram or larger bag limit
- RY 2013-2021
 - Average annual harvest of 6 rams
 - Unit 7 = 4
 - Unit 15 = 2
 - 1 federal subsistence harvest.
 - 1 archery sheep harvest recorded on the Kenai





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Background

 Includes the period wherein sheep may be located by aircraft to direct sheep hunters which is prohibited during Aug. 10—Sep. 20.

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Proposal 112

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder for one full-curl horn or larger ram with season dates of Sep. 21–Oct. 5 for residents and a bag limit of every four regulatory years for nonresidents.

Recommendation:

Opposed to the addition of hunting opportunity on a declining population but neutral on the method of harvest.

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Proposal 113

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 7 Remainder for one full-curl horn or larger ram with season dates of Sep. 21–Oct. 5 for residents and a bag limit of every four regulatory years for nonresidents.

Recommendation:

Opposed to the addition of hunting opportunity on a declining population but neutral on the method of harvest.

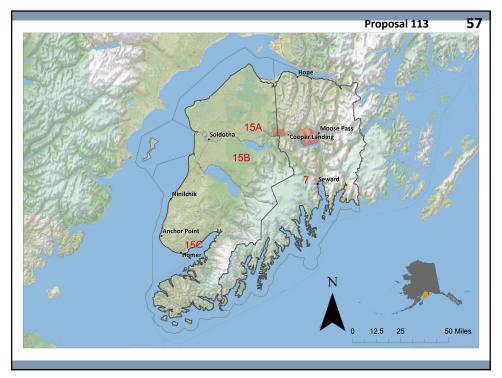
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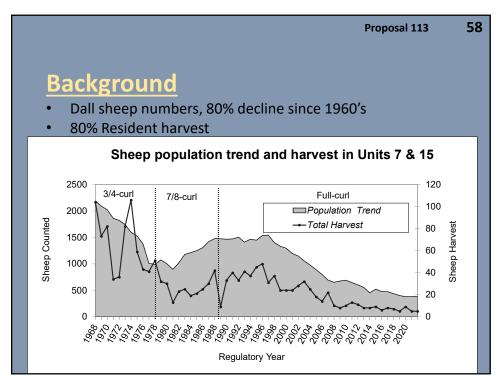
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Background

- State harvest ticket, 2 draw hunt areas
 - Round Mountain and Crescent Lake
 - Aug. 1–5 youth hunt
 - Aug. 10–Sep. 20 general season harvest ticket
 - 1 full curl ram or larger bag limit
- RY 2013-2021
 - Average annual harvest of 6 rams
 - Unit 7 = 4
 - Unit 15 = 2
 - 1 federal subsistence harvest.
 - 1 archery sheep harvest recorded on the Kenai





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Background

 Includes the period wherein sheep may be located by aircraft to direct sheep hunters which is prohibited during Aug. 10—Sep. 20.

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Proposal 113

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 7 Remainder for one full-curl horn or larger ram with season dates of Sep. 21–Oct. 5 for residents and a bag limit of every four regulatory years for nonresidents.

Recommendation:

Opposed to the addition of hunting opportunity on a declining population but neutral on the method of harvest.

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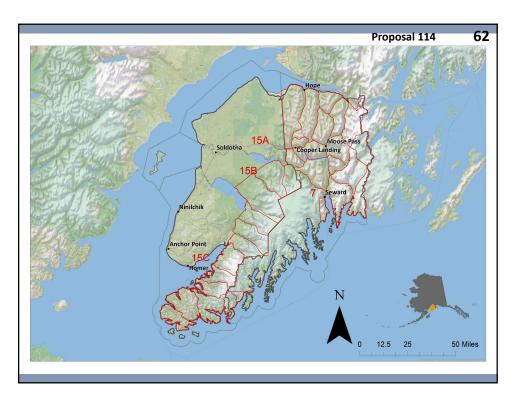
Effect of Proposal:

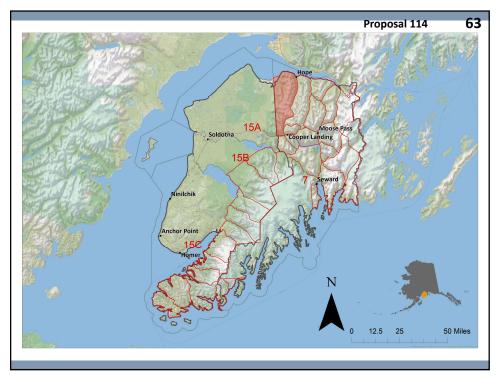
Change the RG331 (registration goat) hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt.

Recommendation:

Neutral due to no suspected biological effect and unlikely to influence opportunity.

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Proposal 114

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Background

- Mountain goat harvest in Units 7 & 15
 - 31 draw hunts, Aug. 10–Oct. 15
 - Registration hunts, Nov. 1–14 if opportunity is available
 - RG331 has never opened under current management strategy

Regulatory Year	Adults	Kids	Total Goats	% Kids
2011	69	12	81	15
2014	29	9	38	24
2017	43	10	53	19
2018	42	8	50	16
2022	46	7	53	13

Proposal 114 **Background DG331 Harvest** Permits Issued # Hunted % Succ. **Regulatory Year** Unk Total % F no hunt no hunt no hunt

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Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Change the RG331 (registration goat) hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt.

Recommendation:

Neutral due to no suspected biological effect and unlikely to influence opportunity.

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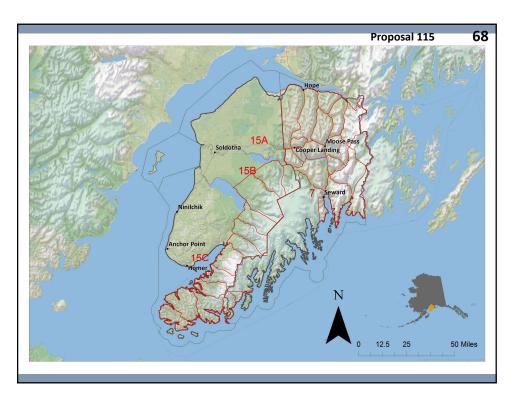
Effect of Proposal:

Divide all Subunit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons as follows: Aug. 10–Sep. 15 and Sep. 16–Oct. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral as there is unlikely to be a biological effect.

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Background

- Mountain goat harvest in Subunit 15C
 - 13 draw hunts, Aug. 10–Oct. 15
 - Registration hunts, Nov. 1–14 if opportunity is available
 - 56% of harvest prior to Sep. 15 (Units 7 & 15)
 - 80% resident harvest
- The proposal would establish 13 additional draw hunts in the same areas, split by season lengths.

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	5 Year Average Annual Goat Harvest by Hunt Area										
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	Hunt	М	F	Unk	Total	% F	Permits Issued	# Hunted	% Succ.		
	331	1	0	0	1	17	4	2	56		
	332						no hunt				
	333						no hunt				
	334	4	0	0	4	0	8	6	58		
	335						no hunt				
	336						no hunt				
	337						no hunt				
	338	1	1	0	2	47	8	7	41		
	339	2	1	0	2	25	8	3	58		
	340						no hunt				
	341	2	1	0	3	28	6	5	70		
	342	2	0	0	3	11	7	5	53		
	343						no hunt				

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	5 Year Average Annual Goat Harvest by Hunt Area										
	Hunt	М	F	Unk	Total	% F	Permits Issued	# Hunted	% Succ.		
	344	1	0	0	2	17	8	4	40		
	345	6	1	0	8	19	26	14	56		
	346	7	1	1	8	15	37	20	44		
	347	2	2	0	5	43	16	11	55		
	351	1	0	0	1	40	11	4	35		
	352	5	1	0	6	9	27	10	64		
	353			no hunt							
	354	2	0	0	2	25	7	4	42		
	355				no hunt						
	356	3	2	0	4	39	13	8	53		
	357	1	0	0	2	17	9	4	32		
	358	1	0	0	2	20	10	5	47		
	359	3	1	0	4	35	22	10	48		
	360	7	2	0	9	23	39	22	35		
	361	2	1	0	3	35	24	14	27		
	362	3	1	0	4	19	17	11	48		
	363	7	1	0	9	14	30	13	67		
	364	1	0	0	1	0	23	8	7		

Proposal 115 **72**

Background

- Biological or harvest effect
- Influence on crowding
 - Less hunters, shorter hunting season, limited access points, and weather windows
- Maintain late registration management tool

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Proposal 115

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Divide all Subunit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons as follows: Aug. 10–Sep. 15 and Sep. 16–Oct. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral as there is unlikely to be a biological effect.

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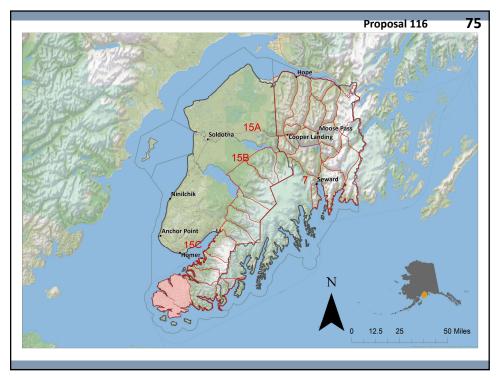
Seldovia Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Subunit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested.

Recommendation:

Support. Conserving female goats in the hunt area will provide ongoing opportunity for harvest and clarifying the penalty for taking nanny goats is in the best interest of the department and the public.



Proposal 116

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Background

- Mountain goat harvest in Subunit 15C
 - 13 draw hunts, Aug. 10–Oct. 15
 - Registration hunts, Nov. 1–14 if opportunity is available

Proposal 116 **77**

Background

- Regulations indicate that 'If a nanny is taken in Unit 7
 or 15, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats
 in Units 7 & 15 for 5 regulatory years.'.
- The regulation is not in place for all hunts in codified language (RG364, RG365, RG374, RG375).
- Strong local support for the penalty to apply for all hunts.

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Ī	den	<u> </u>			a							
DG364/RG364/RG374 Goat Harvest												
	Year	М	F	Unk	Total	% F	Permits Issued	# Hunted	% Succ.			
	2013	4	0	0	4	0	15	11	36			
	2014	2	0	0	2	0	15	10	20			
	2015	3	0	0	3	0	26	16	19			
	2016	3	0	0	3	0	31	11	27			
	2017	2	0	0	2	0	44	18	11			
	2018	5	0	0	5	0	45	12	42			
	2019	6	0	0	6	0	41	18	33			
	2020	2	0	0	2	0	46	23	9			
	2021	2	0	0	2	0	54	15	13			
	2022	2	2	0	4	50	38	16	25			

Background

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			<u>RG365</u>	/RG375	Goat	<u>Harvest</u>		
Year	М	F	Unk	Total	% F	Permits Issu	ed # Hunted	d % Succ.
2013	8	0	0	8	0	24	19	42
2014	10	2	0	12	17	24	20	60
2015	9	1	0	10	10	30	19	53
2016	11	1	0	12	8	29	19	63
2017	7	2	0	9	22	30	21	43
2018	15	0	1	16	0	27	20	80
2019	9	0	0	9	0	23	16	56
2020	11	1	0	12	8	24	16	75
2021	9	0	0	9	0	19	12	75
2022	4	2	0	6	33	21	19	32

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Seldovia Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Subunit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested.

Recommendation:

Support. Conserving female goats in the hunt area will provide ongoing opportunity for harvest and clarifying the penalty for taking nanny goats is in the best interest of the department and the public.

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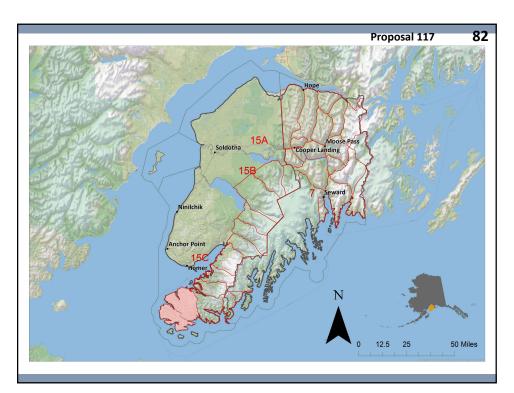
Effect of Proposal:

Clarify the nanny hunting penalty applies to goat hunters in RG364, RG365, RG374, and RG375.

Recommendation:

Support. Conserving female goats in the hunt area will provide ongoing opportunity for harvest and clarifying the penalty for taking nanny goats is in the best interest of the department and the public.

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Background

- Mountain goat harvest in Subunit 15C
 - 13 draw hunts, Aug. 10-Oct. 15
 - Registration hunts, Nov. 1–14 if opportunity is available

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Proposal 116

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Background

- Regulations indicate that 'If a nanny is taken in Unit 7 or 15, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats in Units 7 & 15 for 5 regulatory years.'.
- The regulation is not in place for all hunts in codified language (RG364, RG365, RG374, RG375).
- Strong local support for the penalty to apply for all hunts.

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	DG364/RG364/RG374 Goat Harvest										
	Year	М	F	Unk	Total	% F	Permits Issued	# Hunted	% Succ.		
	2013	4	0	0	4	0	15	11	36		
	2014	2	0	0	2	0	15	10	20		
	2015	3	0	0	3	0	26	16	19		
	2016	3	0	0	3	0	31	11	27		
	2017	2	0	0	2	0	44	18	11		
	2018	5	0	0	5	0	45	12	42		
	2019	6	0	0	6	0	41	18	33		
	2020	2	0	0	2	0	46	23	9		
	2021	2	0	0	2	0	54	15	13		
	2022	2	2	0	4	50	38	16	25		

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<u>Background</u>													
г	RG365/RG375 Goat Harvest												
Year	М	F	Unk	Total	% F	Permits Issued	# Hunted	% Succ.					
2013	8	0	0	8	0	24	19	42					
2014	10	2	0	12	17	24	20	60					
2015	9	1	0	10	10	30	19	53					
2016	11	1	0	12	8	29	19	63					
2017	7	2	0	9	22	30	21	43					
2018	15	0	1	16	0	27	20	80					
2019	9	0	0	9	0	23	16	56					
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2021	9	0	0	9	0	19	12	75					
2022	4	2	0	6	33	21	19	32					

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Proposal 117

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Clarify the nanny hunting penalty applies to goat hunters in RG364, RG365, RG374, and RG375.

Recommendation:

Support. Conserving female goats in the hunt area will provide ongoing opportunity for harvest and clarifying the penalty for taking nanny goats is in the best interest of the department and the public.

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Proposal 118

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers.

Recommendation:

Opposed due to potential long-term reduction in opportunity as historically observed.

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Background

• Subunit 15A Intensive Management

• Population objective : 3,000–5,000 moose

• Harvest objective: 180–350 moose

 Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15B (Kalgin Island) with an ANS of 2 moose

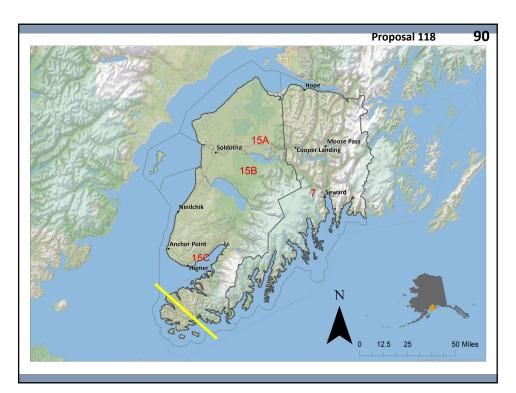
• Subunit 15C Intensive Management

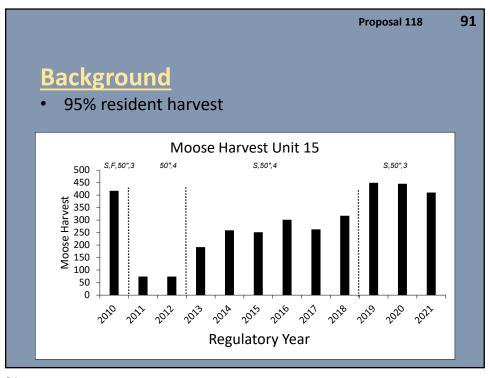
• Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose

• Harvest objective : 200–350 moose

 Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

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Proposal 118

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Background

- Historical high harvest of younger age class bulls
- Bull:cow ratios were 9:100
- Antler configurations were restricted and subsequently liberalized in response to improved bull:cow ratios.

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Proposal 118

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers.

Recommendation:

Opposed due to potential long-term reduction in opportunity as historically observed.

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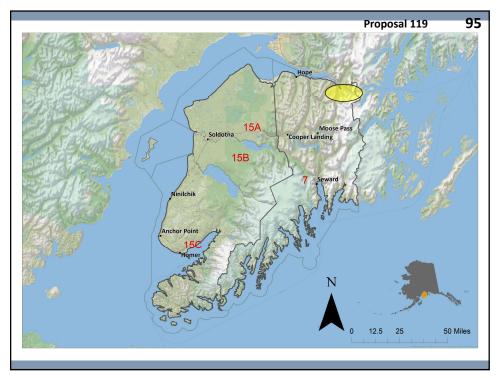
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for residents and nonresidents with dates of Aug. 22–29 with a bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

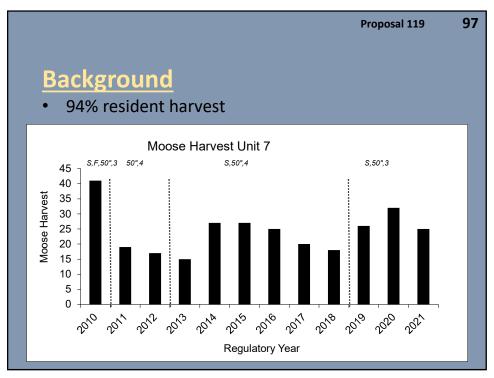


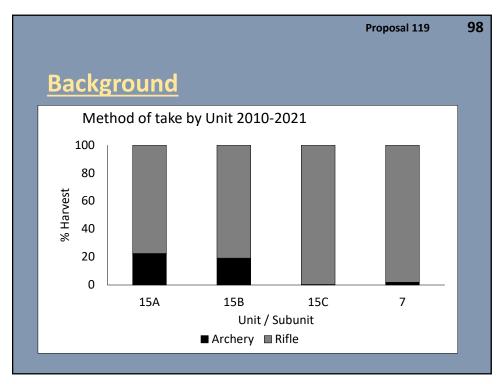
Proposal 119

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Background

- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.





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Proposal 119

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for residents and nonresidents with dates of Aug. 22–29 with a bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Proposal 120

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Proposal 120

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 15 with season dates of Aug. 15–30 with a bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side.

Recommendation:

Support due to additional opportunity and recommend amending to match current archery season dates in Units 7 & 15. Neutral allocative.

Proposal 120 101

Background

• Subunit 15A Intensive Management

• Population objective : 3,000–5,000 moose

• Harvest objective: 180–350 moose

 Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15B (Kalgin Island) with an ANS of 2 moose

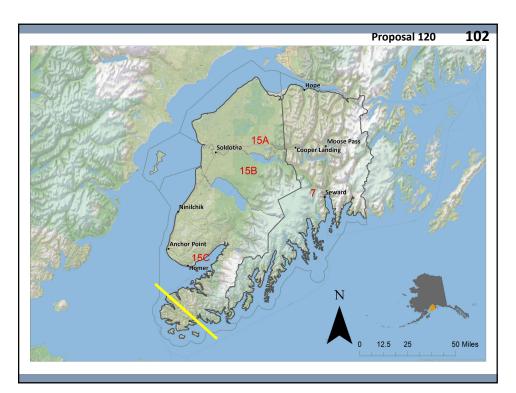
Subunit 15C Intensive Management

• Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose

Harvest objective : 200–350 moose

 Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

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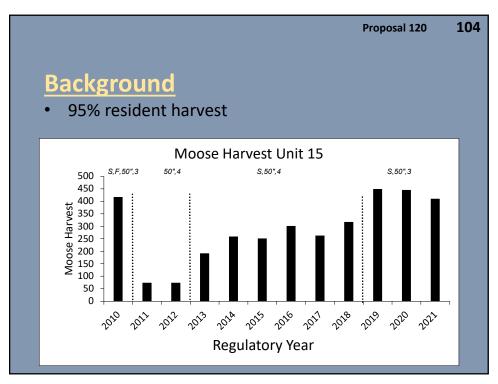


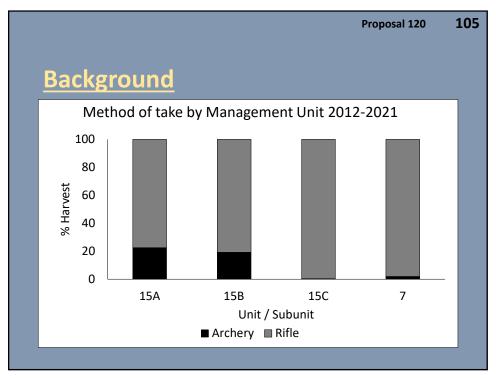
Proposal 120 103

Background

- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.

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Proposal 120

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Proposal 120

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 15 with season dates of Aug. 15–30 with a bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side.

Recommendation:

Support due to additional opportunity and recommend amending to match current archery season dates in Units 7 & 15. Neutral allocative

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Proposal 121

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Effect of Proposal:

Establish an early archery moose hunt in Subunit 15C to align with Subunits 15A and 15B

Recommendation:

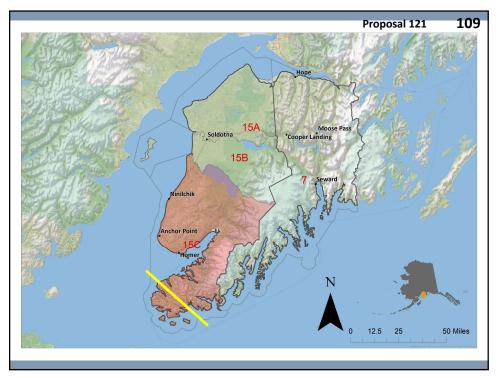
Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15

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Proposal 121 108

Background

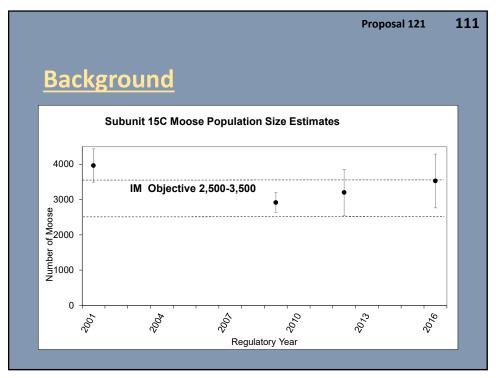
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective: 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

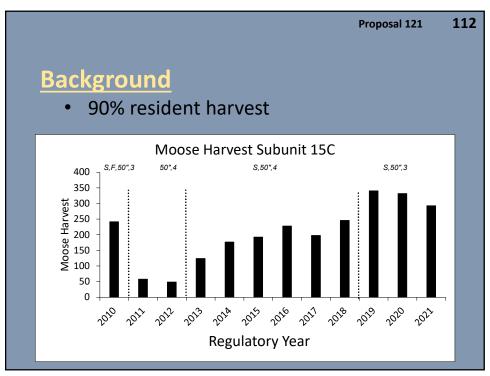


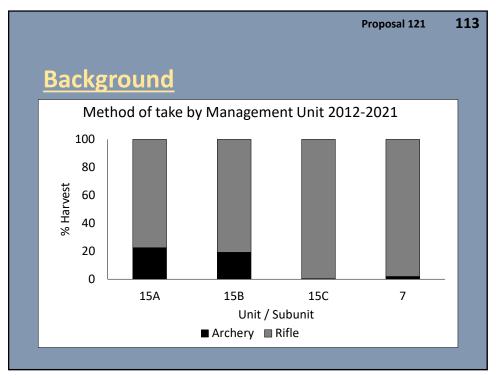
Proposal 121 110

Background

- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.







Proposal 121

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Proposal 121

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Effect of Proposal:

Establish an early archery moose hunt in Subunit 15C to align with Subunits 15A and 15B.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Proposal 122

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish an early archery moose hunt in Subunit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B

Recommendation:

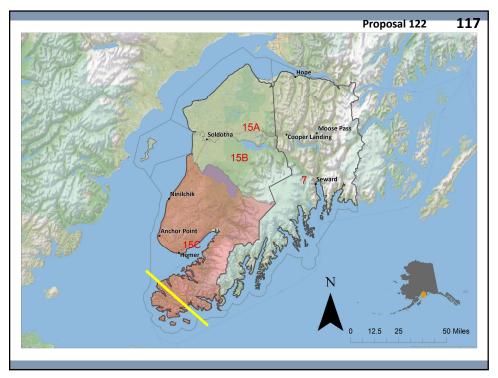
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Proposal 122 116

Background

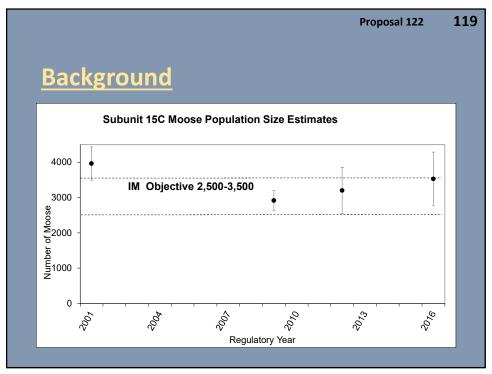
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective: 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

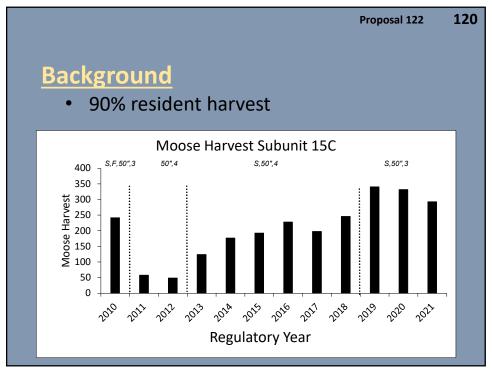


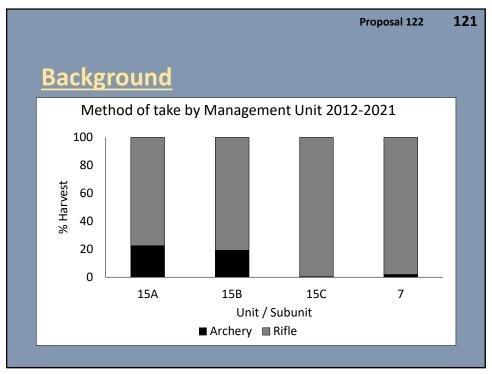
Proposal 122 118

Background

- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.







Proposal 122

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Proposal 122

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish an early archery moose hunt in Subunit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Proposal 123

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Subunit 15C with season dates of Aug. 10–29 with a bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side, 50-inch antlers, or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side.

Recommendation:

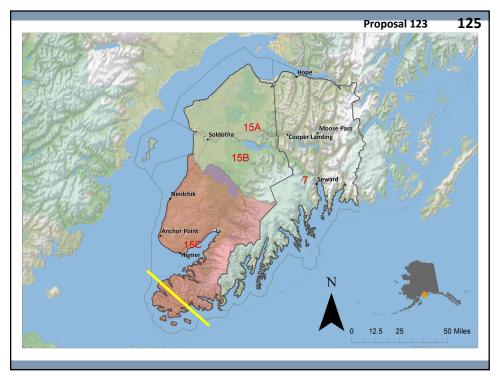
Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Background

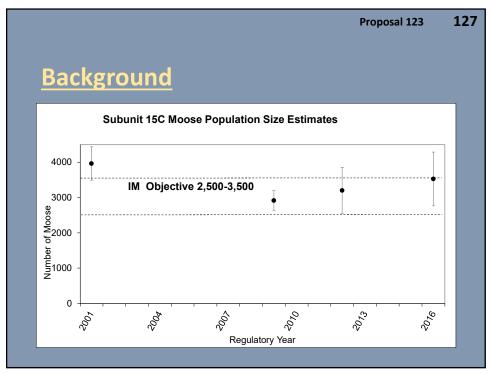
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective: 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

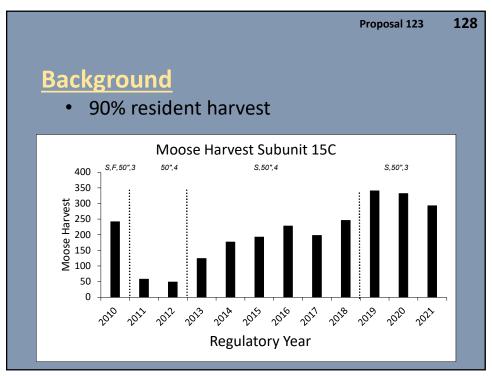


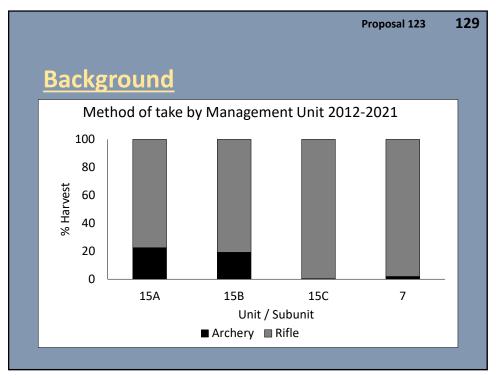
Proposal 123 126

Background

- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.







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Proposal 123

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Subunit 15C with season dates of Aug. 10–29 with a bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side, 50-inch antlers, or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Proposal 124

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Subunit 15C remainder with a resident bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side, and a nonresident bag limit of one bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side with season dates of Aug. 22–29.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Background

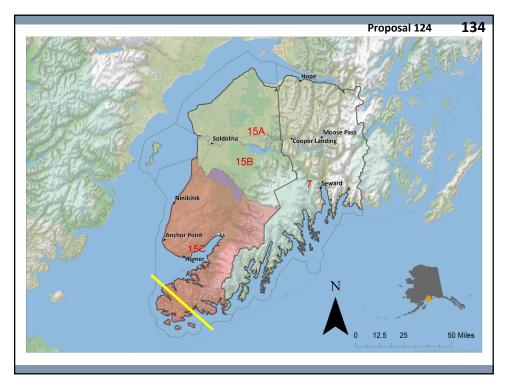
- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.

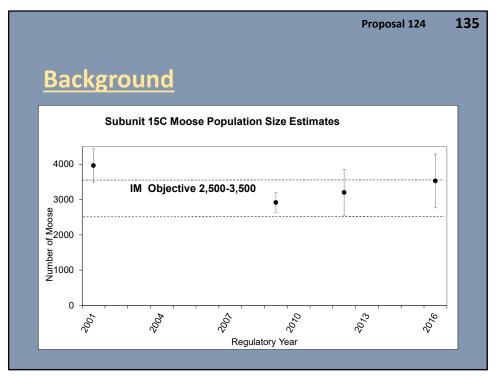
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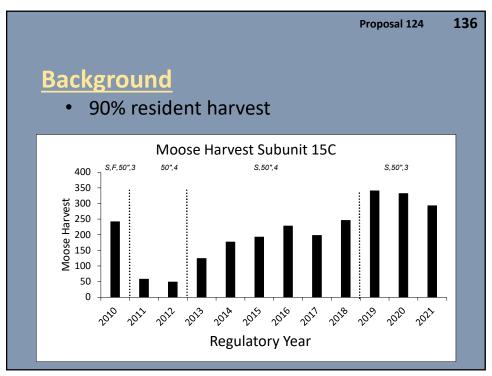
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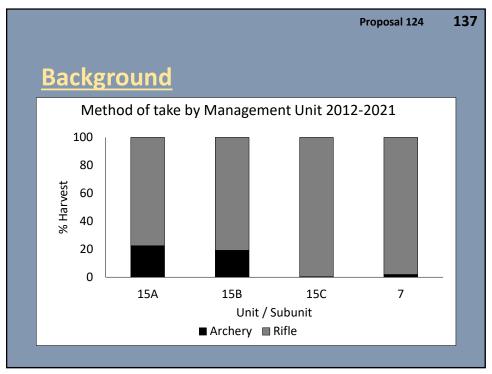
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

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Proposal 124

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Proposal 124

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Subunit 15C remainder with a resident bag limit of one bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side, and a nonresident bag limit of one bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side with season dates of Aug. 22–29.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Proposal 125

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Subunit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B with a bag limit of one bull with spike-fork, 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Background

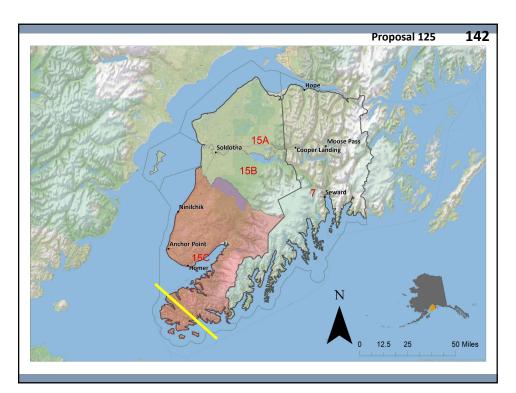
- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.
- Proposal would include fork antler configurations in Subunit 15C.

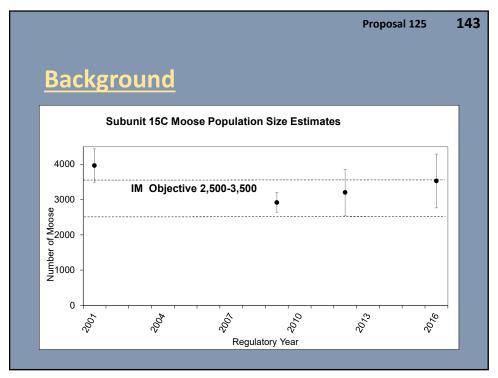
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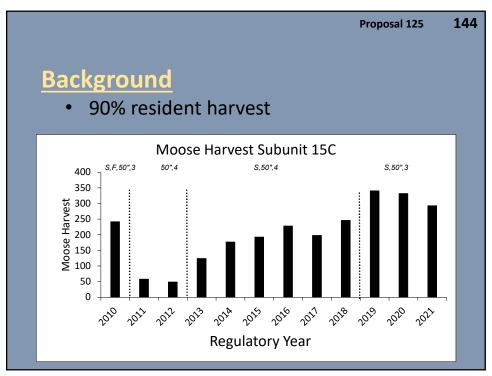
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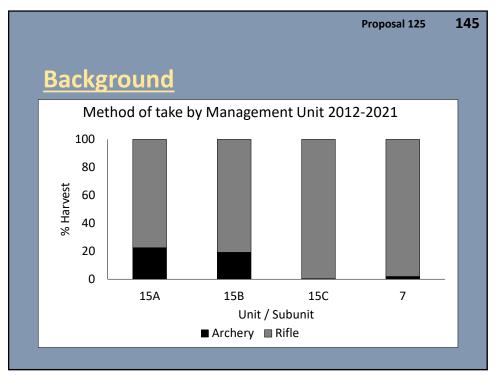
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

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Proposal 125

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Proposal 125

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Subunit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B with a bag limit of one bull with spike-fork, 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Proposal 126

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Subunit 15C in the state designated nonsubsistence area with the same season dates as Units 15A and 15B.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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Background

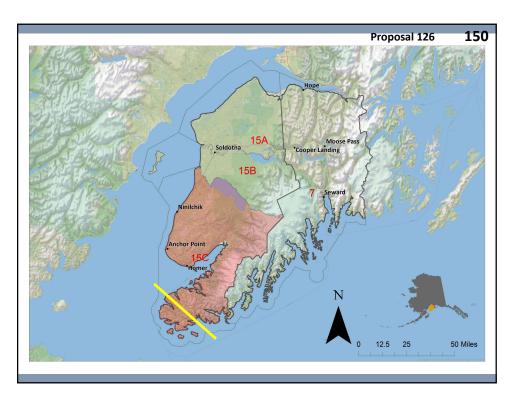
- Subunit 15A Remainder, resident only
- Subunit 15B Remainder, resident and nonresident
 - One bull with a spike on at least one side or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side, bow and arrow only.
 - Aug. 22–29
- Units 7 & 15C
 - No current dedicated archery only season.

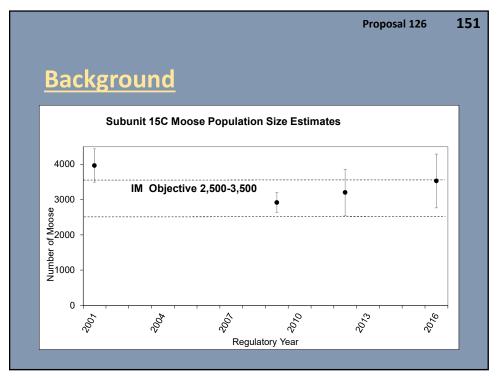
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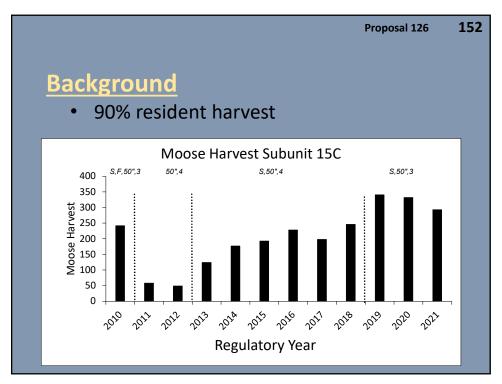
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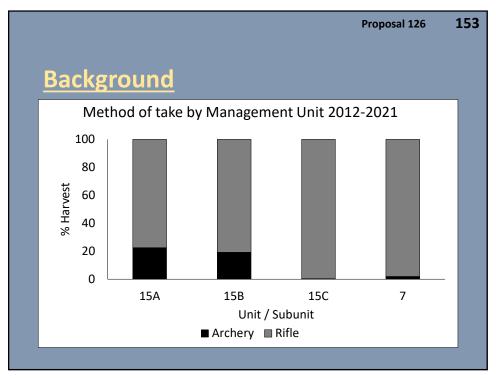
- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose

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Proposal 126

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Subunit 15C in the state designated nonsubsistence area with the same season dates as Units 15A and 15B.

Recommendation:

Neutral on the allocative aspects with no suspected biological concern. Recommend considering standardization across Units 7 & 15.

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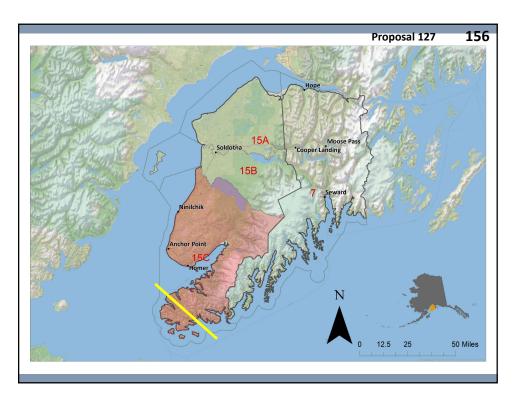
Effect of Proposal:

Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Subunit 15C, southwest of Point Pogibshi from Aug. 25–Sep. 30 to Sep. 1–25 with a late season occurring Nov. 1–15.

Recommendation:

Amend and adopt this proposal extending the proposed late season to Nov. 1–30.

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Proposal 127 **157**

Background

- Tier II hunt first established in 1990
- Bag limit of 1 bull
- Positive C&T with an ANS of 5–6 moose
- Season extension requests have been common since the establishment of this hunt

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Proposal 127 158

Background

- Harvest has averaged 2 bulls per year (2011–2021)
 - 1 bull per year (2016–2021)

Date	Total Moose	Bull:Cow	% Calves
18 March 2011	10	-	20
04 December 2015	31	41	19
21 November 2017	48	48	10

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Proposal 127

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Subunit 15C, southwest of Point Pogibshi from Aug. 25–Sep. 30 to Sep. 1–25 with a late season occurring Nov. 1–15.

Recommendation:

Amend and adopt this proposal extending the proposed late season to Nov. 1–30.

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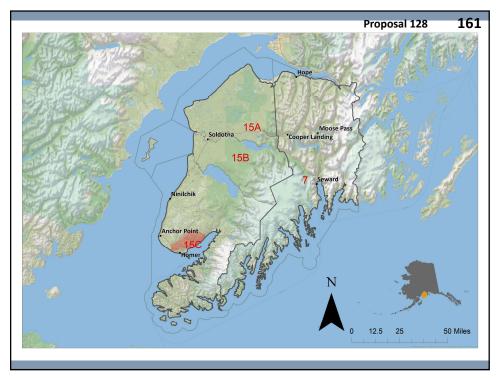
Effect of Proposal:

Reauthorize antlerless moose hunt (DM549) and the targeted Subunit 15C hunt (AM550).

Recommendation:

Support this proposal providing limited antlerless moose harvest.

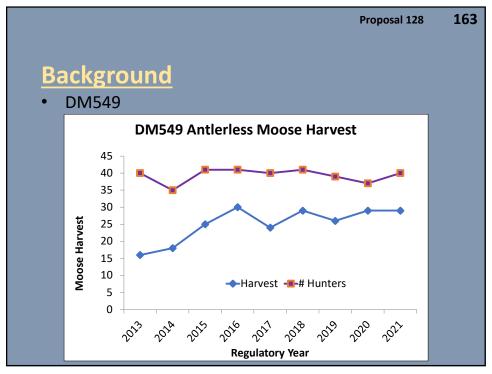
AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna, support 13-0; Central Peninsula, opposed 2-10; Homer, support 7-3-1; Seldovia, support 7-0



Proposal 128 **162**

Background

- DM549 (up to 100 permits)
- 1 cow without a calf
- Established to limit negative human-moose interaction and decrease browse pressure
- 50 annual permits issued (2011–2021)
- Average annual success rate, 50%
- 100% resident harvest



Proposal 128 164

Background

- AM550
- Established to potentially provide opportunity simultaneously reducing moose vehicle collisions
- Average of 63 moose-vehicle collisions / year in Subunit 15C
- No permits have been issued to date

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Proposal 128

Department proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Reauthorize antlerless moose hunt (DM549) and the targeted Subunit 15C hunt (AM550).

Recommendation:

Support this proposal providing limited antlerless moose harvest.

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna, support 13-0; Central Peninsula, opposed 2-10; Homer, support 7-3-1; Seldovia, support 7-0

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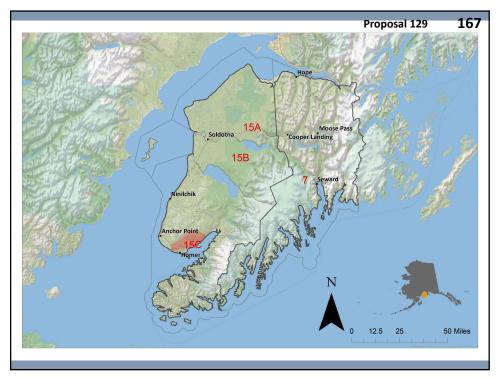
Effect of Proposal:

Expand the hunt area boundaries of the Homer cow moose hunt (DM549).

Recommendation:

Support this proposal as it increases hunt accessibility.

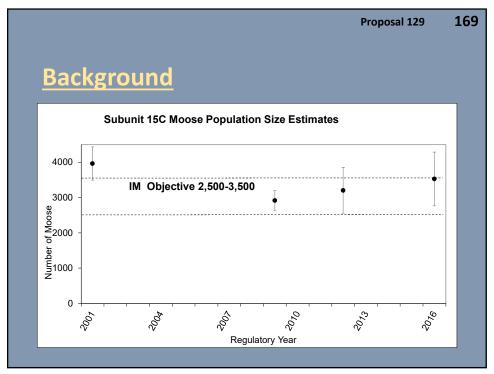
AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna, opposed 4-8; Central Peninsula, opposed 0-12; Homer, support 11-2; Seldovia, support 7-0

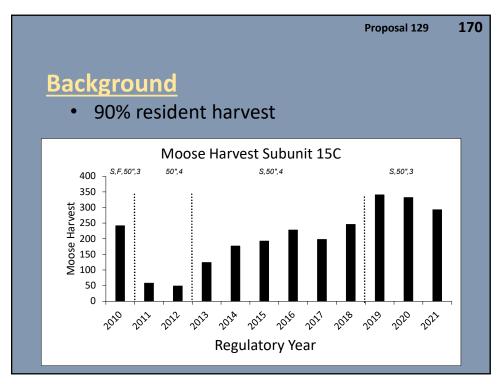


Proposal 129 168

Background

- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.



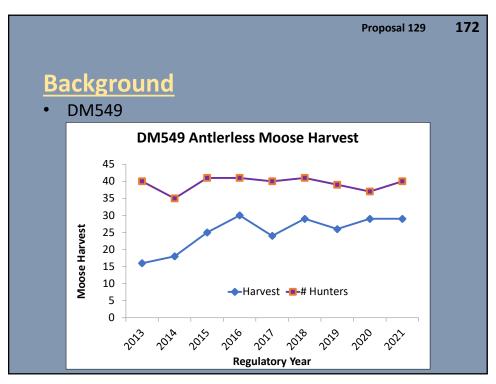


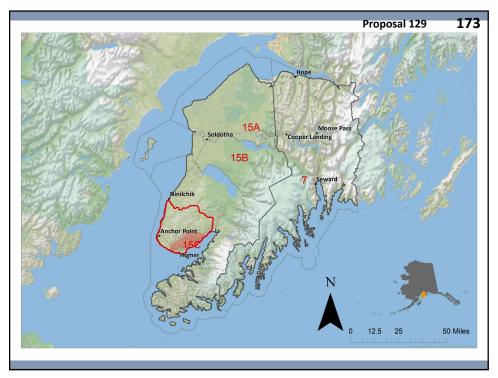
Proposal 129 171

Background

- DM549 (up to 100 permits), Oct. 20-Nov. 20
- 1 cow without a calf
- Established to limit negative human-moose interaction and decrease browse pressure
- 50 annual permits issued (2011–2021)
- Average annual success rate, 50%
- 100% resident harvest

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Background		Proposal 129	17
Land Characteristics	Current DM549	Proposed DM549	١
Total area (sq. miles)	109 square miles	513 square miles	
State lands	34 %	43 %	
Native Corporation lands	20 %	21 %	
Local Government lands	8 %	8 %	
Private lands	36 %	23 %	
Other lands	2 %	5 %	

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Effect of Proposal:

Expand the hunt area boundaries of the Homer cow moose hunt (DM549).

Recommendation:

Support this proposal as it increases hunt accessibility.

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna, opposed 4-8; Central Peninsula, opposed 0-12; Homer, support 11-2; Seldovia, support 7-0

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Proposal 130

Department proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Renew and update the Subunit 15C Intensive Management Plan.

Recommendation:

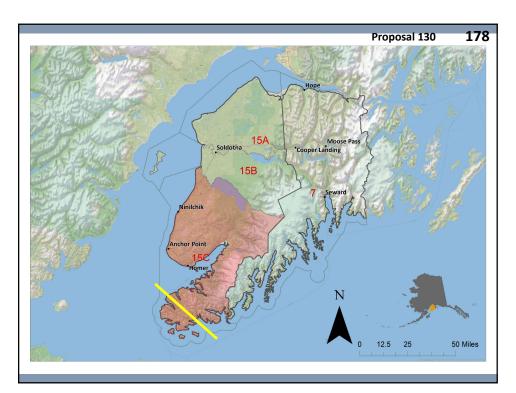
Support to renew IM plan and add habitat enhancement.

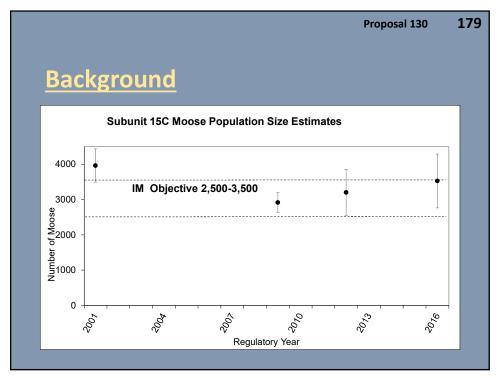
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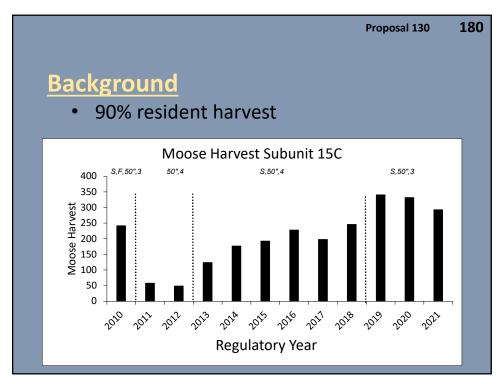
Background

- Subunit 15C Intensive Management
 - Population objective : 2,500–3,500 moose
 - Harvest objective : 200–350 moose
- Positive C&T finding for moose in Subunit 15C, that portion southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay with an ANS of 5–6 moose.

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Proposal 130 **181**

Background

- Feasibility study conducted 2011
- Currently 'inactive' as Subunit 15C is within IM population and harvest objectives

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Proposal 130 182

Proposal 130

Department proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Renew and update the Subunit 15C Intensive Management Plan.

Recommendation:

Support to renew IM plan and add habitat enhancement.

Proposal 131 183

Proposal 131

Department proposal

Effect of Proposal:

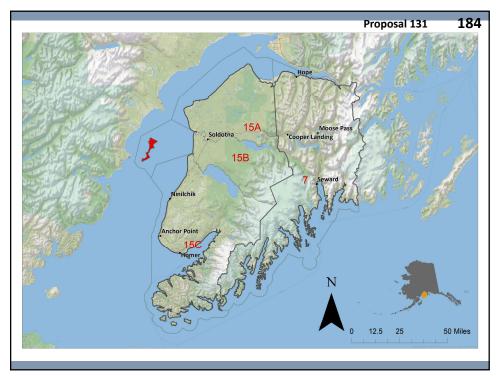
Reauthorize the antlerless moose season (RM572) on Kalgin Island in Subunit 15B.

Recommendation:

Support to maintain sustainable opportunity and harvest.

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna, support 12-0; Central Peninsula, support 11-1;
Homer, support 12-0; Seldovia, support 7-0

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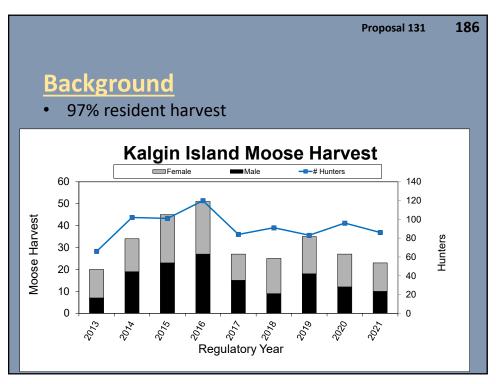


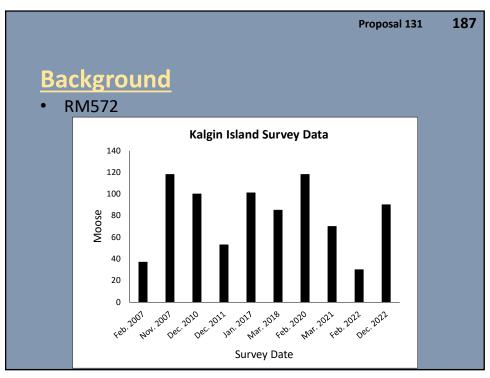
Proposal 131 **185**

Background

- RM572
- 1 moose bag limit
- Registration hunt
- Average of 122 annual permits utilized (2011–2021)
- Average annual success rate, 32%

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Proposal 131

Department proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Reauthorize the antlerless moose season (RM572) on Kalgin Island in Subunit 15B.

Recommendation:

Support to maintain sustainable opportunity and harvest.

AC Votes: Kenai/Soldotna, support 12-0; Central Peninsula, support 11-1;
Homer, support 12-0; Seldovia, support 7-0

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Proposal 132

Department proposal

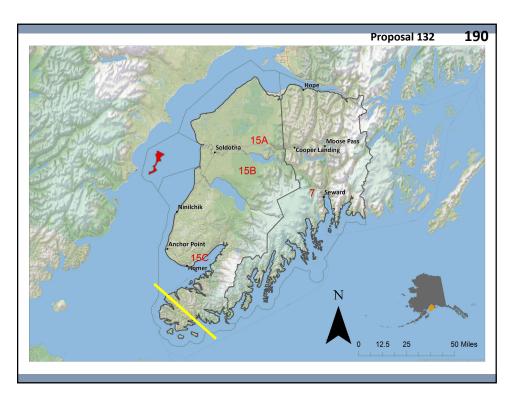
Effect of Proposal:

Remove antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island (RM572) and from the TM549 hunts.

Recommendation:

Support. Sealing for these hunts is unwarranted and removing the requirement will result in less burden on hunters.

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Background

- Regulations are contradictory
 - "In hunts with antler/horn restrictions, antlers/horns must be salvaged..."
 - Page 22 public regulation book
 - "In Units 7 and 15 antlers must be sealed within ten days of take..."
 - Page 60 & 88 public regulation book
- · Antler sealing as a permit condition

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Proposal 132 192

Background

- The proposal as written does not apply to any bull hunts in Subunits 15B or 15C.
- To maintain consistency regarding antler sealing, the board may consider clarifying sealing regulations on the Kenai.

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Proposal 132

Department proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Remove antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island (RM572) and from the TM549 hunts.

Recommendation:

Support. Sealing for these hunts is unwarranted and removing the requirement will result in less burden on hunters.

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Proposal 133 194

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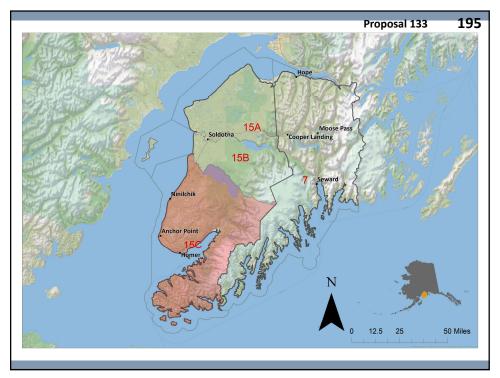
Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

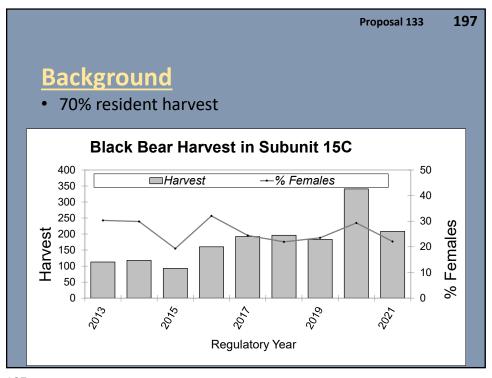
Neutral as there is no biological concern.



Proposal 133 196

Background

- No current closed season on black bear hunting in Units 7 & 15.
- Bag limit of 3 bears excepting areas south of Bradley River, Bradley Lake, and Kachemak Creek in Subunit 15C and South of the City Limits of Seward in Unit 7 where nonresidents have a bag limit of 1 bear.



Proposal 133 198

Background

- The following methods and means of taking big game are prohibited in addition to prohibitions in 5 AAC 92.080:
 - (9) from a boat in Units 1 5; however, a person with physical disabilities, as defined in AS 16.05.940 may hunt from a boat under authority of a permit issued by the department;
 - (12) shooting black bear from a boat in Unit 6(D); however a person with physical disabilities, as defined in AS 16.05.940, may hunt from a boat under authority of a permit issued by the department;
- There is a positive C&T for black bears in Subunit 15C outside the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area, with an ANS of 20-60 black bears.

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Background

- The department does not require hunters to report whether game was taken from a boat
- 67% of hunters taking black bears in Subunit 15C during 2016–2021 reported their means of transportation as via boat
- Majority of harvest occurs south of Kachemak Bay during spring and presumed to be close to shoreline
- Reasonable opportunity

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Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral as there is no biological concern.

Proposal 134 **201**

Proposal 134

Public proposal

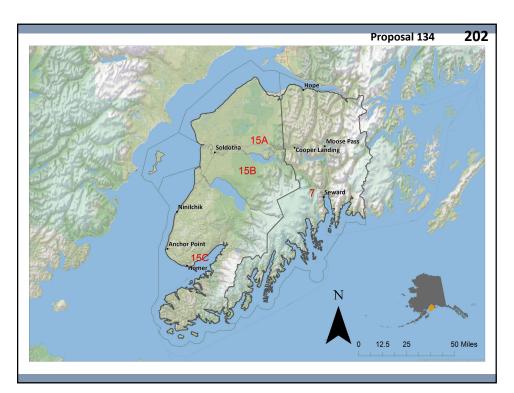
Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Units 7 & 15 to Aug. 10–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Background

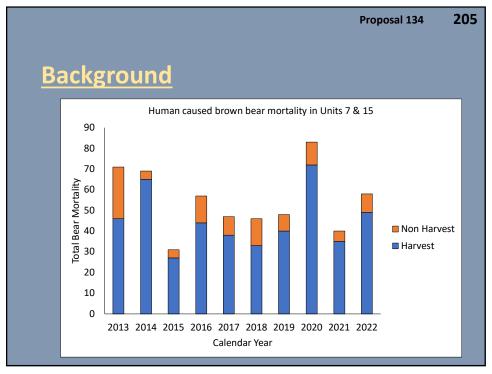
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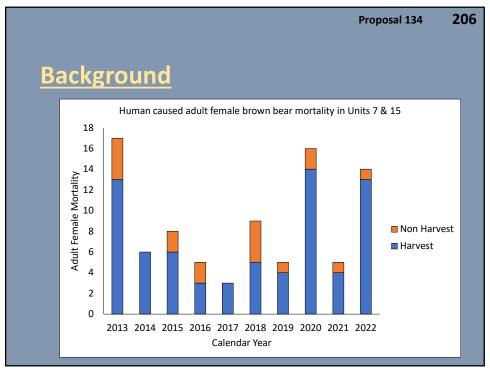
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Proposal 134 204

Background

- Recent regulatory changes
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 - 1999–2012: Registration and draw permits by mortality caps
 - 2013: Mortality cap of 70 human caused mortalities (17 adult females)
 - 2014: Harvest over bait allowed
 - 2015: Mortality cap adjusted to 8–12 adult females or 50– 60 total human caused bear mortalities on a 3-year running average by calendar year.



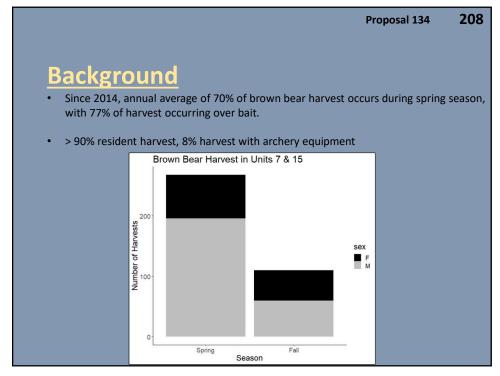


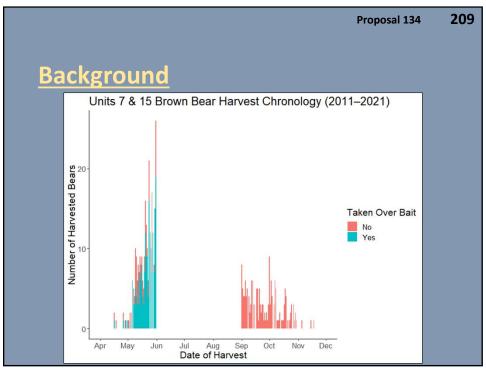
Proposal 134 207

Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022.
- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2013-2022).
- Annual average of 54 total human caused bear mortalities (2013-2022).
- Current Season dates, Sep. 1–May 31
- Annual average of 3 non harvest adult female bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).
- Annual average of 8 non harvest total bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).

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Proposal 134 2

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Background

- Managed by calendar year.
- Due to large geographic ranges covering Units 7 & 15 and subunits the department recommends consistent seasons and bag limits.
- Increased harvest approaching mortality caps may require initiation of closures via Emergency Orders to account for non harvest mortality in remaining calendar year.
- Emergency Orders would limit subsequent hunting opportunity that calendar year (Fall season).
- Reaching or exceeding annual mortality caps also reduces the amount of variation available in managing on a 3-year running average wherein annual human-caused bear mortality is inherently variable.

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Proposal 134

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Units 7 & 15 to Aug. 10–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 135 **212**

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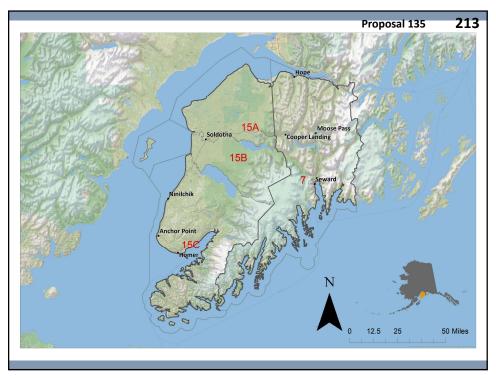
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.



Proposal 135 **214**

Background

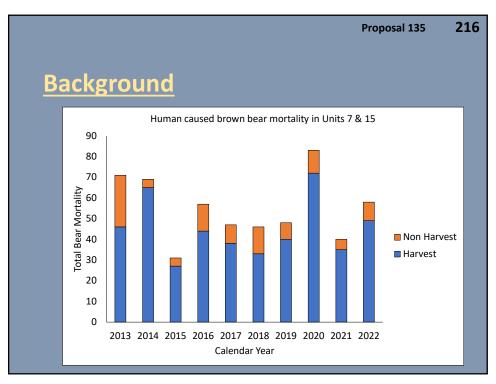
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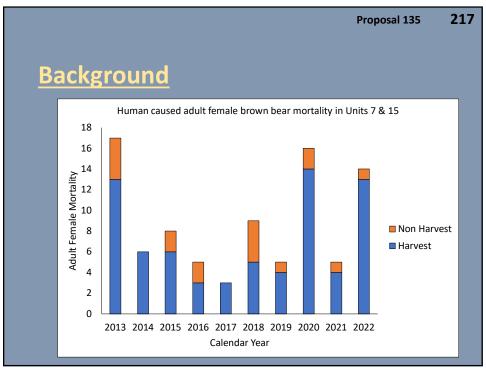
Proposal 135 **215**

Background

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 - 1999–2012: Registration and draw permits by mortality caps
 - 2013: Mortality cap of 70 human caused mortalities (17 adult females)
 - 2014: Harvest over bait allowed
 - 2015: Mortality cap adjusted to 8–12 adult females or 50– 60 total human caused bear mortalities on a 3-year running average by calendar year.

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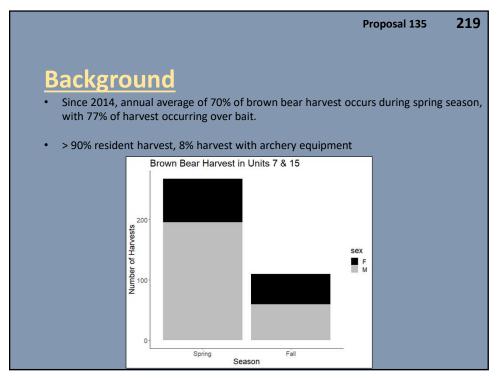


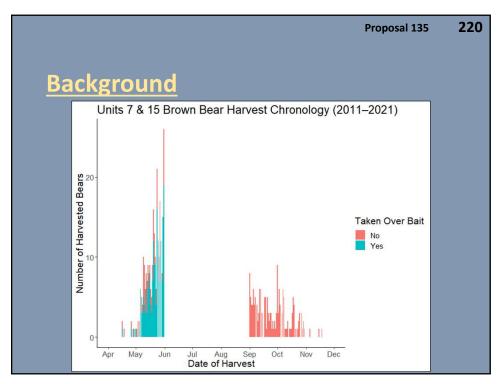


Proposal 135 218

Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022.
- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2013-2022).
- Annual average of 54 total human caused bear mortalities (2013-2022).
- Current season dates, Sep. 1–May 31.
- Annual average of 3 non harvest adult female bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).
- Annual average of 8 non harvest total bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).





Proposal 135 **221**

Background

- · Managed by calendar year.
- Due to large geographic ranges covering Units 7 & 15 and subunits the department recommends consistent seasons and bag limits.
- Increased harvest approaching mortality caps may require initiation of closures via Emergency Orders to account for non harvest mortality in remaining calendar year.
- Emergency Orders would limit subsequent hunting opportunity that calendar year (Fall season).
- Reaching or exceeding annual mortality caps also reduces the amount of variation available in managing on a 3-year running average wherein annual human-caused bear mortality is inherently variable.

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Proposal 135 222

Proposal 135

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

Proposal 136 **223**

Proposal 136

Public proposal

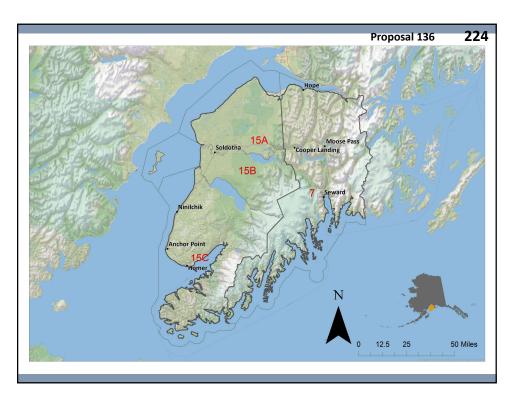
Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 7 & 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 136

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Background

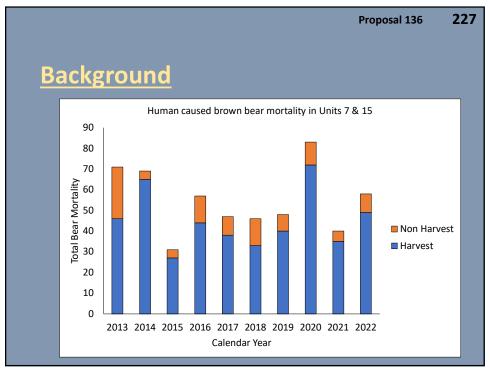
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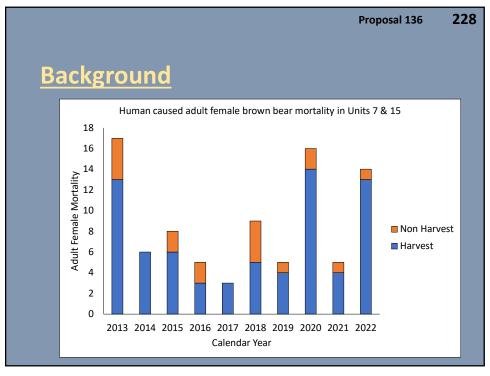
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Background

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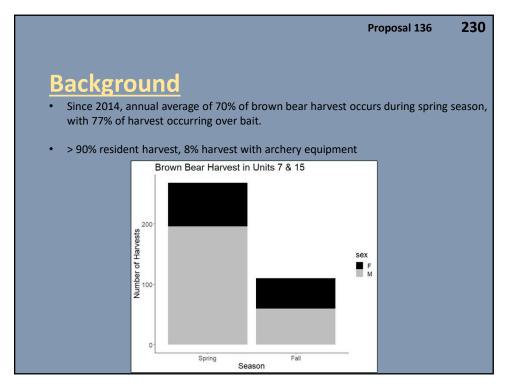


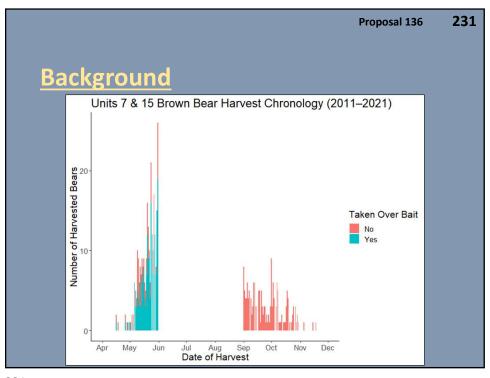
Proposal 136 **229**

Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022.
- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2013-2022).
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- Current season dates, Sep. 1–May 31.
- Annual average of 3 non harvest adult female bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).
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Proposal 136 232

Background

- Managed by calendar year.
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Proposal 136

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 7 & 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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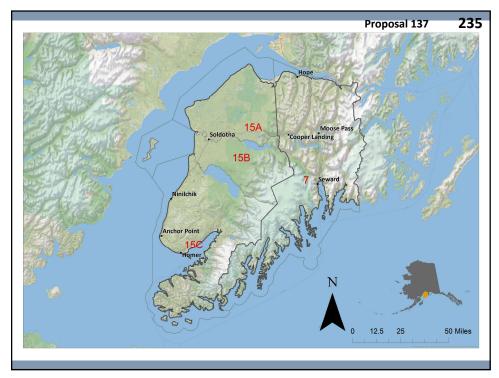
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 7 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.



Proposal 137 236

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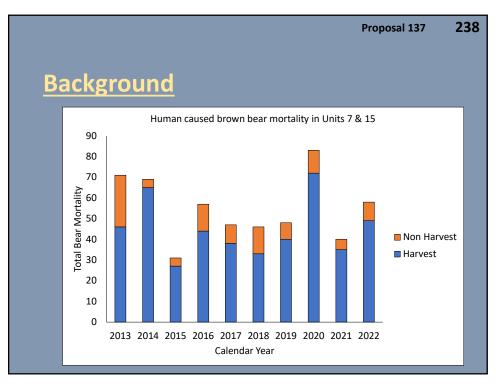
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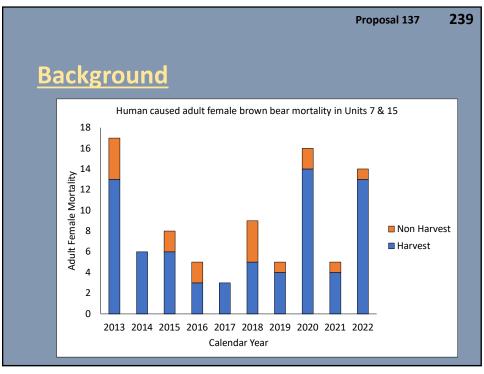
Proposal 137 237

Background

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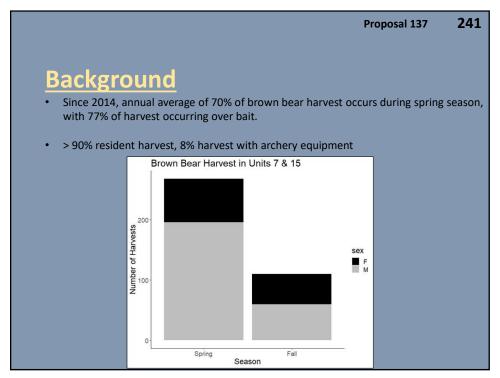


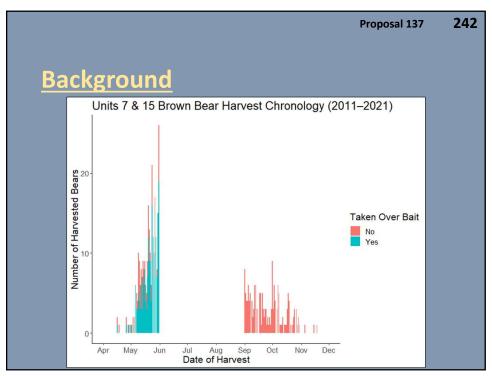


Proposal 137 240

Background

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- Season dates, Sep. 1–May 31.
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Proposal 137

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Background

- Managed by calendar year.
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- Reaching or exceeding annual mortality caps also reduces the amount of variation available in managing on a 3-year running average wherein annual human-caused bear mortality is inherently variable.

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Proposal 137

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 7 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

Proposal 138 **245**

Proposal 138

Public proposal

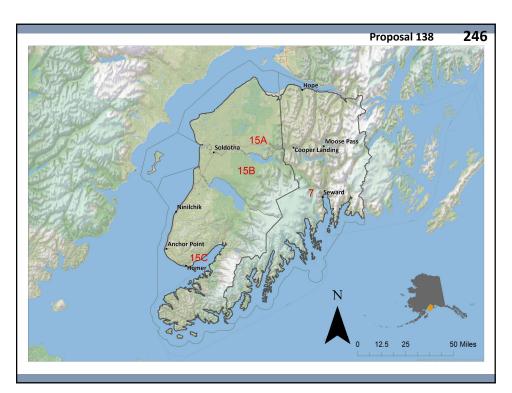
Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 138 **247**

Background

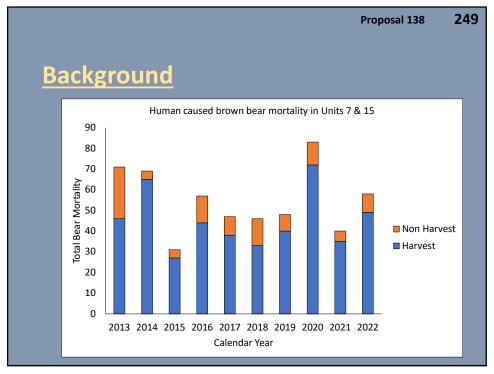
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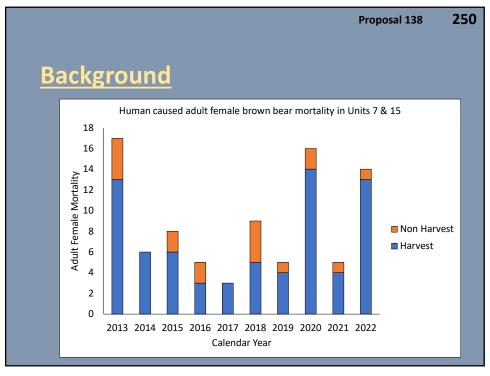
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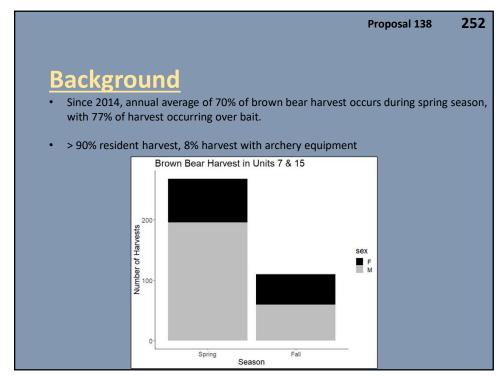


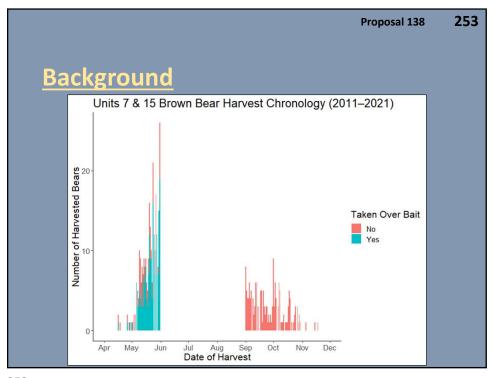
Proposal 138 **251**

Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022.
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- Annual average of 54 total human caused bear mortalities (2013-2022).
- Current season dates, Sep. 1–May 31.
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Proposal 138 **254**

Background

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Proposal 138

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Proposal 138

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Unit 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 139 **256**

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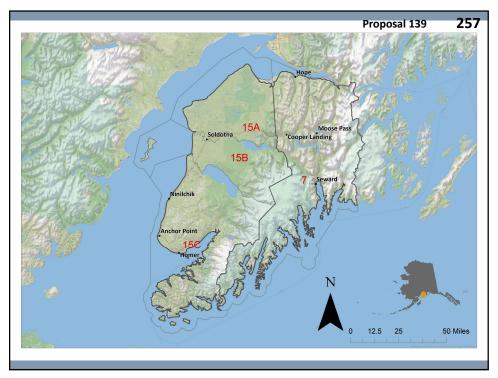
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Units 7 & 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.



Proposal 139 **258**

Background

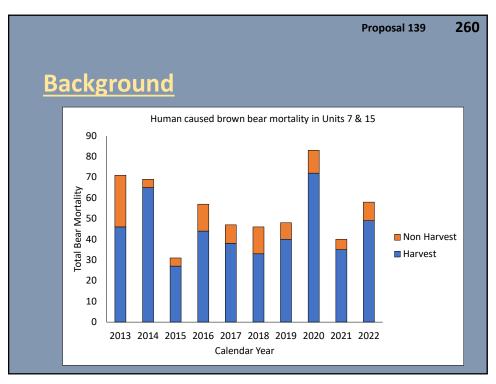
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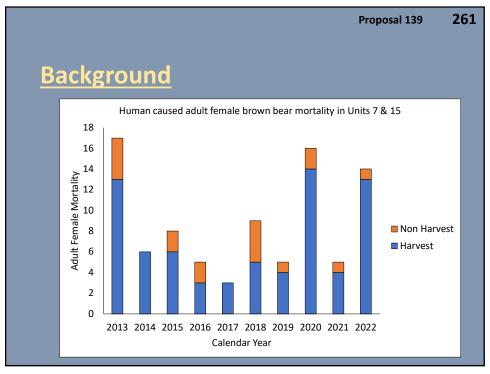
Proposal 139 **259**

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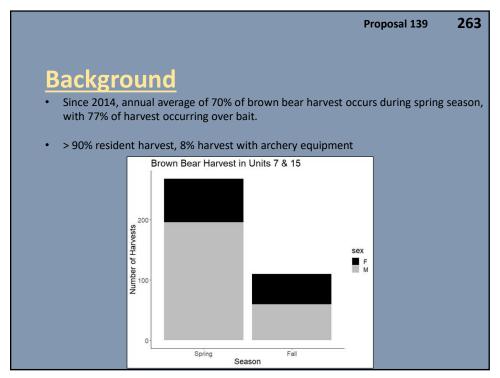


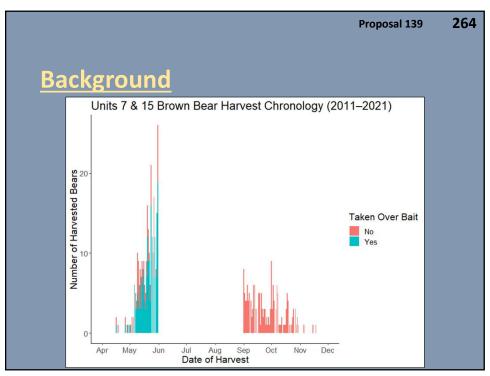


Proposal 139 **262**

Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022.
- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2013-2022).
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Proposal 139

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- Reaching or exceeding annual mortality caps also reduces the amount of variation available in managing on a 3-year running average wherein annual human-caused bear mortality is inherently variable.

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Proposal 139 266

Proposal 139

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Units 7 & 15 to Sep. 1–Jun. 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 140

Public proposal

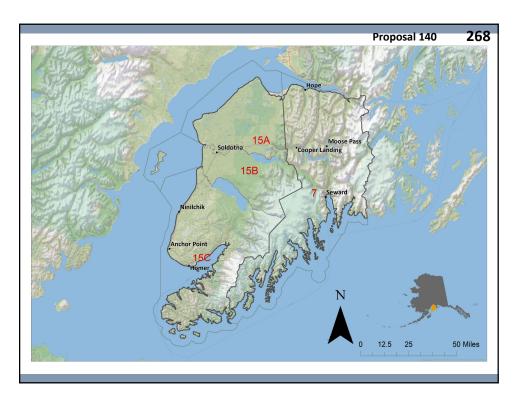
Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Units 7 & 15 to include a late archery season during Jun. 1–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 140

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Background

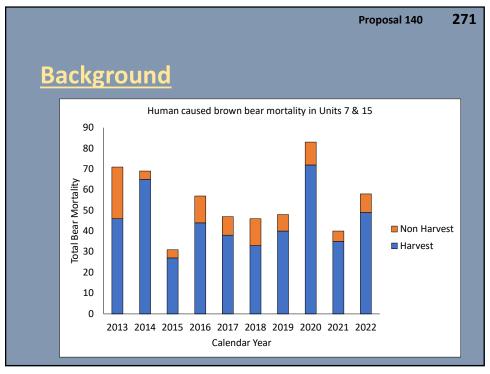
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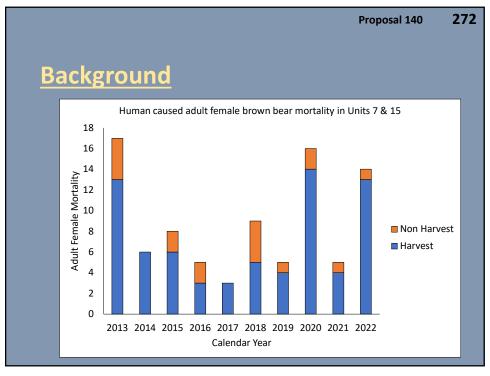
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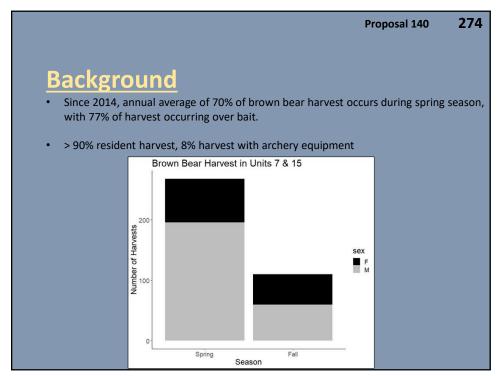


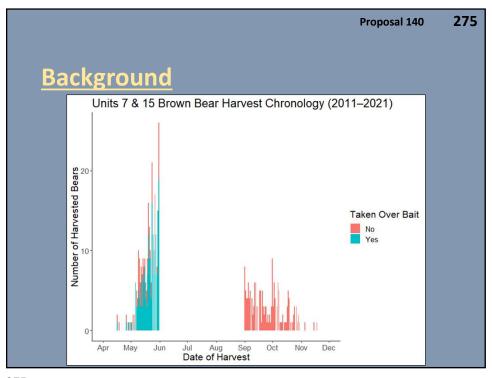
Proposal 140 273

Background

- Adult female mortality cap reached (12) in Sep. 2022.
- Annual average of 9 adult female bear human caused mortalities (2013-2022).
- Annual average of 54 total human caused bear mortalities (2013-2022).
- Current season dates, Sep. 1–May 31.
- Annual average of 3 non harvest adult female bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).
- Annual average of 8 non harvest total bear mortalities after May 31 (current end of spring season).

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Proposal 140 276

Background

- Managed by calendar year.
- Due to large geographic ranges covering Units 7 & 15 and subunits the department recommends consistent seasons and bag limits.
- Increased harvest approaching mortality caps may require initiation of closures via Emergency Orders to account for non harvest mortality in remaining calendar year.
- Emergency Orders would limit subsequent hunting opportunity that calendar year (Fall season).
- Reaching or exceeding annual mortality caps also reduces the amount of variation available in managing on a 3-year running average wherein annual human-caused bear mortality is inherently variable.

Proposal 140 277

Proposal 140

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend the brown bear hunting season (RB300) in Units 7 & 15 to include a late archery season during Jun. 1–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as bear mortality is managed by mortality caps.

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Proposal 141 278

Proposal 141

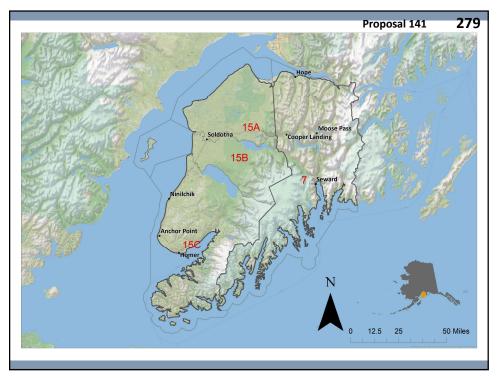
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Effect of Proposal:

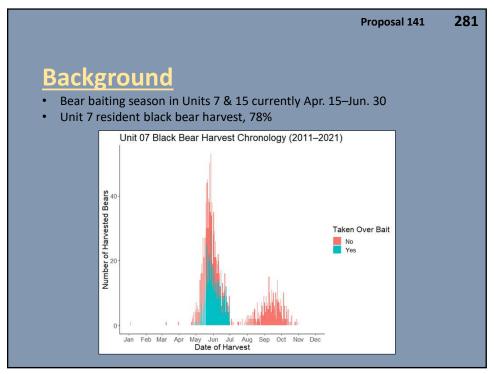
Lengthen bear baiting season in Unit 7 to Apr. 1–Jun. 30.

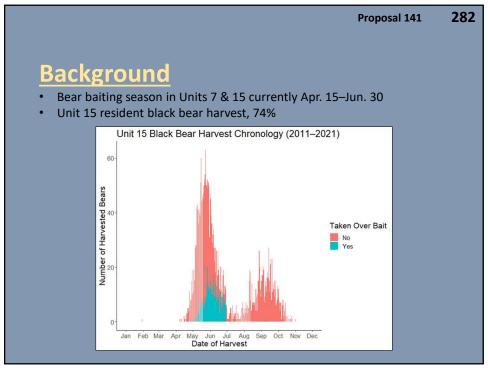
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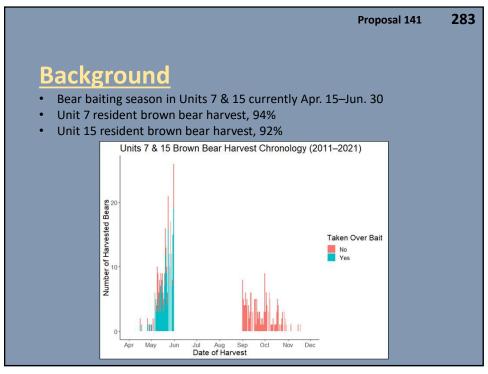
Neutral due to a lack of biological concern.



	Proposal 141 2
ackground Bear baiting season in Units 7 & 15 currently Apr. 15–Ju	un. 30
Areas Open for Bear Baiting	Dates
Units 1A, 1B, 1C*, 1D*, 2-3, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C	Apr. 15-Jun. 15
Unit 6D*	Apr. 15-Jun. 10
Units 7*, 9, 11-13*, 14A*, 14B*, 14C remainder*, 15*, 19A, 19B, 19C, 19D remainder, 19E, 20**, 21A, 21B, 21E, 23, 24A, 24B, 25A, 25B, and 25C	Apr. 15–Jun. 30
Unit 16*	Jul. 1–Oct. 15 Apr. 15–Jun. 30
Unit 17	Apr 15–May 31
Unit 18	Apr 1–June 30
Unit 19D East Predation Control Area: those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within Unit 19D upstream from Selatna River drainage and the Black River drainage, Units 21 21D, 24C, 24D, and 25D	Aug. 1–Sep. 30 Apr. 15–Jun. 30 C,







Proposal 141 284

Proposal 141

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Lengthen bear baiting season in Unit 7 to Apr. 1–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal due to a lack of biological concern.

Proposal 142 285

Proposal 142

Public proposal

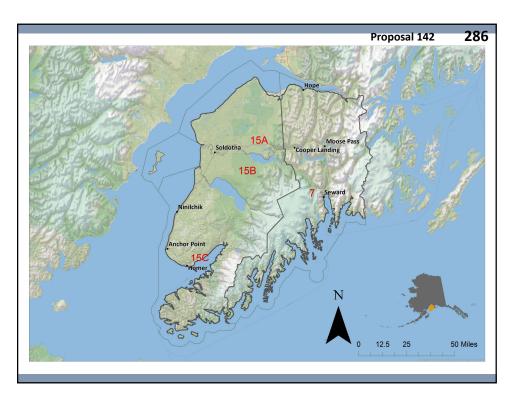
Effect of Proposal:

Lengthen bear baiting season in Unit 15 to Apr. 1–Jun. 30.

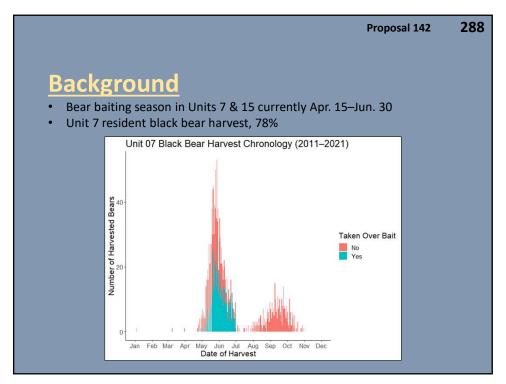
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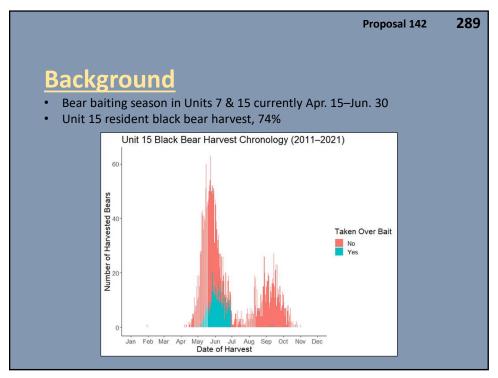
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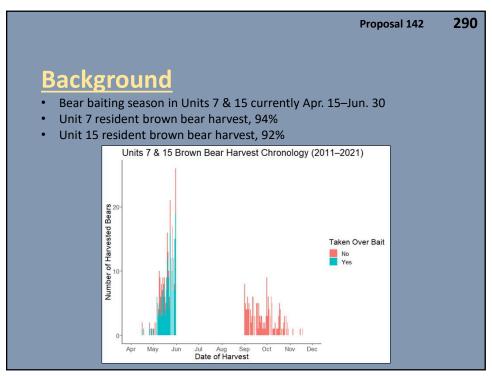
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	Proposal 142 28
ackground Bear baiting season in Units 7 & 15 currently Apr. 15—Ju	un. 30
Areas Open for Bear Baiting	Dates
Units 1A, 1B, 1C*, 1D*, 2-3, 5, 6A, 6B, 6C	Apr. 15–Jun. 15
Unit 6D*	Apr. 15-Jun. 10
Units 7*, 9, 11-13*, 14A*, 14B*, 14C remainder*, 15*, 19A, 19B, 19C, 19D remainder, 19E, 20**, 21A, 21B, 21E, 23, 24A, 24B, 25A, 25B, and 25C	Apr. 15–Jun. 30
Unit 16*	Jul. 1–Oct. 15 Apr. 15–Jun. 30
Unit 17	Apr 15–May 31
Unit 18	Apr 1–June 30
Unit 19D East Predation Control Area: those portions of the Kuskokwim River drainage within Unit 19D upstream from Selatna River drainage and the Black River drainage, Units 21 21D, 24C, 24D, and 25D	Aug. 1–Sep. 30 Apr. 15–Jun. 30 C,







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Proposal 142

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Lengthen bear baiting season in Unit 15 to Apr. 1–Jun. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal due to a lack of biological concern.

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Proposal 143 292

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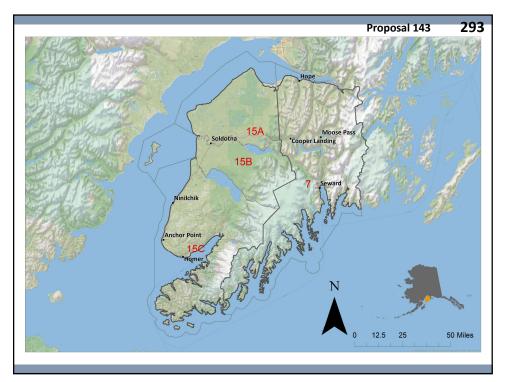
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Change the bear baiting restriction from 1 mile to ½ mile from a 'structure' in Unit 15.

Recommendation:

Opposed to making changes to a statewide regulation for one unit alone. Neutral regarding the method of taking bears with the use of bait.



Proposal 143 2

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Background

- Current state regulations regarding black bear baiting state
 - 'a person may not use bait or scent lures within...'
 - 'one mile of a house or other permanent dwelling, except that bait
 may be used within one mile of a cabin if the cabin is on the
 opposite side of a major river system, as identified by the
 department in the permit, from the bear baiting station; business; or
 school; or within one mile of a developed campground or developed
 recreational facility;' (5 AAC 92.052).

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Proposal 143

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Change the bear baiting restriction from 1 mile to ½ mile from a 'structure' in Unit 15.

Recommendation:

Opposed to making changes to a statewide regulation for one unit alone. Neutral regarding the method of taking bears with the use of bait.

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Proposal 144 296

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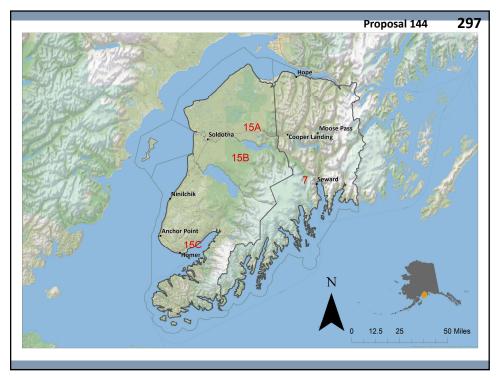
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Define a 'developed recreational facility' in relation to state bear baiting regulation in Units 7 & 15.

Recommendation:

Opposed to making changes to a statewide regulation for one unit alone. Neutral regarding the definition and the method of taking bears with the use of bait.



Proposal 144 298

Background

- Current state regulations regarding black bear baiting state
 - 'a person may not use bait or scent lures within...'
 - 'one mile of a house or other permanent dwelling, except that bait
 may be used within one mile of a cabin if the cabin is on the
 opposite side of a major river system, as identified by the
 department in the permit, from the bear baiting station; business; or
 school; or within one mile of a developed campground or developed
 recreational facility;' (5 AAC 92.052).

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Background

- The proposal would define
 - "developed recreation facility" as a state-maintained, multiuse area that
 provides services for shooting, launching of watercraft, or camping, that
 also includes signage and buildings that are regularly maintained for the
 purpose of recreation; and...
 - "permanent dwelling" as a structure permanently fixed in place, and legally owned by the public or a private individual and occupied for a minimum of 30 days per year.

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Proposal 144 300

Proposal 144

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Define a 'developed recreational facility' in relation to state bear baiting regulation in Units 7 & 15.

Recommendation:

Opposed to making changes to a statewide regulation for one unit alone. Neutral regarding the definition and the method of taking bears with the use of bait.

Proposal 145 **301**

Proposal 145

Public proposal

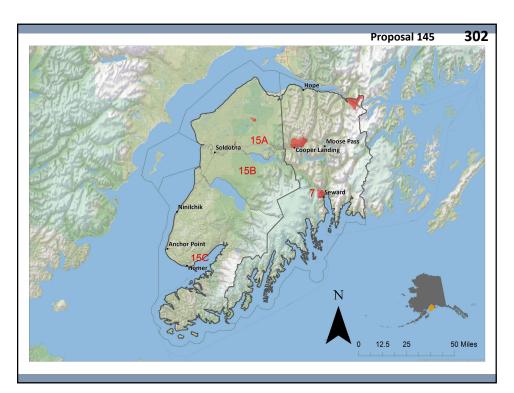
Effect of Proposal:

Close areas to hunting and trapping with ¼ mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 & 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral as primarily allocative and opposed to unnecessarily restricting opportunity to take game.

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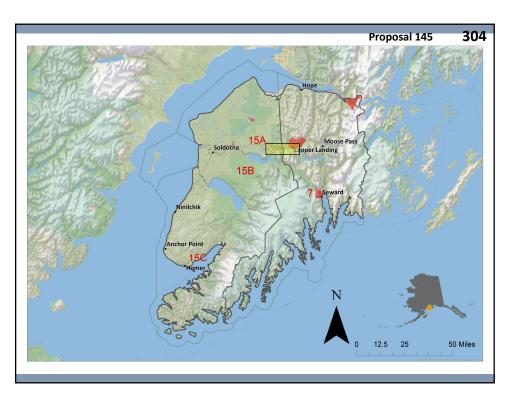


Proposal 145 303

Background

- The proposal would make it illegal to trap or hunt within ¼ mile of five wildlife structures (including the structures themselves) that are part of the Sterling Highway MP 45–60 Project: two underpasses and one overpass (Unit 7) and two underpasses (Subunit 15A).
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Current areas closed to hunting in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.510)
 - Portage Glacier Closed Area (Unit 7)
 - Seward Closed Area (Unit 7)
 - Cooper Landing Closed Area (Unit 7)
 - Russian River Closed Area (Unit 7)
 - Moose River Closed Area (Unit 15)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
 - Russian River Closed Area (Unit 15)

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Proposal 145

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close areas to hunting and trapping with ¼ mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 & 15.

Recommendation:

Neutral as primarily allocative and opposed to unnecessarily restricting opportunity to take game.

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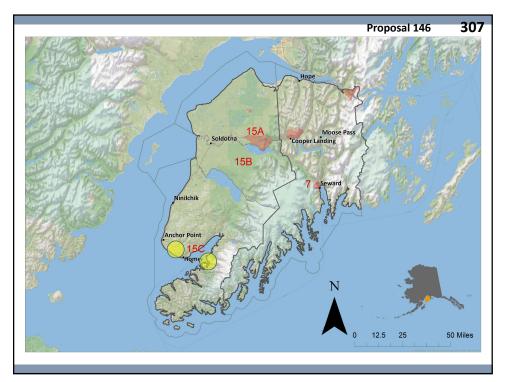
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Require a 100-yard setback on traps from the Diamond Creek Trails, Grewingk Glacier Lake Trail and the Grewingk Saddle Trail within Kachemak Bay State Park.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.



Proposal 146 308

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

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Proposal 146

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Require a 100-yard setback on traps from the Diamond Creek Trails, Grewingk Glacier Lake Trail and the Grewingk Saddle Trail within Kachemak Bay State Park.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.

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Proposal 147 310

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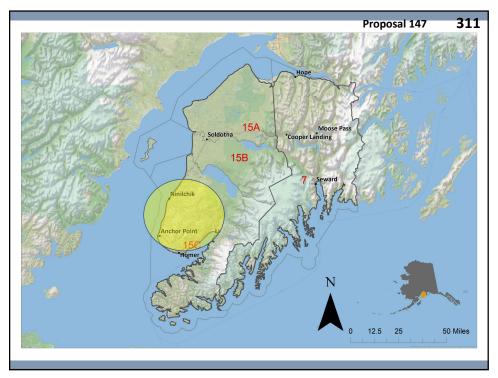
Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Establish 100-yard trapping setbacks along mapped trails maintained by the Snowmad Snowmobile Club and Kachemak Nordic Ski Club in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.



Proposal 147 **312**

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

Proposal 147 313

Proposal 147

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Establish 100-yard trapping setbacks along mapped trails maintained by the Snowmad Snowmobile Club and Kachemak Nordic Ski Club in Subunit 15C.

Recommendation:

Neutral as primarily allocative.

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Proposal 148 314

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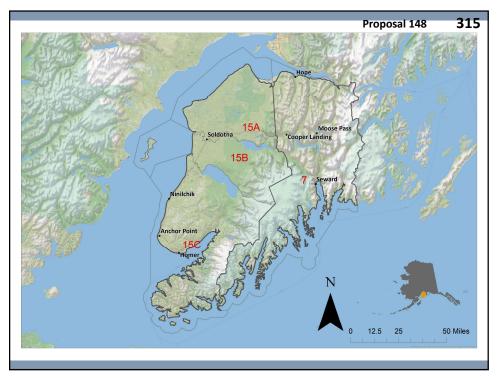
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Require a 100-yard setback on traps from known multi-use trails in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.



Proposal 148 316

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

Proposal 148 **317**

Proposal 148

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Require a 100-yard setback on traps from known multi-use trails in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.

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Proposal 149 318

Proposal 149

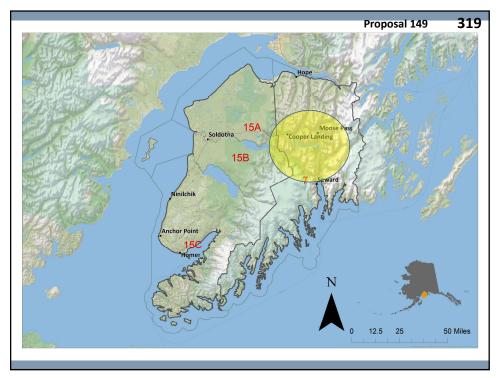
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.



Proposal 149 320

Background

- The proposal describes
 - 100-yard setback for traps excepting a
 - 50-yard setback for traps with an inside jaw spread < 5 inches, that are set at least 4 feet above ground or snow level, and size 3 leghold marten traps set in boxes.
- Applicable to
 - Quartz Creek Campground
 - Crescent Creek Campground
 - Russian River Campground
 - Cooper Creek Campgrounds, North and South

Proposal 149 **321**

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

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Proposal 149 322

Proposal 149

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.

Proposal 150 **323**

Proposal 150

Public proposal

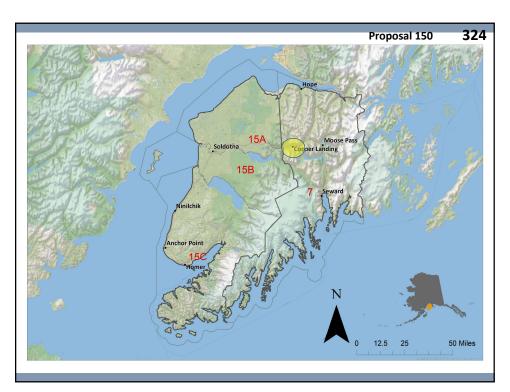
Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.

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Proposal 150 325

Background

- The proposal describes
 - 100-yard setback for traps excepting a
 - 50-yard setback for traps with an inside jaw spread < 5 inches, that are set at least 4 feet above ground or snow level, and size 3 leghold marten traps set in boxes.
- · Applicable to
 - 2 sections of Quartz Creek Road
 - · East Quartz Creek and Williams Road
 - Old Sterling Highway (unmaintained portion of Quartz Creek Road)
 - A section of Snug Harbor Road
 - Bean Creek Road

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Proposal 150 326

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

Proposal 150 **327**

Proposal 150

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as primarily allocative.

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Proposal 151 328

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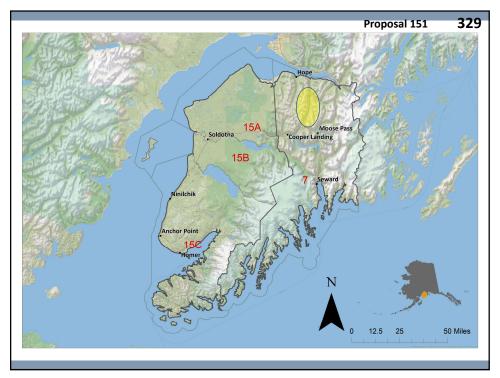
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it is primarily allocative.



Proposal 151 330

Background

- The proposal describes
 - 100-yard setback for traps excepting a
 - 50-yard setback for traps with an inside jaw spread < 5 inches, that are set at least 4 feet above ground or snow level, and size 3 leghold marten traps set in boxes.
- Applicable to
 - Highway pullouts along Seward Highway
 - Winter trails in Summit Lake Recreational Area
 - Japan Woods, Tenderfoot Campground, Park N Poke, Manitoba Mountain

Proposal 151 331

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

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Proposal 151 332

Proposal 151

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it is primarily allocative.

Proposal 152 333

Proposal 152

Public proposal

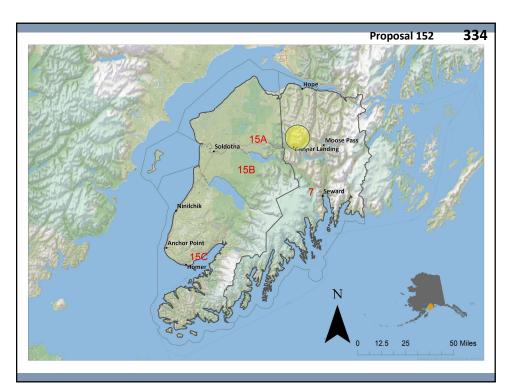
Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it is primarily allocative.

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Proposal 152 335

Background

- The proposal describes
 - 100-yard setback for traps excepting a
 - 50-yard setback for traps with an inside jaw spread < 5 inches, that are set at least 4 feet above ground or snow level, and size 3 leghold marten traps set in boxes.
- Applicable to
 - Crescent Creek Trail, Lower Russian Lake Trail, Bean Creek Trail, Russian Gap Trail / Historical Quartz Creek Trail, Resurrection Trial (South End), West Juneau Bench Trail, Devil's Pass Ski Loops, and Stetson Trail parking area and first 400 yards.

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Proposal 152 336

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

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Proposal 152

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it is primarily allocative.

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Proposal 153 338

Proposal 153

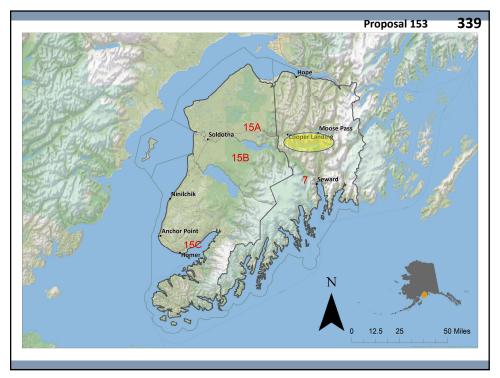
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it is primarily allocative.



Proposal 153 340

Background

- The proposal describes
 - 100-yard setback for traps excepting a
 - 50-yard setback for traps with an inside jaw spread < 5 inches, that are set at least 4 feet above ground or snow level, and size 3 leghold marten traps set in boxes.
- Applicable to
 - Kenai Lake Beaches
 - Kenai Lake Beach (Waikiki Beach)

Proposal 153 **341**

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Current areas closed to trapping in Units 7 & 15 (5 AAC 92.550)
 - Kenai Moose Research Center (Unit 15)
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.

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Proposal 153 342

Proposal 153

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it is primarily allocative.

Proposal 154 343

Proposal 154

Public proposal

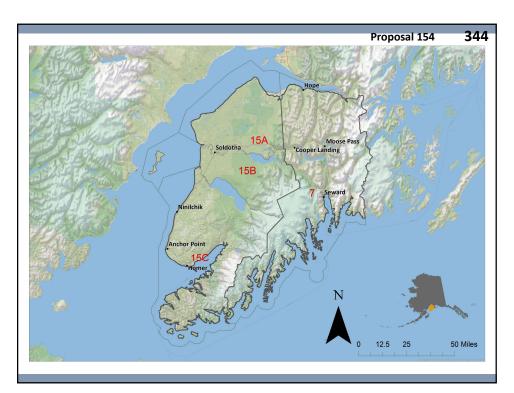
Effect of Proposal:

Require signs to be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it would likely not influence furbearer harvest.

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Background

- The proposal would require signs to be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7. Trapping sign requirements would include 1) be at least 8" x 11", 2) brightly colored (orange or yellow), 3) waterproof/tear proof, and 4) posted at eye level clearly denoting active trapping in the area. Must include ADF&G license number or "Fish & Wildlife ID number"; contact information optional.
- Area-specific state, federal, and municipal trapping restrictions occur throughout Alaska. The department does not maintain a catalog of federal, municipal, or private land restrictions.

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Proposal 154 346

Background

- The proposal concerns user conflicts and risk to domestic animals.
- Ethical and safe trapping practices are actively encouraged through the Alaska Trappers Association and Alaska Frontier Trappers Association.
- The Department does not maintain a record of domestic or non-target animals caught in traps, user conflicts, or trail networks administered by other groups or agencies.
- No suspected effect on furbearer harvest.

Proposal 154 **347**

Proposal 154

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Require signs to be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it would likely not influence furbearer harvest.

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Proposal 155 348

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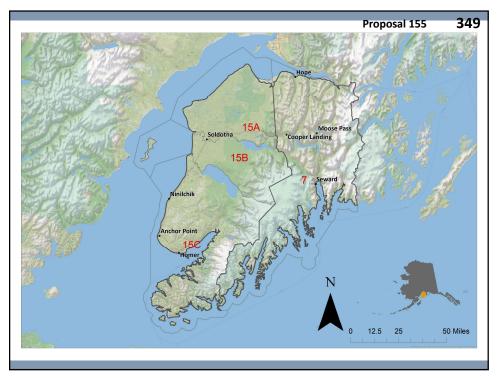
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close Subunit 15C to beaver trapping.

Recommendation:

Opposed to this proposal as it will eliminate beaver trapping and harvest opportunity.

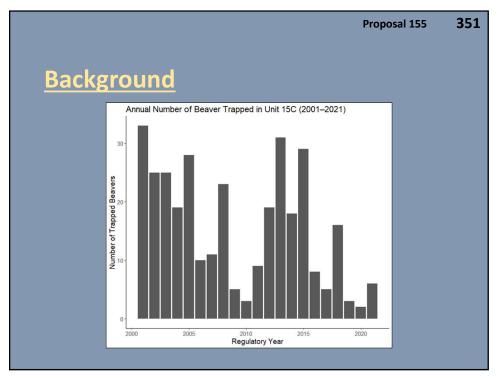


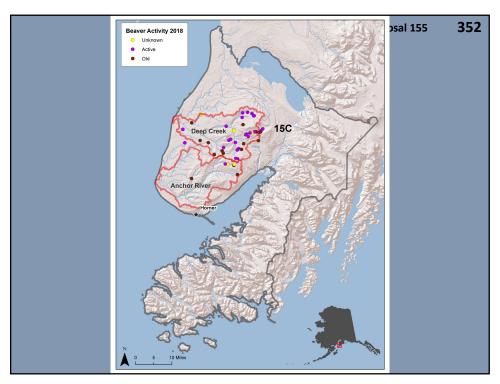
Proposal 155 **350**

Background

- Current beaver trapping season in Units 7 & 15, Oct. 15–Apr. 30
- 20 beaver regulatory year bag limit

Regulatory year 2000–2008: Nov. 10–Mar. 30
 Regulatory year 2009–2014: Nov. 10–Apr. 30
 Regulatory year 2015–present: Oct. 15–Apr. 30





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Proposal 155

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close Subunit 15C to beaver trapping.

Recommendation:

Opposed to this proposal as it will eliminate beaver trapping and harvest opportunity.

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Proposal 156 **354**

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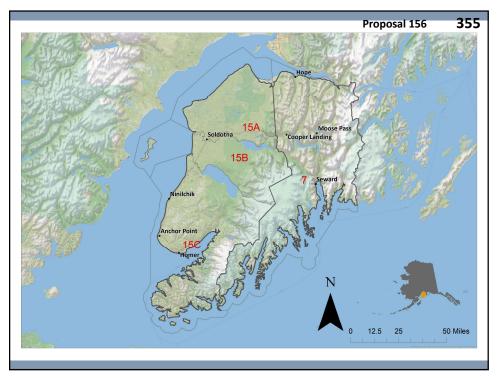
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek drainages in Subunit 15C for six years.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal.

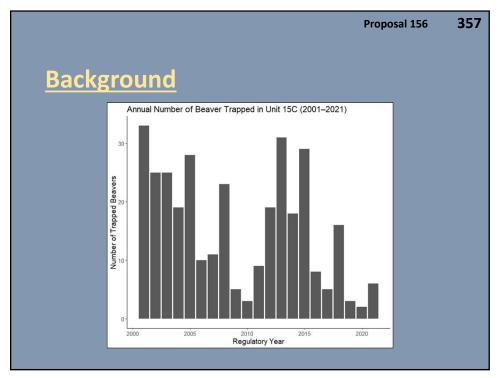


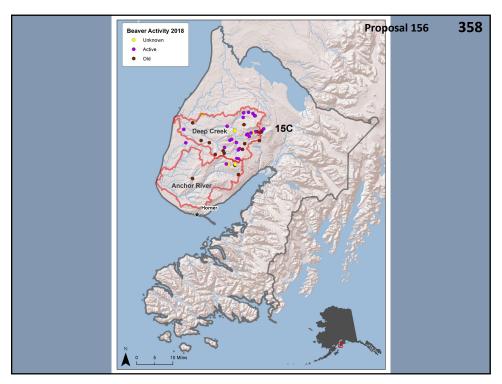
Proposal 165 **356**

Background

- Current beaver trapping season in Units 7 & 15, Oct. 15–Apr. 30
- 20 beaver regulatory year bag limit

Regulatory year 2000–2008: Nov. 10–Mar. 30
 Regulatory year 2009–2014: Nov. 10–Apr. 30
 Regulatory year 2015–present: Oct. 15–Apr. 30





Proposal 156 **359**

Proposal 156

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek drainages in Subunit 15C for six years.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal.

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Proposal 157 360

Proposal 157

Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Shorten beaver trapping season to Nov. 1–Apr. 30 in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it does not create nor address a biological concern.

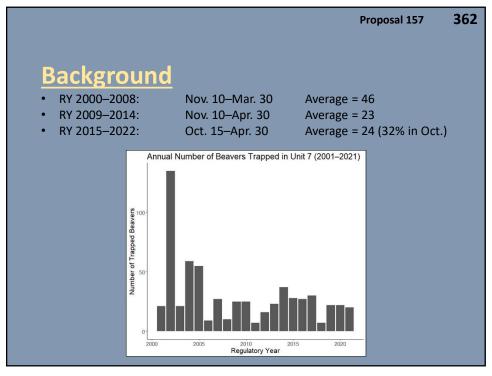
Proposal 157 **361**

Background

- Current beaver trapping season in Units 7 & 15, Oct. 15–Apr. 30
- 20 beaver regulatory year bag limit

Regulatory year 2000–2008: Nov. 10–Mar. 30
 Regulatory year 2009–2014: Nov. 10–Apr. 30
 Regulatory year 2015–present: Oct. 15–Apr. 30

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Proposal 157

Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Shorten beaver trapping season to Nov. 1–Apr. 30 in Unit 7.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it does not create nor address a biological concern.

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Proposal 158 364

Proposal 158

Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Shorten coyote trapping season to Nov. 10–Mar. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it does not create nor address a biological concern.

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Background

- Current coyote trapping season in Units 7 & 15, Oct. 15–Mar. 31.
- It is prohibited to take a wolf or coyote with a steel trap, or with a snare smaller than 3/32-inch diameter during October or Nov. 1–Nov. 9.
- The Department does not require sealing of coyotes and data regarding the distribution, abundance, or harvest coyotes is not present in Units 7 & 15.
- The proposal does not influence methods and means of wolf trapping or snaring. As gear can be similar, the effect of this proposal may be inconsequential.

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Proposal 158 366

Proposal 158

Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Shorten coyote trapping season to Nov. 10–Mar. 30.

Recommendation:

Neutral as it does not create nor address a biological concern.

Proposal 159 **367**

Proposal 159

Public proposal

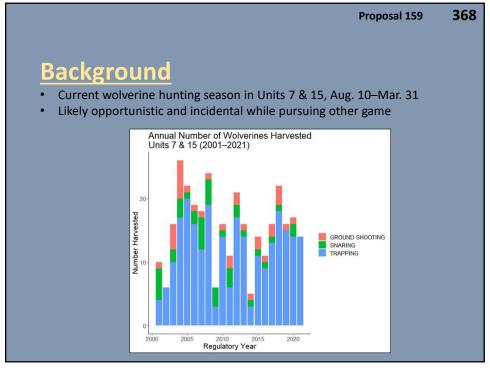
Effect of Proposal:

Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 & 15 to Aug. 10–Mar. 31.

Recommendation:

Support this proposal to increase wolverine hunting opportunity.

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Effect of Proposal:

Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 & 15 to Aug. 10–Mar. 31.

Recommendation:

Support this proposal to increase wolverine hunting opportunity.

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Proposal 160

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge in Units 7 & 15, and require visual markers.

Recommendation:

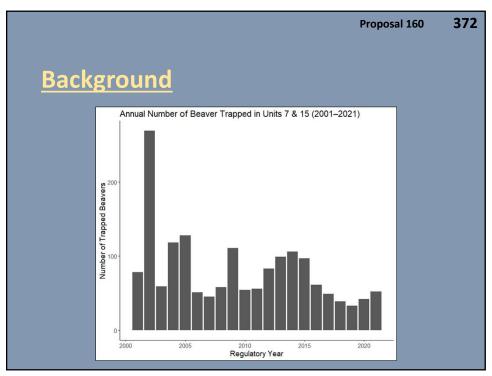
Neutral on this proposal as it does not address a biological concern.

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Background

- The proposal would establish regulation limiting beaver trapping to one set
 per lodge and only one beaver may be removed per lodge in Units 7 and 15.
 All lodges that have been or are being trapped in the current season must be
 visually marked with a pole set vertically in the ice.
- This would mirror regulations for trapping on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

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Proposal 160

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge in Units 7 & 15, and require visual markers.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as it does not address a biological concern.

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Proposal 161

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Subunit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay.

Recommendation:

Take no action due to lack of authority and forward to the Department for consideration.

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Background

- Division of Wildlife Transplant Policy (WTP; ADF&G 2010) prescribes the
 evaluation process to assess and weigh the potential risks and benefits for a
 proposed transplant.
- A transplant process describes four steps
 - Scoping report
 - Feasibility assessment
 - Public and department review
 - Formal departmental transplant plan

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Proposal 161 376

Background

- · Elements of scoping report
 - Identify the species proposed for the transplant;
 - Identify the transplant category;
 - Identify the source of the transplant;
 - Identify the initial transplant location;
 - Describe the benefits to be derived from the transplant;
 - Describe the extent of public support for the transplant;
 - Describe potential ecological risks associated with the transplant; and
 - Estimate costs associated with the transplant.

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Proposal 161

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Effect of Proposal:

Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Subunit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay.

Recommendation:

Take no action due to lack of authority and forward to the Department for consideration.

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Proposal 162 378

Proposal 162

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend ptarmigan season in a portion of Subunit 15C north of Kachemak Bay and the Fox River to Aug. 10–Mar. 31.

Recommendation:

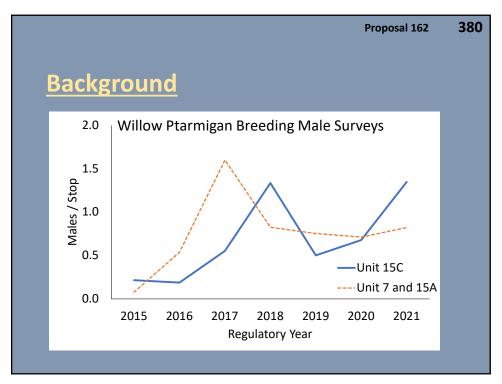
Neutral on this proposal as there is not a present biological concern noting that realized ptarmigan opportunity may be reduced.

Proposal 162 379

Background

- Current ptarmigan hunting season in Subunit 15C, Aug. 10–Jan.31 (2015)
- 5 per day, 10 in possession bag limit
- Wing collections
 - A majority of harvest appears to be willow ptarmigan
- Ptarmigan breeding surveys

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Background

- Ptarmigan population dynamics
- · Annual weather patterns
- Additive vs. compensatory hunting mortality
- Extending season may reduce ptarmigan abundance and decrease overall success rates of hunters

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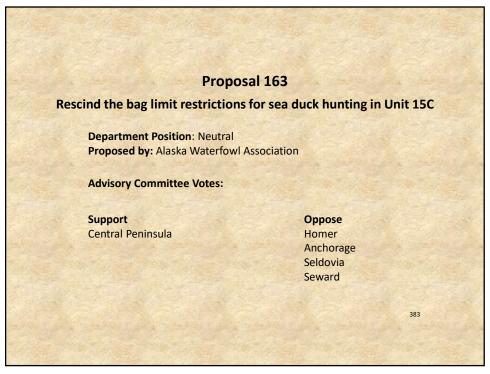
Public proposal

Effect of Proposal:

Extend ptarmigan season in a portion of Subunit 15C north of Kachemak Bay and the Fox River to Aug. 10–Mar. 31.

Recommendation:

Neutral on this proposal as there is not a present biological concern noting that realized ptarmigan opportunity may be reduced.



Background

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In Units 5 – 7; 9, 10 (Unimak Isl.), 14, remainder 15, 16

Residents: 10/20 per day/possession; 6/12 harlequin and long-tailed duck Nonresidents: 8/20 per day/possession; 4 each of any species per season; 20 of all species per season

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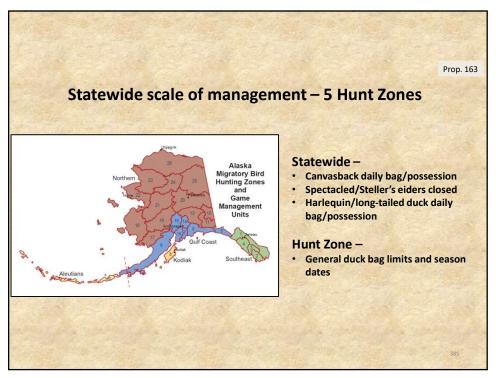
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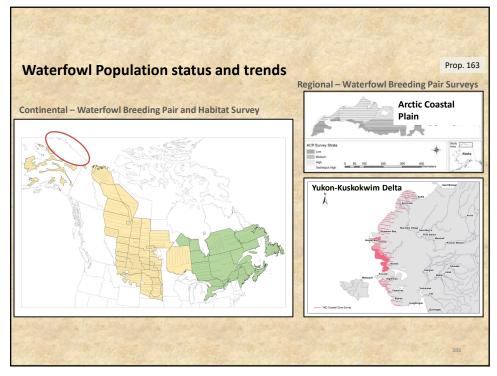
Residents: 10/20 per day/possession; 2/4 harlequin and long-tailed duck; 1/2

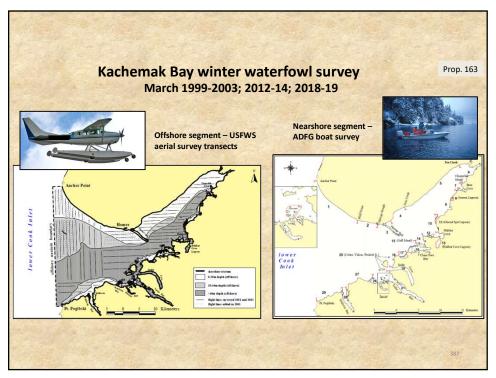
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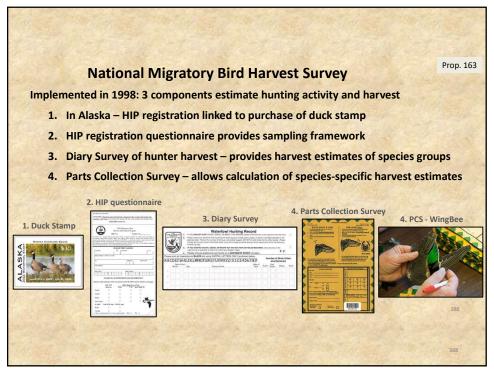
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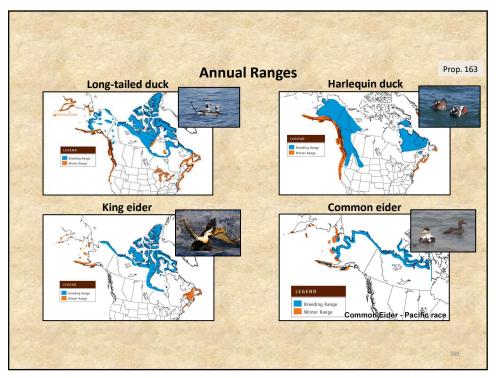
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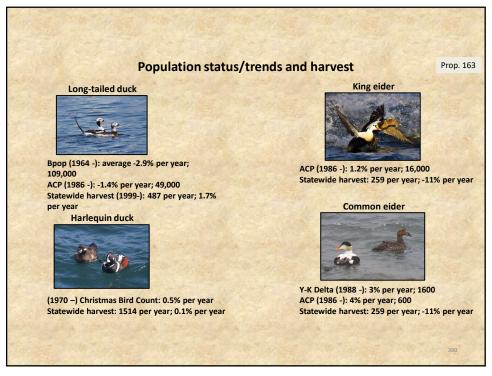


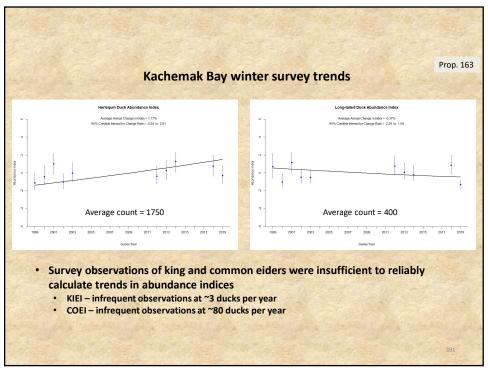


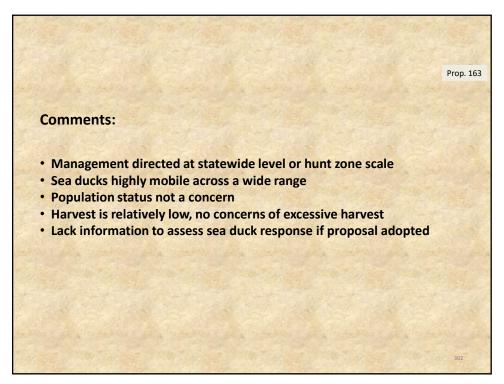


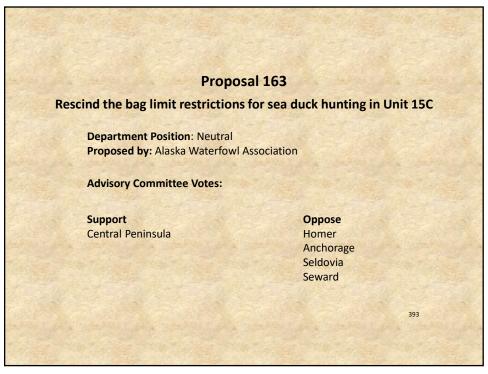




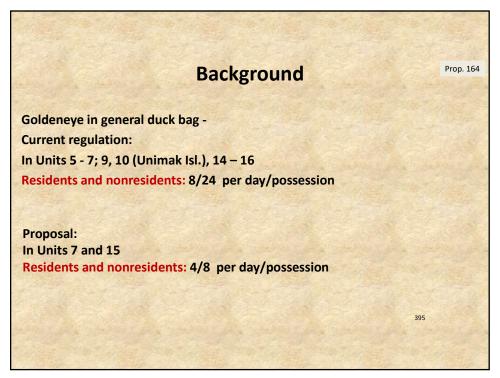


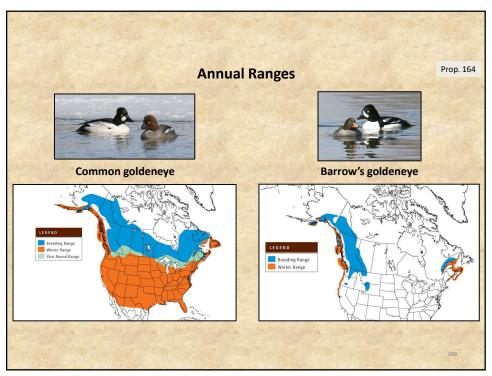


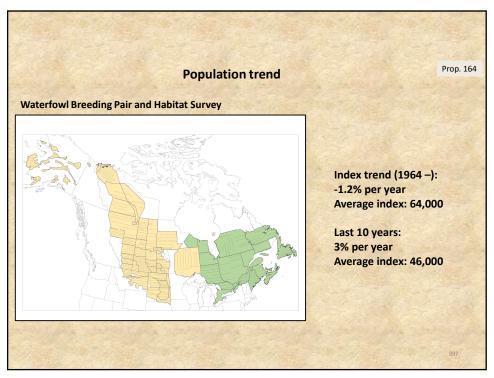


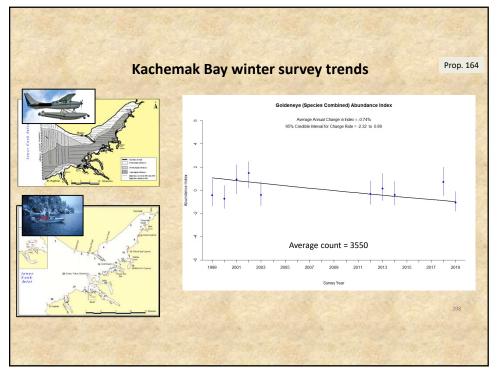


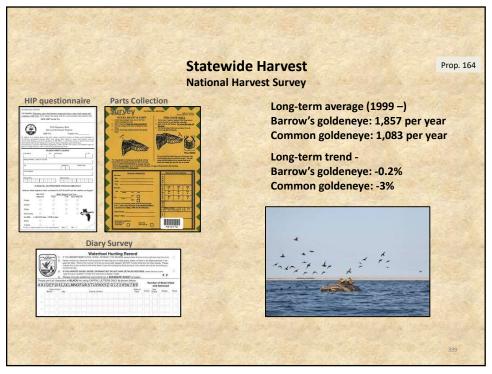
Proposal 164 Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15 to 4 per day, 8 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Seward Anchorage Seldovia Central Peninsula Seldovia



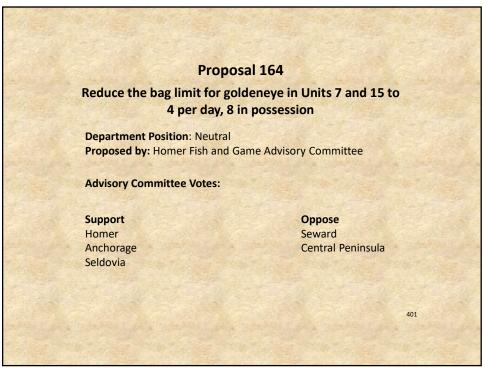




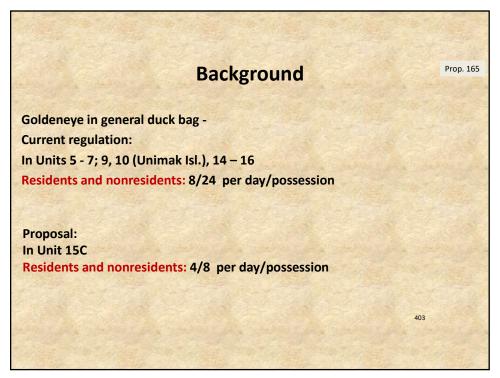


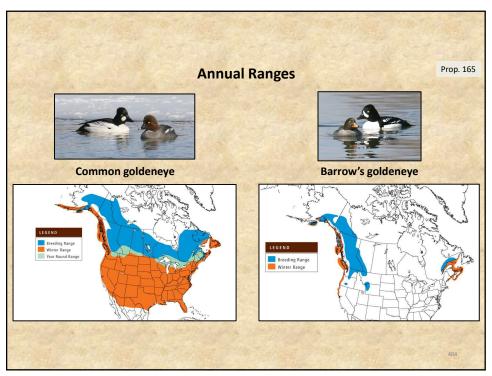


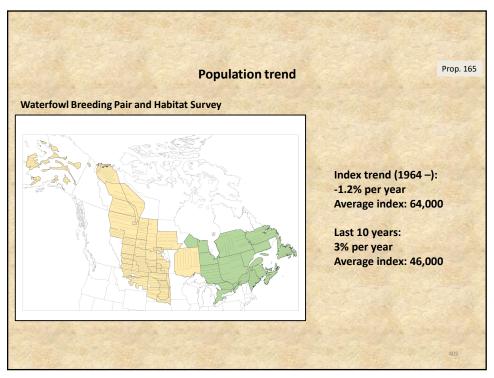
Comments: • Management directed primarily at statewide scale or at hunt zone in agreement with scale of monitoring • No concern for population status and trends • Goldeneyes harvested at low levels in Alaska • Further restrictions in 2 Units are unlikely to provide benefit to the population in Alaska

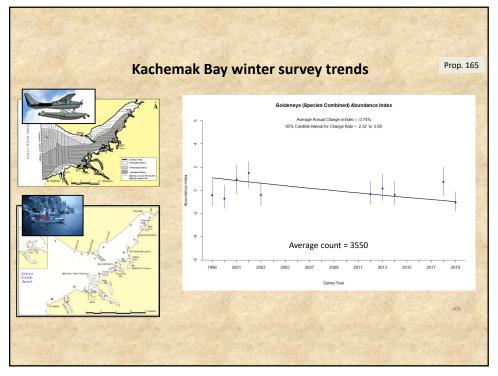


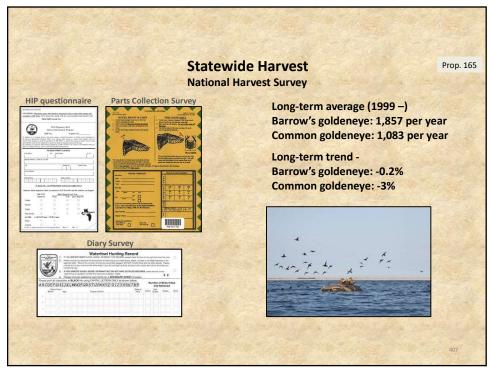
Proposal 165 Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C to 4 per day, 8 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Public Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Seward Anchorage – TNA Support Central Peninsula Support



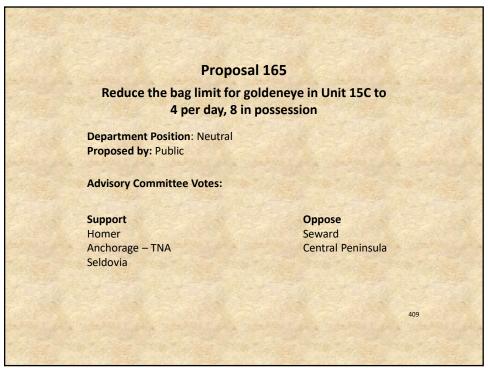




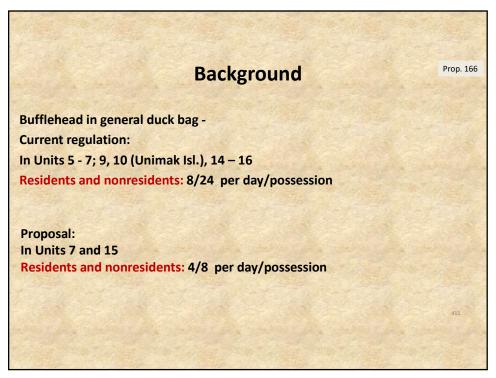


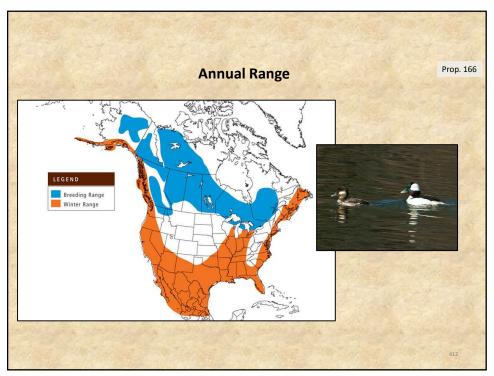


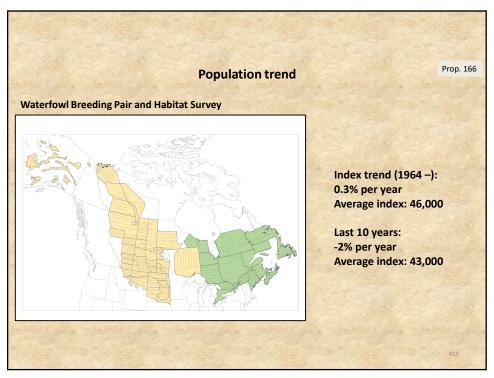
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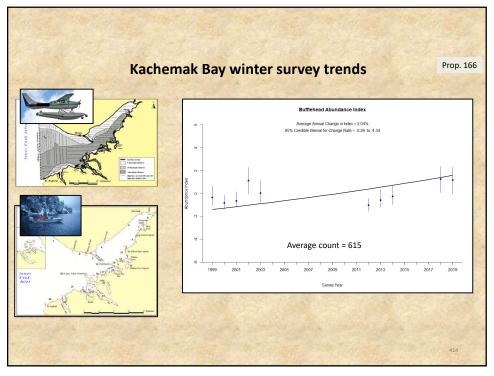


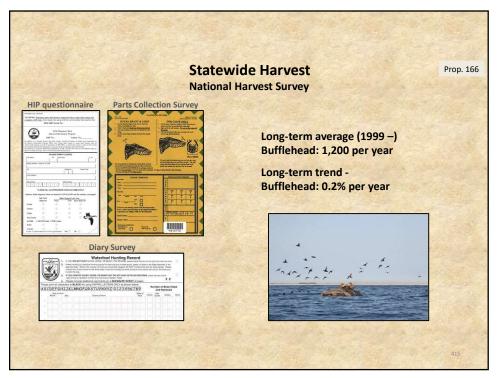
Proposal 166 Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15 to 4 per day, 8 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Homer Seward Anchorage Seward Anchorage Central Peninsula Seldovia











Prop. 166 Comments: Management directed at statewide or hunt zone level No concern for population status and trends Bufflehead harvested at low levels in Alaska, unlikely risk of overharvest Further restrictions in 2 Units are unlikely to provide benefit to regional wintering aggregations or the population in Alaska

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Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15 to
4 per day, 8 in possession

Department Position: Neutral
Proposed by: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee

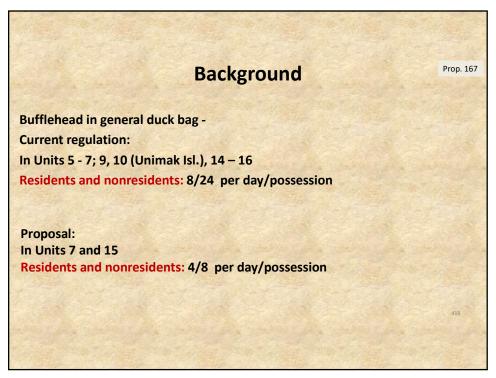
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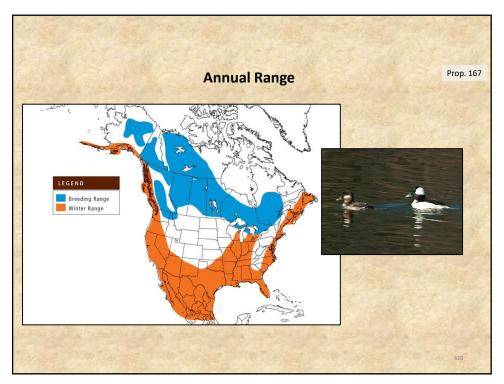
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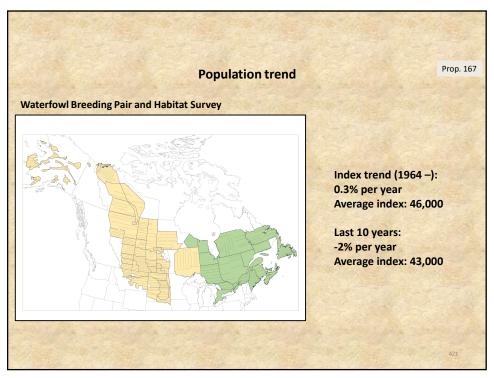
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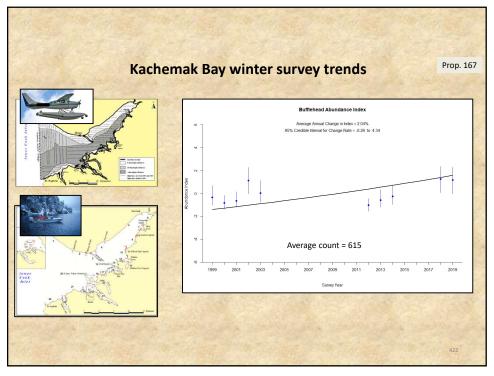
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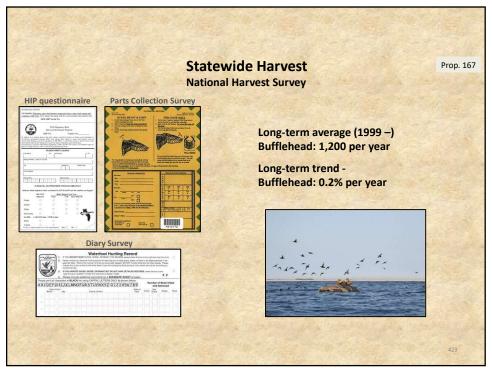
Proposal 167 Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C to 4 per day, 8 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Public Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Seward Anchorage – TNA Seldovia Oppose Seward Central Peninsula Seldovia



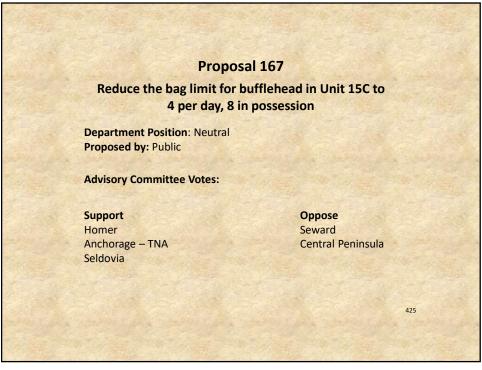




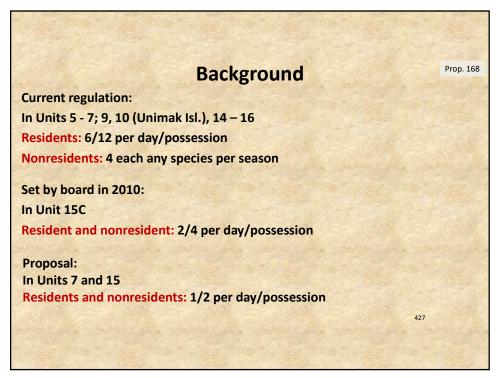


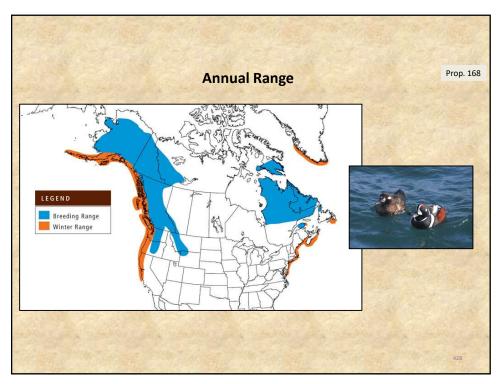


Prop. 167 Comments: Management directed at statewide or hunt zone level No concern for population status and trends Bufflehead harvested at low levels in Alaska, unlikely risk of overharvest Further restrictions in are unlikely to provide benefit to regional wintering aggregations or the population in Alaska

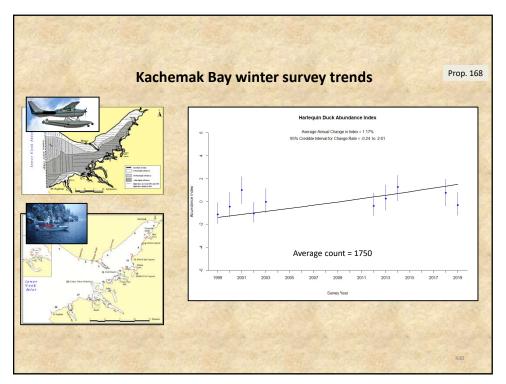


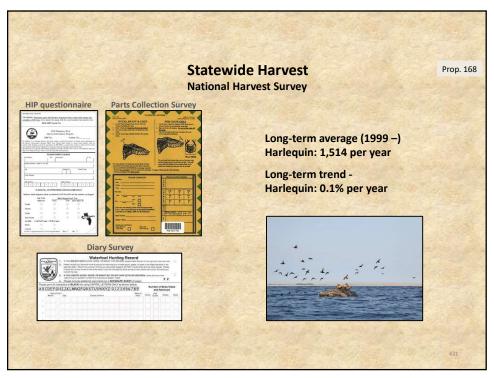
Proposal 168 Reduce the bag limit for harlequin ducks in Units 7 and 15 to 1 per day, 2 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Homer Seward Central Peninsula Seldovia



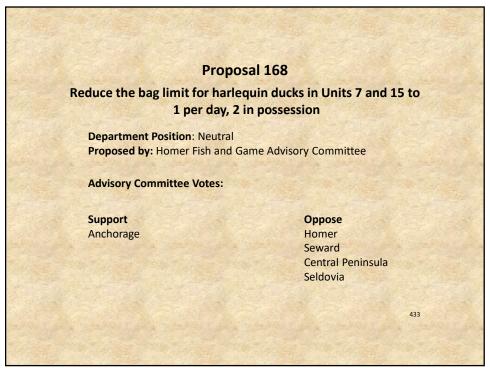




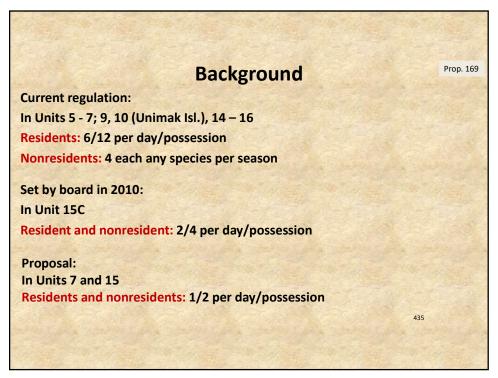


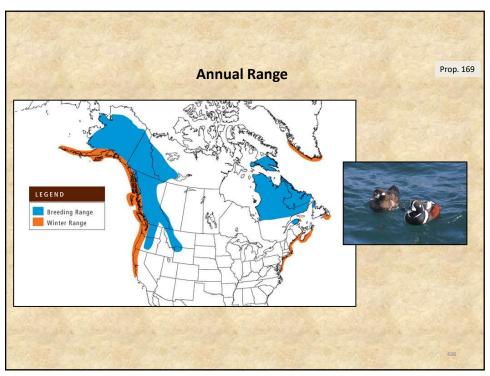


Prop. 168 Comments: Management directed at statewide or hunt zone Trends in CBC and Kachemak Bay appear to be stable Harlequin ducks harvested at low levels in Alaska, unlikely risk of overharvest Further restrictions in 2 Units are unlikely to provide benefit to regional wintering aggregations or the population in Alaska

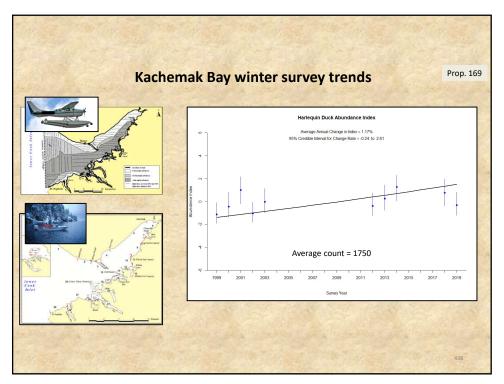


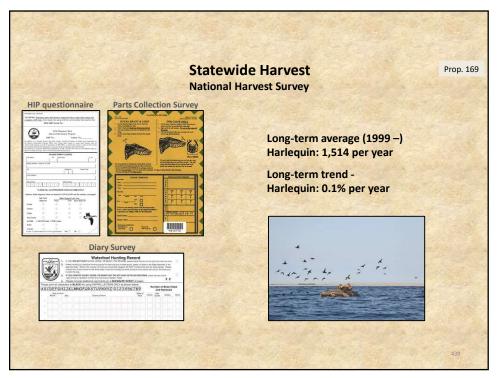
Proposal 169 Reduce the bag limit for harlequin ducks in Unit 15C to 1 per day, 2 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Public Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Anchorage – TNA Homer Seward Central Peninsula Seldovia



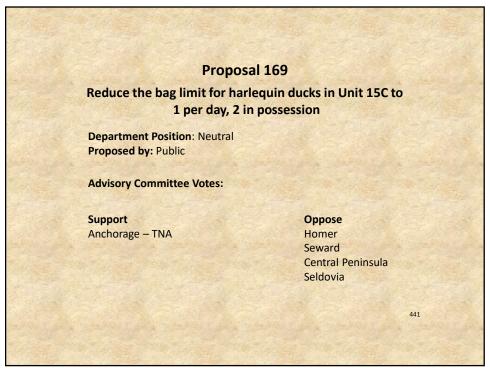




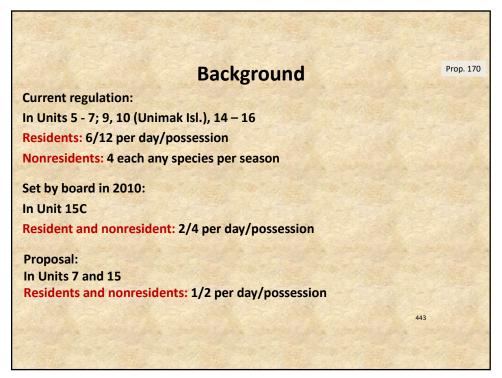


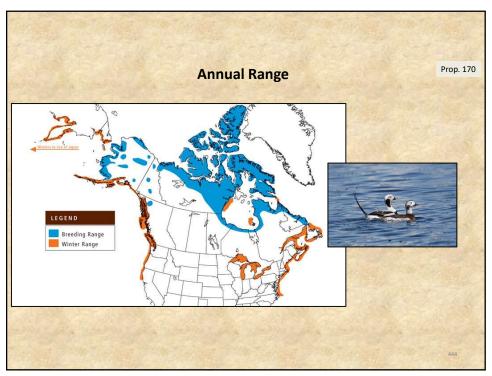


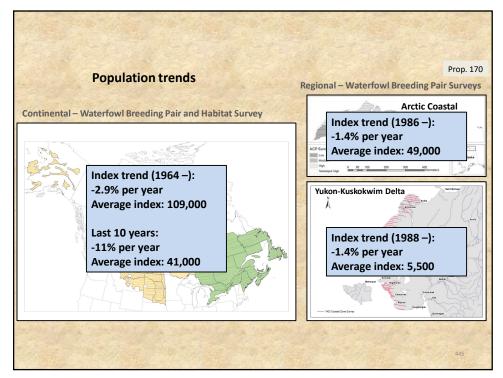
Comments: • Management directed at statewide or hunt zone • Trends in CBC and Kachemak Bay appear to be stable • Harlequin ducks harvested at low levels in Alaska, unlikely risk of overharvest • Further restrictions are unlikely to provide benefit to regional wintering aggregations or the population in Alaska

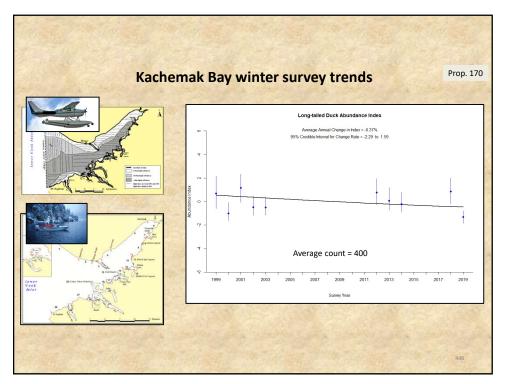


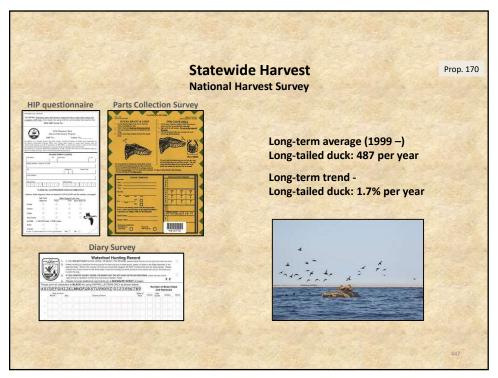
Proposal 170 Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed ducks in Units 7 and 15 to 1 per day, 2 in possession Department Position: Neutral Proposed by: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Homer Seward Central Peninsula Seldovia



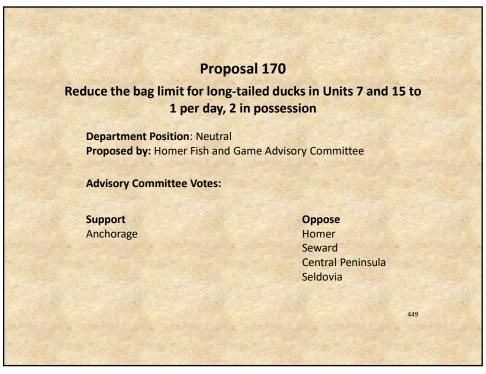




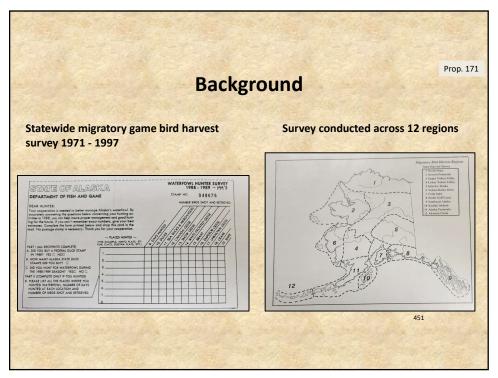


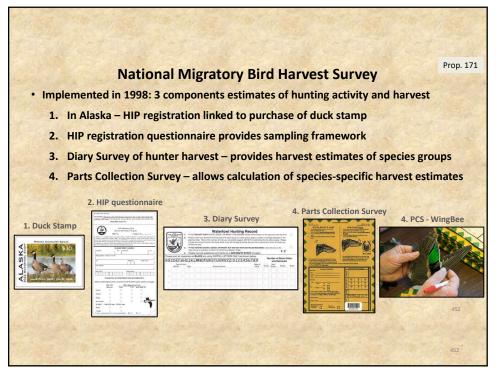


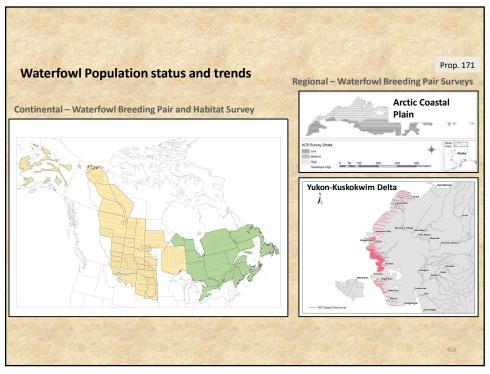
Comments: • Management directed statewide or hunt zone • Declining trends in Alaska but long-tailed ducks are abundant • Long-tailed ducks harvested at low levels in Alaska, unlikely risk of overharvest • Further restrictions in 2 Units are unlikely to provide conservation benefit to the statewide population



Proposal 171 Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7, and 15 Department Position: Oppose Proposed by: Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Seward Anchorage Seldovia Oppose Seward Central Peninsula Seldovia





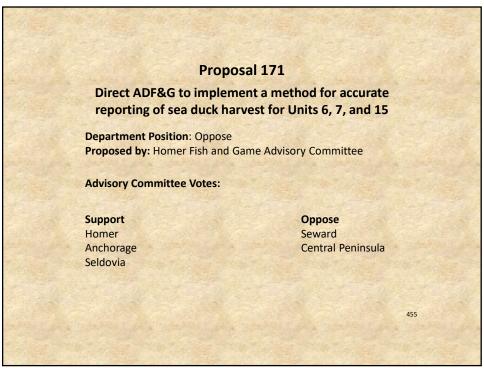


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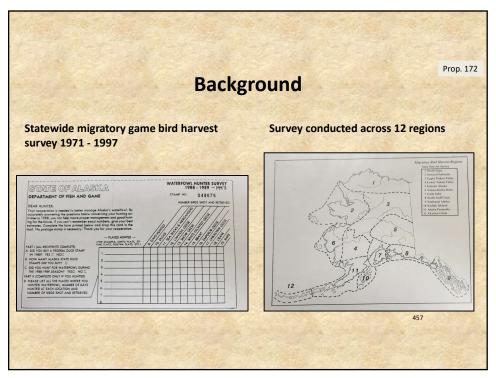
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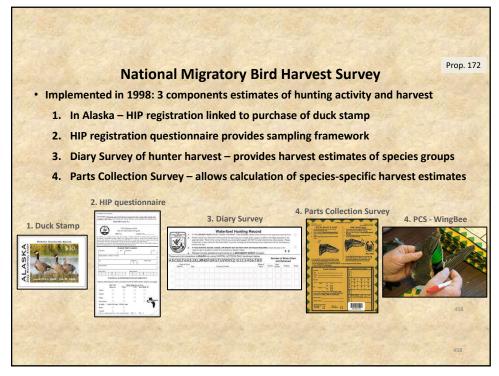
- The National Harvest Survey provides statewide estimates of harvest
- Small scale harvest data lacks context of corresponding scale population status and trends
- Without independent assessment of species composition, susceptible to species identification errors
- Not useful for larger scale management
- Focuses on small component of the statewide harvest of a population

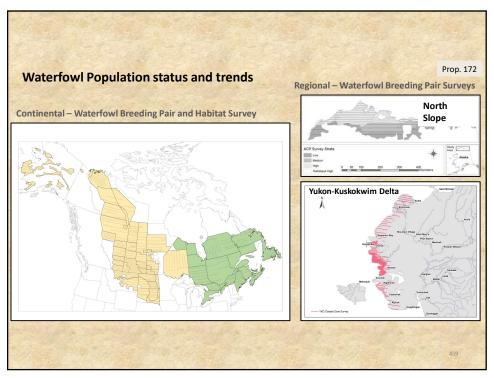
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Proposal 172 Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C Department Position: Oppose Proposed by: Public Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Homer – TNA Seward Anchorage – TNA Central Peninsula Seldovia







Comments:

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Proposal 172 Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C Department Position: Oppose Proposed by: Public Advisory Committee Votes: Support Oppose Homer – TNA Seward Anchorage – TNA Central Peninsula Seldovia