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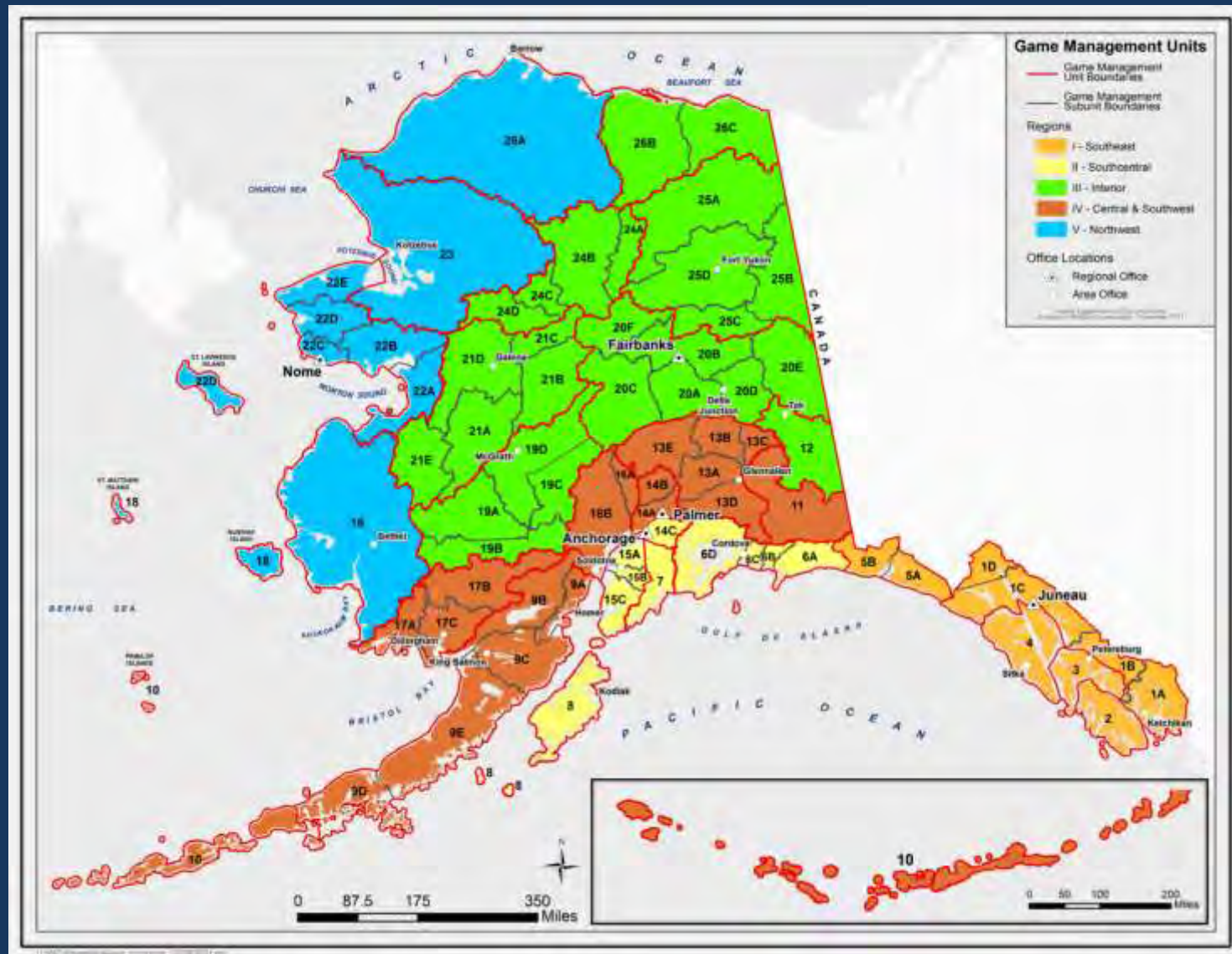
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 Game Management
 Unit and Subunit Boundaries

Region II 2013 Overview

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 Regional Supervisor

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 Management

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 Research



Region II – small size, great responsibility

Region II includes:

- ✦ **~ 3% of the land mass in the state (25,600 mi²)**
- ✦ **52% of the human population (375,505)**
- ✦ **primary air-hub (5.0 million passengers/year)**
- ✦ **2.25 million non-resident visitors annually**
- ✦ **>56% of the drawing hunts;
>48% of the registration hunts (2008-2012)**
- ✦ **our staff respond to up to 1,000 public inquires daily (490 calls, 230 e-mails and 280 walk-in), with the Anchorage wildlife information center alone servicing 50–60,000 people annually**

Region II is coastal and land ownership:

28.0% National Forest

20.0% National Wildlife Refuge

6.7% BLM

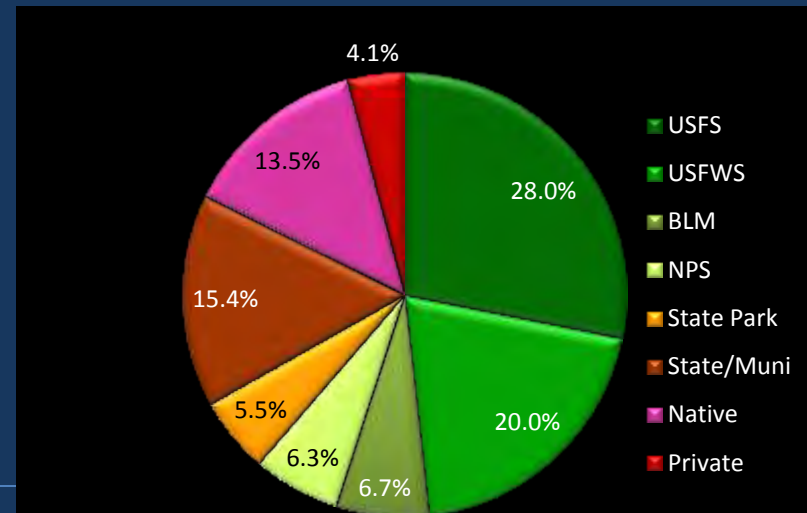
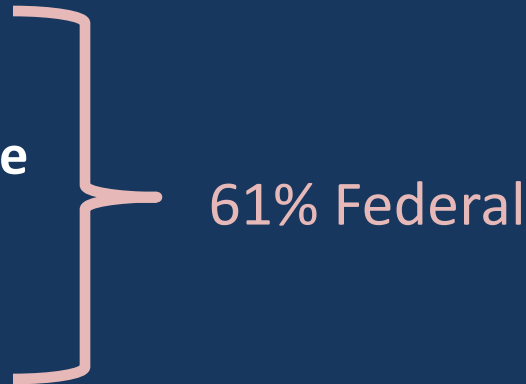
6.3% National Park

5.5% State Park

15.4% Other State/Municipal

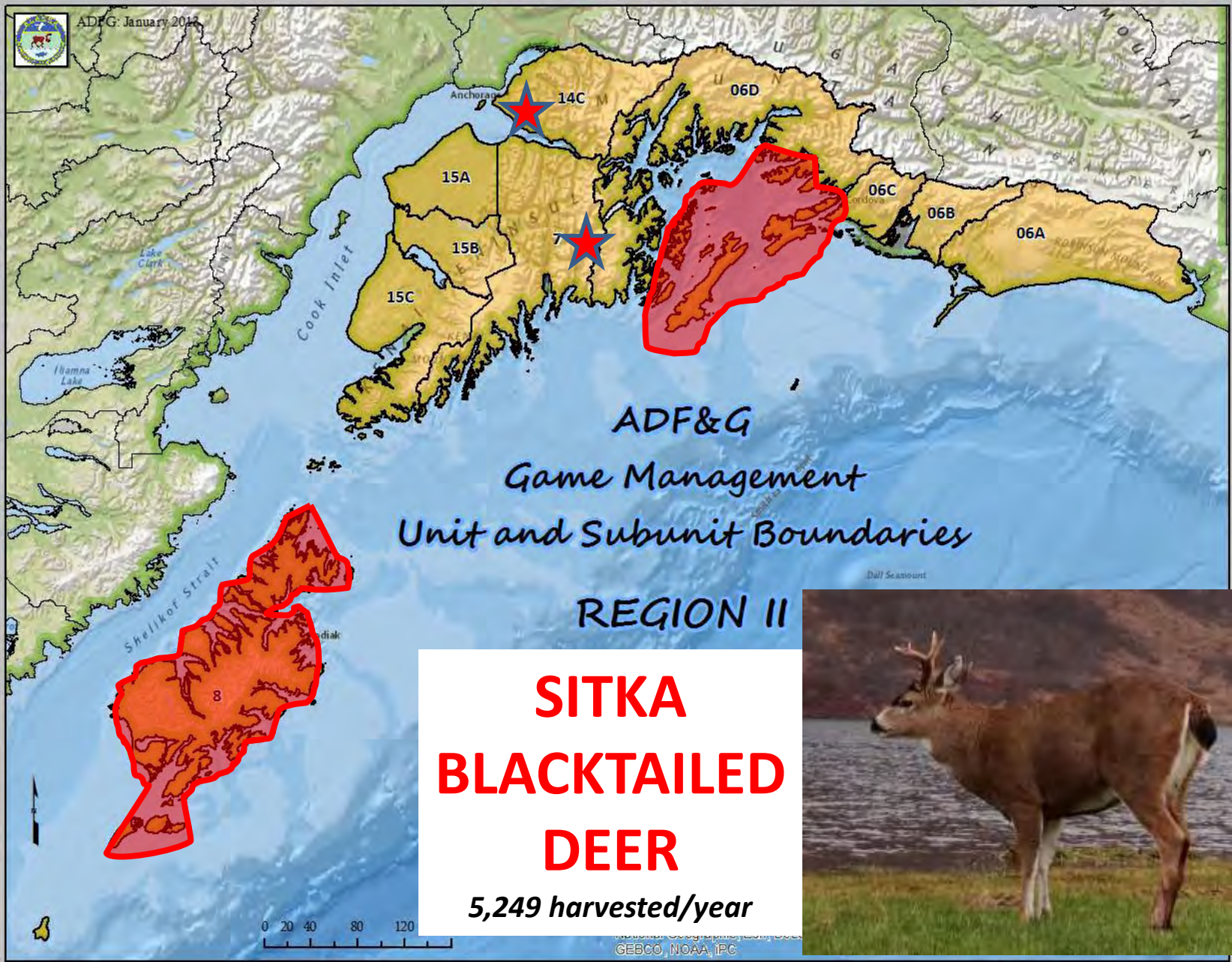
13.5% Native Corporation

4.1% Other Private





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**SITKA
 BLACKTAILED
 DEER**

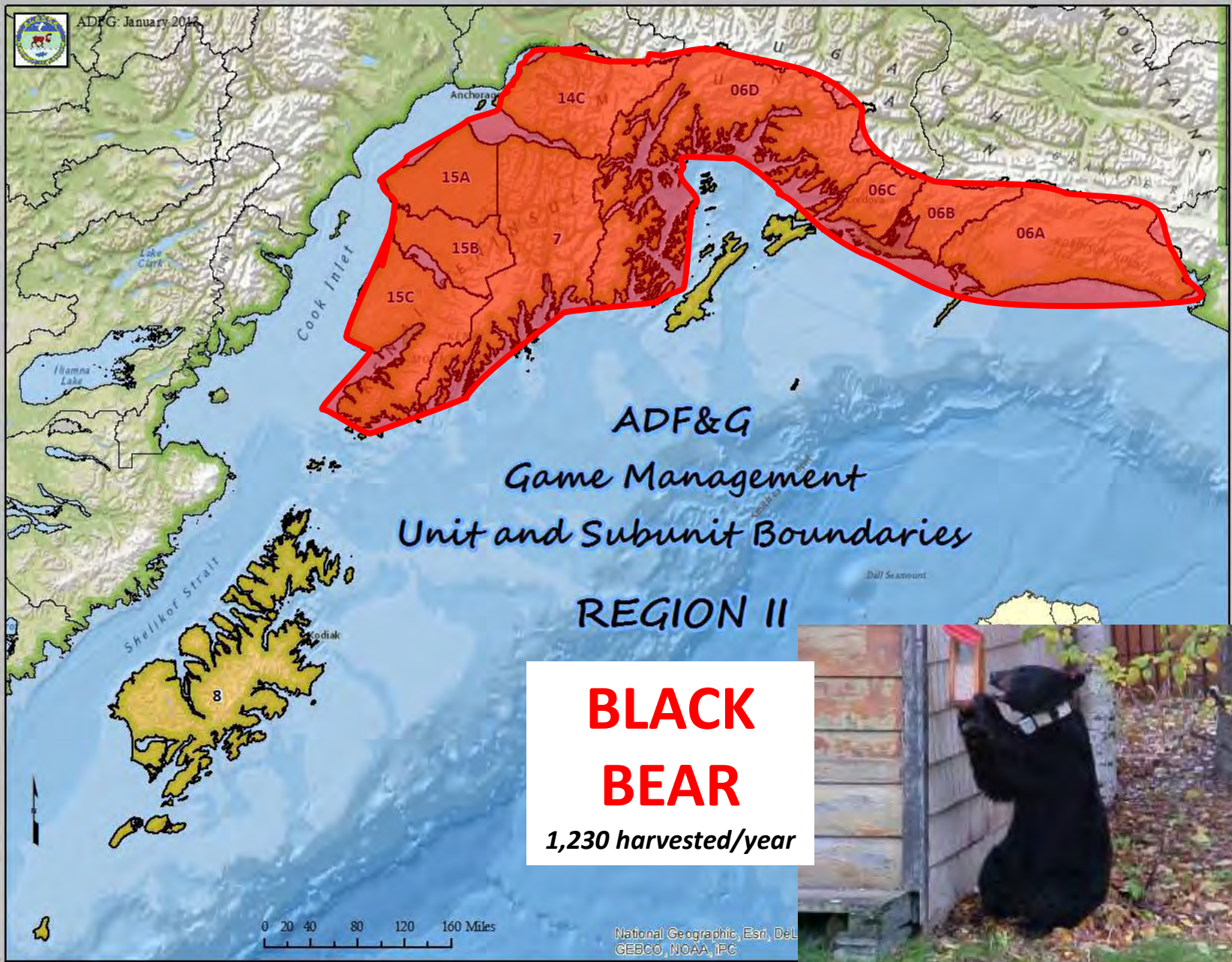
5,249 harvested/year



GEBCO, NOAA, IPC



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**BLACK
 BEAR**
 1,230 harvested/year





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MOOSE
 603 harvested/year





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**BROWN
 BEAR**

286 harvested/year



National Geographic, Esri, DeLorme, GEBCO, NOAA, IPC



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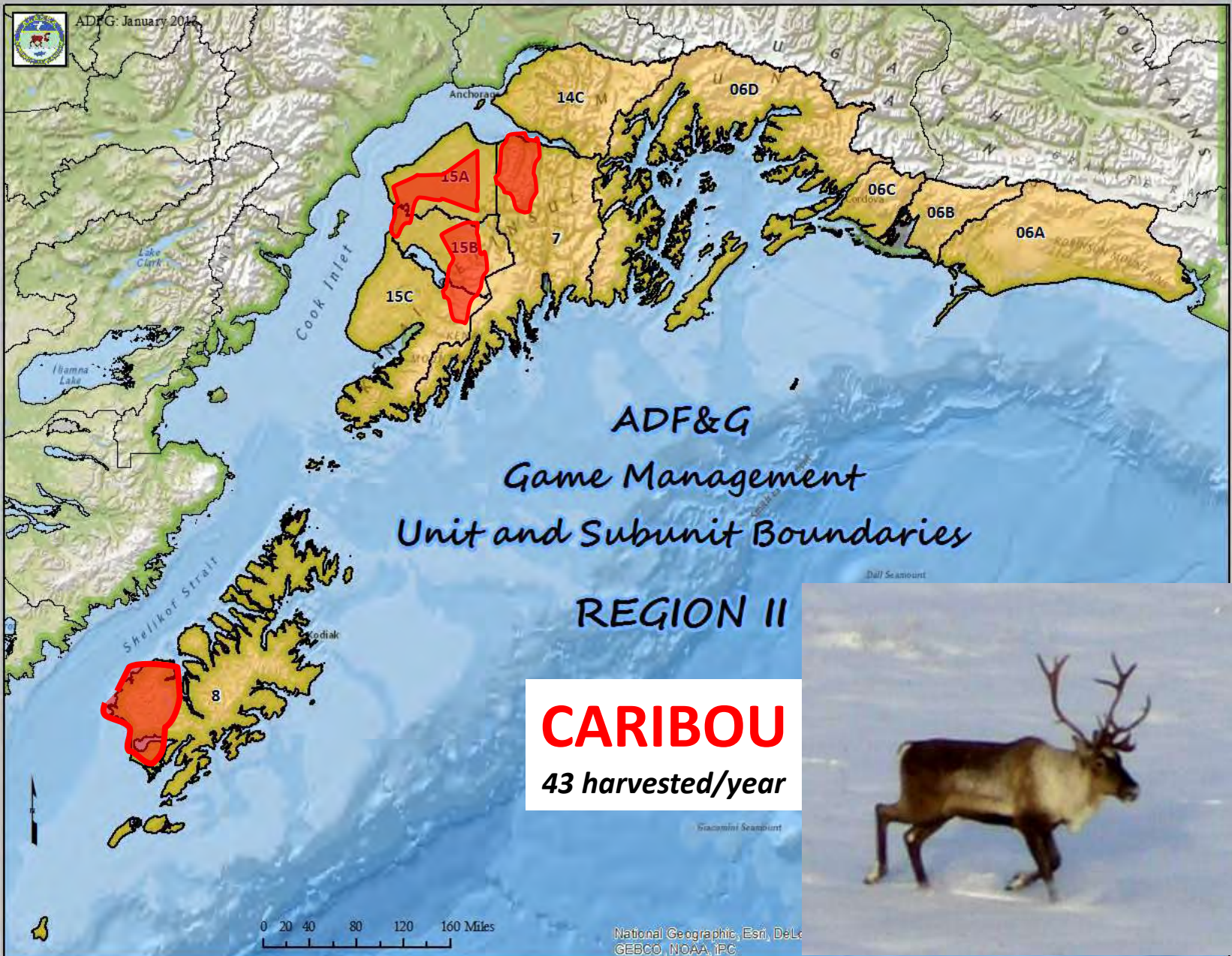
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ELK
 49 harvested/year





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SHEEP
 42 harvested/year



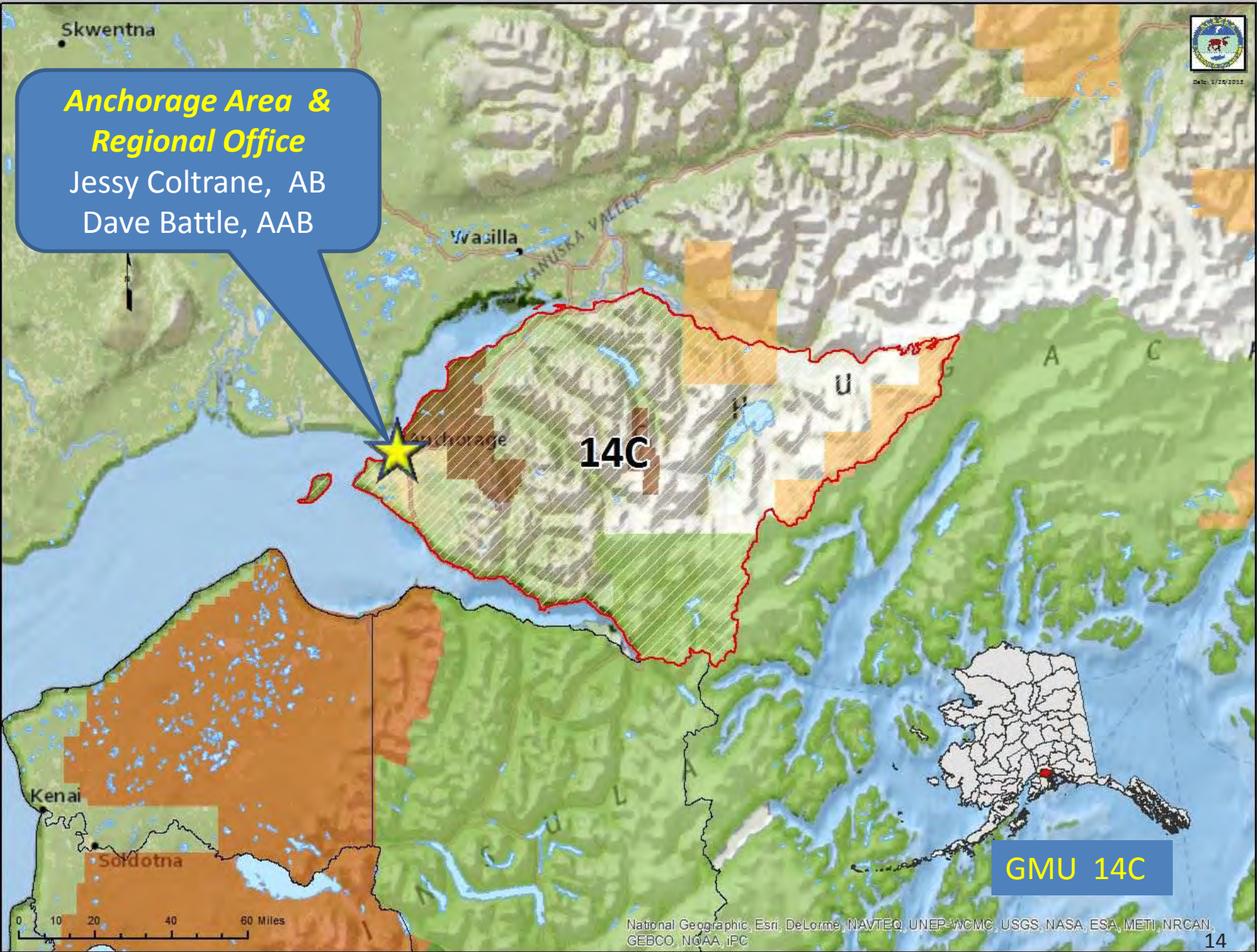
We have 37 permanent staff in 6 offices:

- ★ Anchorage Regional and Area Office**
(3 Administration; 7 Research; 5 Management; and 4 in Information Center)



Date: 3/26/2013

Anchorage Area & Regional Office
Jessy Coltrane, AB
Dave Battle, AAB

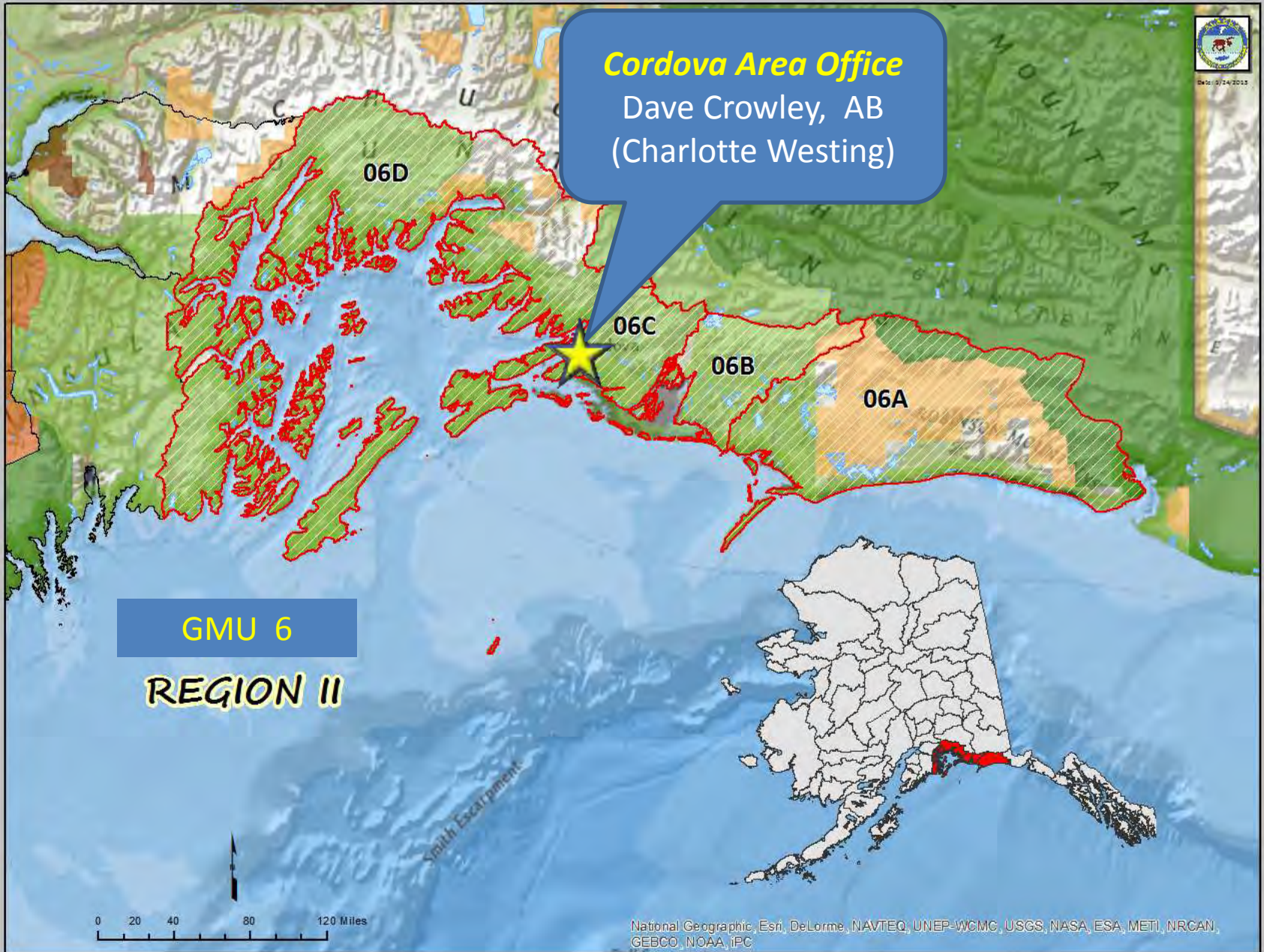


Unit 14C proposals and concerns:

- **antlerless moose reauthorizations** (5 proposals)
- **sheep areas and bag limit restrictions** (4 proposals)
- **applicability of Intensive Management in an urban area**

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Unit 6 proposals and concerns:

- **antlerless moose reauthorizations** (3 proposals)
- **black bear bag limit reduction** (1 proposal)
- **significant deer winter-kill last year**

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- ✦ **Kodiak Area Office**
(1 Admin, 2 Management, 1 Regional Supervisor)



Date: 3/23/2013

Kodiak Area Office
Larry Van Daele, AB
(Somebody)

Portlock Bank

Shelikof Strait

Kodiak

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GMU 8
REGION II



National Geographic, Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, UNEP-WCNC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, NRCAN, GEBCO, NOAA, IFC

Unit 8 proposals and concerns:

- **mountain goat season and bag limit liberalizations**
(2 proposals)
- **reduction of deer season and bag limit** (1 proposal)
- **significant deer winter-kill last year**

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(1 Admin, 2 Management, 1 Regional Supervisor)
- ✦ **Kenai Area Office** *(1 Admin, 1 Research, 3 Management)*
- ✦ **Homer Area Office** *(1 Admin, 1 Research, 1 Management)*
- ✦ **Moose Research Center** *(3 Research)*



Soldotna Area Office

Jeff Selinger, AB

**Moose
Research
Center**

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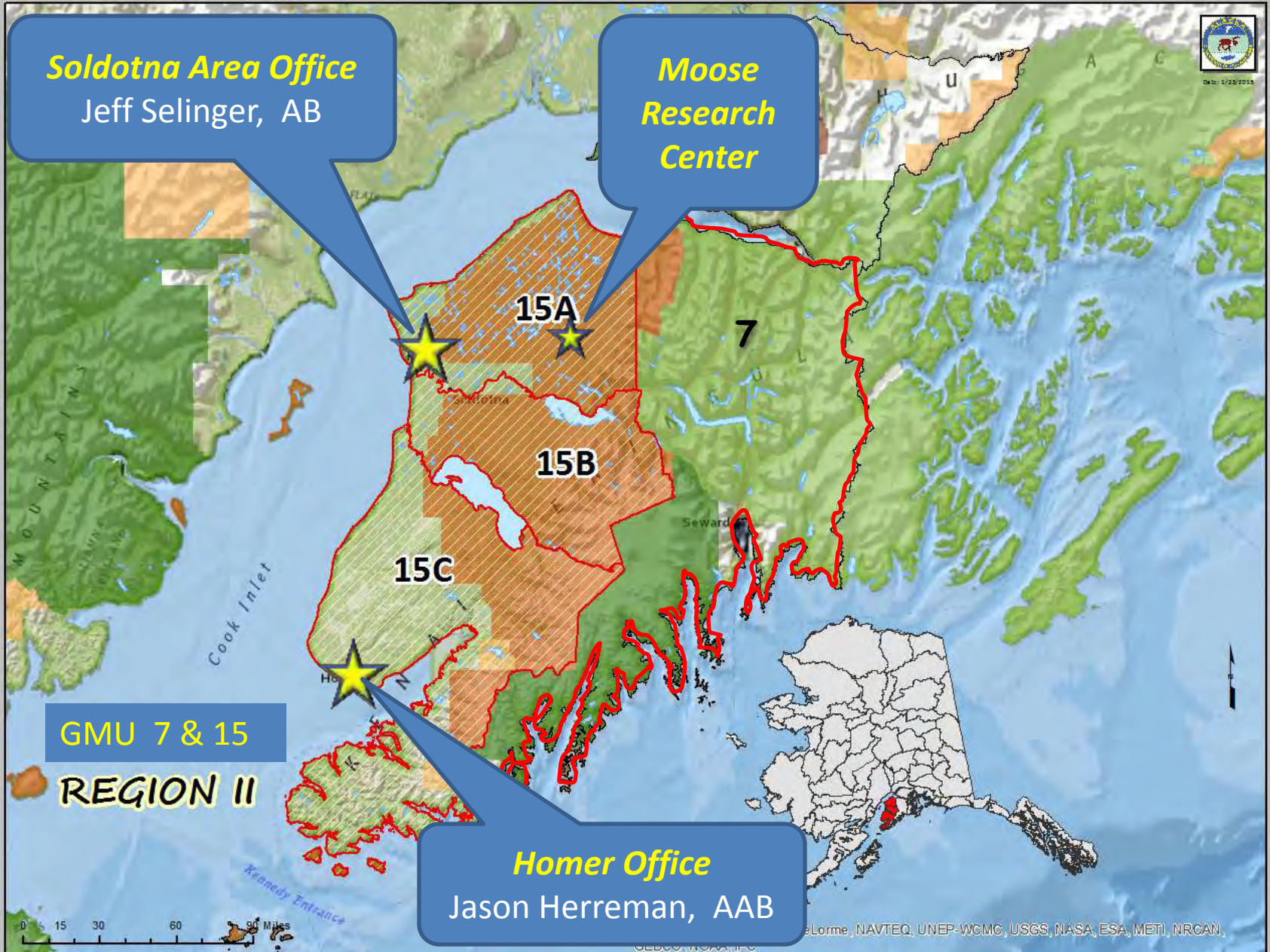
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GMU 7 & 15

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Homer Office

Jason Herreman, AAB



Units 7 & 15 proposals and concerns:

- moose season and bag limit (9 proposals)
- brown bear season and bag limit (5 proposals)
- black bear baiting and salvage (2 proposals)
- wolf seasons and bag limits (2 proposals)
- ptarmigan seasons and bag limits (1 proposal)
- effects of heli-skiing on mountain goats
- new federal brown bear population estimate
- moose habitat enhancement and road-kill reduction
- intensive management application

Our FY13 budget is \$5.0 million:

- ★ **64% is for personnel**
17% for facilities/administrative costs
19% for research, management and education
- ★ **\$3.7 million (74%) from Federal Aid**
- ★ **\$0.9 million (18%) from General Fund**
- ★ **\$0.2 million (4%) from Special Appropriations**
- ★ **\$0.2 million (4%) from other grants or sources**
- ★ **Anticipate comparable budget for FY14**

Active Region II research projects:

- ✦ **Chugach sheep (*Lohuis*)**
- ✦ **Otter & wolverine population assessment (*Golden*)**
- ✦ **Kenai Peninsula brown bear (*Farley*)**
- ✦ **Brown bear survey techniques (*Becker*)**
- ✦ **Moose browse analysis (*Crouse*)**
- ✦ **Kenai moose survival and productivity (*McDonough*)**
- ✦ **Anchorage bear-cam study (*Farley, Coltrane, Manning*)**

Wildlife Education

Timely, Applicable and Available

- Complements ADF&G management and research
- School-based
- General outreach and information
- Professional development and support for teachers
- Outdoor skills
- Wildlife Safety



Outdoor Skills

Connecting Children and Families With Nature



ADF&G is working with partnering agencies and organizations across the state to generate and strengthen people's connection with the natural environment.

www.getoutdoorsalaska.org

General Publications

Understanding Intensive Management and Predator Control in Alaska

From the Division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Alaska's Wild Wonders

Alaska's Amazing Antlered Ungulates!

What is Wild Wonders? A magazine for kids about natural history and science in Alaska. In this issue, we introduce you to some of Alaska's amazing ungulates. Ungulates are mammals with hooves, or hooves counting over the lower part of their feet and legs. Ungulates are divided into two groups - those with hooves from soft tissue, in this case, we focus on ungulates with antlers.

What is the difference between antlers and horns? Antlers grow every year and they being shed or dropped while horns remain in place and continue to grow year to year. Antlers differ in that with most antlered ungulates - except for reindeer - only the males grow antlers. Most horned ungulates, both males and females have horns.

Chances are if you live in Alaska, you've seen a reindeer. Alaska's most common, it has antlers and horns to watch, support large ungulates, as well as make variety of species. Common prey species, which means that another network. About top predators, including wolves, are dependent on them outside for food.

What do you already know? Can Alaska's ungulates? What does it mean that of horns. How are they used and which ungulates live in Alaska.

Slow Down: Give Moose a Brake!

This brochure brought to you by the Mat-Su Moose Collision Mitigation Committee.

Bear Aware Checklist

Because Anchorage is bear country, we all need to be aware of these bear risks. It is especially important when bears are active. However, 50 keep garbage and other bear attractants out of reach. Directions: Identify items around your home that might attract bears. If you answer "yes" to any questions, you have items to go! Refer to the solution sheet on the back to figure out how you can make your home and neighborhood safer.

Checklist:

- Do I have any trash outside my house, garage or shed that is not covered in a bear resistant container? YES NO
- Do I have any food outside my house, garage or shed that is not covered in a bear resistant container? YES NO
- Do I have any pet food outside my house, garage or shed that is not covered in a bear resistant container? YES NO
- Do I have any pet food outside my house, garage or shed that is not covered in a bear resistant container? YES NO

Getting the biggest bang for your buck

Or...how your hunting license helps wildlife

Have you ever wondered what happens to the money you spend on your hunting license? Where it goes? What it's used for? And do you know how the money you pay benefits you and the wildlife you want to hunt?

The resident hunting opportunity within Anchorage's city limits, for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) population and the resident tax payers and your hunting license and tag fees help pay for it.

Your hunting license helps pay for:

- Population estimates of some species:** ADF&G biologists do the work to estimate the population of some species. This information is used to help manage the population of those species. It also helps to determine if a species is overpopulated and needs to be managed.
- Monitoring of wildlife habitat:** ADF&G biologists do the work to monitor the habitat of some species. This information is used to help manage the habitat of those species. It also helps to determine if a species' habitat is overpopulated and needs to be managed.

The Alaska Owimank

A guide to the Beringian, Holarctic, and Palearctic of the most striking Beringian Avifauna.

Public Information



Information Officer Ken Marsh

- Coordinates public affairs for the Regions II & IV
- Serves as a primary spokesman for division issues
- Reports Board of Game meeting results to public & staff
- Seeks proactive opportunities for communication & outreach

Special Areas

- **Potter Marsh / Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge**
 - About 130,000 visits annually
 - Used by school groups, summer camps, other educational groups
- **Tugidak Island Critical Habitat Area**
 - Marine mammal surveys and marine debris clean-up
- **Homer Airport Critical Habitat Area**
 - Wildlife viewing deck, trail and platform construction and improvement
- **Copper River Delta Critical Habitat Area**
 - Airport interpretive display with US Forest Service
- **Anchor River Fritz Creek Critical Habitat Area**
- **Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area**
- **Fox River Flats Critical Habitat Area**
- **Clam Gulch Critical Habitat Area**



Hunter Information & Training Program

Region II

2012 HIT Classes



Discipline	Classes	Enrollment
Bowhunter	42	641
Hunter Ed	79	1,306
Muzzleloader	14	122
Totals	135	2,069



Volunteer Hours

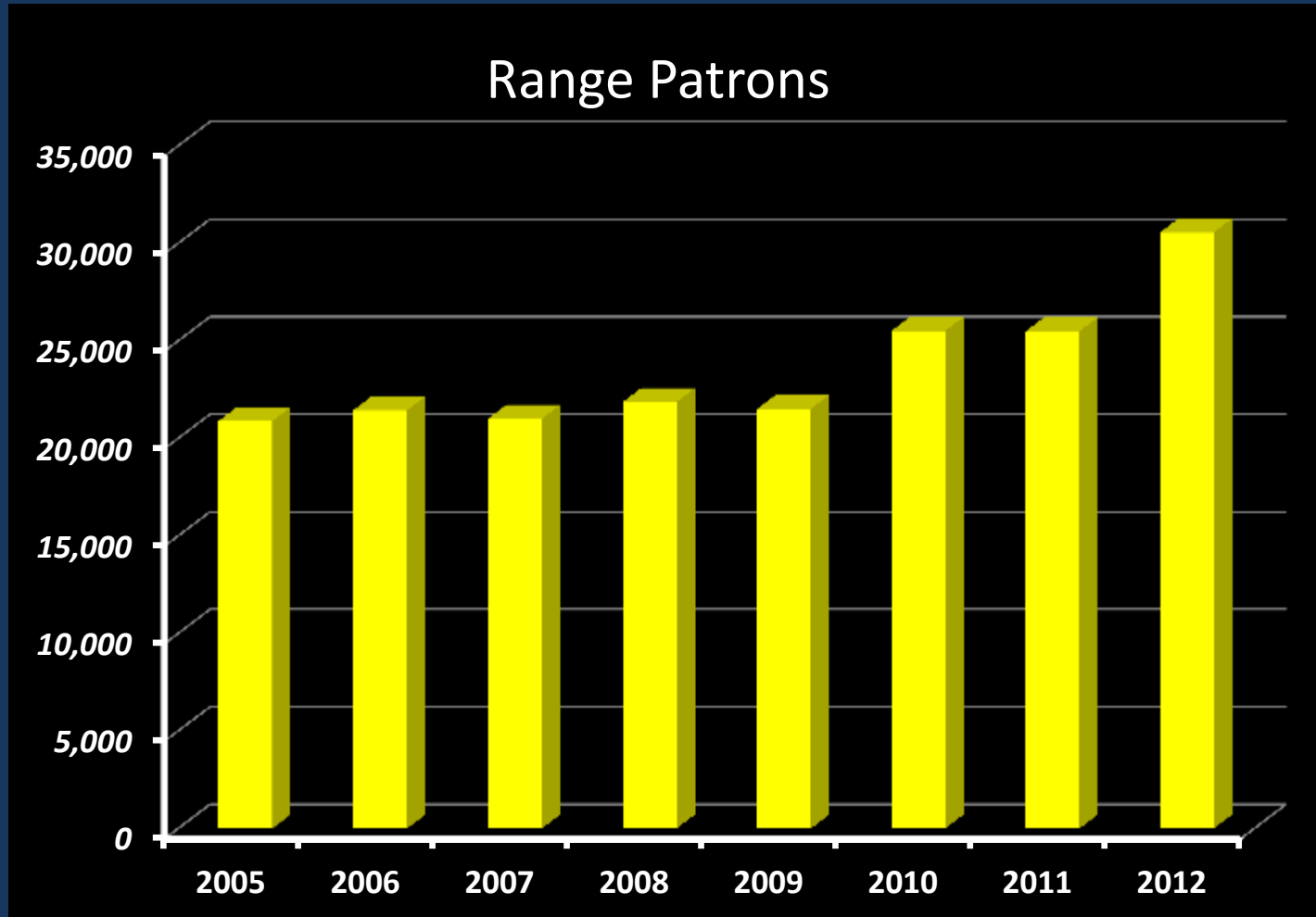
Discipline	Prep	Classroom	Field Course	Live Fire	Total Hours
Bowhunter	148	287	56	181	671
Hunter Ed	625	735	324	385	2,069
Muzzleloader	46	107	8	98	259
Totals	819	1,128	388	664	2,999

Rabbit Creek Shooting Park

Opportunities at Rabbit Creek Shooting Park

- Archery (Static and 3-D walkthrough)
- Handgun Range
- Center-fire Range (100 yards)
- .22 Rim-fire Range
- 2 Instructional Ranges
- 2 Five Stand, Sporting Clays Fields
- Hunter Ed Field & Bowhunter Testing Courses

Rabbit Creek Shooting Park



Becoming an Outdoors Woman

48 Workshops

- 135 Participants
- 58 Volunteer Instructors



Beyond BOW

20 Workshops

- 246 Participants
- 72 Volunteer Instructors
- Events held in Anchorage, Homer, the Kenai Peninsula, & Kodiak



Becoming an Outdoors Family

3 NEW Workshops

- Ice Fishing, Clam Digging & Hunter Education
- 63 Participants; 10 Volunteer Instructors



Youth Opportunities

Region II



- Outdoor Youth Days
- Birchwood Youth Days
- Potter Marsh Discovery Days
- ADF&G Kids Days
- National Archery in the Schools
- “Bear Aware” and moose safety
- Youth-only hunts on Kodiak (deer) and on the Kenai (small game)

Our Goal

We are committed to assisting the Board of Game and other decision-making bodies by providing the most comprehensive, objective, and accurate information possible.

We will also strive to serve as catalysts for finding common ground amongst the diverse opinions and ideals of the people of Alaska and those that use our wildlife resources.

