Kenai Peninsula Proposals
Proposal 143

**Effect**: Modifies the bag limit for moose in Units 7&15 to allow harvest of bull moose with antlers \( \geq 50" \) or 3 brow tines on one side

**Concern**: Current restrictive antler size requirements are causing a reduction in harvest opportunity for moose.

**Department position**: Amend and Adopt
Amendments

1) Season dates change from August 20-September 20 to September 1-20. (Antler Development)

2) Archery-only season (15A and 15B) dates change from August 10-17 to August 22-29.

3) Include bulls that have a spike antler on at least one side as a legal bull for harvest.

4) Retain the sealing requirement for bull moose harvested in GMU’s 7 and 15.
Proportion of Moose Harvest by Unit 2006-2010

- 15A: 55%
- 15B: 26%
- 15C: 10%
- 7: 9%
GMU 7

• Maintain a healthy population of moose with a minimum bull-to-cow ratio of 15:100

• Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety
Unit 7 Composition and Harvest Data

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General Season Moose Harvest and # Hunters in GMU 7 (1987 - 2012/13)

- **Harvest**
- **# Hunters**

S/F-50

50/4
**GMU 15B**

### 15B-West:
Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 15:100
Allow for maximum opportunity to participate in hunting

- Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety

### 15B-East:
Maintain a bull-to-cow ratio of 40:100
Provide opportunities to harvest large-antlered bulls under aesthetically pleasing conditions
## 15B East Composition and Harvest Data

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### General Season Moose Harvest and Hunter Numbers in GMU 15B (1987/88 - 2012/13)

- **Moose Harvest**
- **# Hunters**

- **S/F-50**
- **50"/4**

![Graph showing general season moose harvest and hunter numbers in GMU 15B from 1987/88 to 2012/13.](graph_image)
GMU 15A

- Maintain a healthy population of moose with a post hunting bull-to-cow ratio of at least 15:100 outside of SKLWMA

- Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety

**Intensive Management**

Pop. Objective: 3,000-3,500 moose

Harvest Objective: 180-350
Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area

Approximately 69 mi²
within SKLWMA:

• Provide opportunities to view moose in a natural setting throughout the year including their behavior and habitat

• Provide opportunities to harvest moose when a reduction in numbers is desirable to achieve other objectives

• Achieve and maintain the resident population at 130 animals or a density of 1.8 to 2.0 moose/mi$^2$

• Resident moose in excess of 130 will be available for harvest

• Increase the bull-to-cow ratio to at least 40 bulls:100 cows
Unit 15A Moose Population Size Estimates

IM Objective
3,000-3,500

'69 burn
Unit 15A Count Areas
Moose Numbers in Count Areas 2,5,8,9,10,13 Unit 15A

- 2010/11
- 2011/12
- 2012/13

- Animals: 100 Cows
- Moose
- Calves
- Bulls
- Cows
- Bulls:Cows
- Calves:Cows
General Season Moose Harvest and # Hunters in GMU 15A
1987/88 - 2012/13

S/F-50
IM Harvest Objective

Harvest
# Hunters
GMU 15C

• Maintain a healthy and productive population with a minimum sex ratio of 15–20 bulls:100 cows

• Maintain the moose population at a level to promote public safety

Intensive Management

• Pop. Objective: 2,500-3,500 (2.3-2.7 moose/mi²)

• Harvest Objective: 200-350
Unit 15C Moose Population Size Estimates

IM Objective 2,500-3,500
Unit 15C Count Areas
Moose Numbers in CA 20, 21, 24
Unit 15C

Calves: 100 Cows
Bulls: 100 Cows
Cows: 100 Cows

Year | Calves | Bulls | Cows |Total
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
2010/11 | 0 | 0 | 700 | 700
2011/12 | 0 | 0 | 700 | 700
2012/13 | 0 | 0 | 800 | 800
Moose Harvest in GMU 15C 1987/88 - 2012/13

IM Harvest objective 200-350
Total Reported Moose Mortality in GMUs 7 & 15 (1976/77 - 2012/13)
GMU 15C Actual vs. predicted
bull:cow ratio

- **Actual**
- **Predicted**
GMU 15C Harvest Strategies and predicted bull:cow ratios
Average Annual Bull Moose Harvest by Antler Category GMU 7&15 1998-2010

Total Bull Harvest

- 50"/4
- 50"/3
- Spike
- Fork
- 50"/4, Spike
- 50"/3, Spike
- 50"/4, Spike/Fork
Average Annual Bull Moose Harvest by Antler Category GMU 7&15 1998-2010
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 143

Homer     Passed as amended
           Amend to add spike, season date Sept.1-20

Cooper Landing     Passed proposal

Kenai/Soldotna     No Action (see 144)

Central Peninsula  Failed (see 144)

Seward     Failed (see 144)

Seldovia     No Action (see 146)
Summary of Amendments

1) General season Sept. 1-20 (Antler Development)

2) Archery only season (15A and 15B West) from Aug. 22-29

3) Allow harvest of bulls with a 50 inch antler spread, or at least 3 brow tines, or a spike on at least one side during both seasons.

4) Retain the requirement to seal antlers from bull moose harvested in GMU’s 7 and 15.
Proposal 144

Effect: Maintains current antler restrictions in Units 7 and 15 through the 2014 season.

Department position: Take No Action
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Effect:

• Modifies the bag limit for moose to allow for harvest of bulls with 50” or 4 brow tines on at least one side and spikes if the bull:cow ratio has increased, and asks for the closure to nonresident moose hunting.

• Asks for moose habitat enhancement through prescribed fire, crushing, or vegetation pruning.

• Asks for the establishment of a brown bear registration hunt Sept. 1-30.

• Increase predator control on wolves to reach proper management levels.

Department position: Take No Action
Issue Actions

• Moose recommendations were presented in proposal 143
• Currently initiating habitat enhancement in Unit 15A
• We will address brown bears in proposal 153
• The Board passed an intensive management plan that allows aerial shooting of wolves in Units 15A and 15C, but the Department has not issued permits to date
## Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 145

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Proposal 146

Effect:
Considers modifications to current season dates and bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15

- More liberal general season
- Limited draw hunt for bulls
- Reinstate spike-fork 50” or 3 brow tines but eliminate spike-fork portion if bull:cow ratio falls below objectives for 2 consecutive years
- Change season dates
- Allow harvest of spike bulls
- Initiate draw hunt for cows in appropriate areas

Department position: Take No Action
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 146

Homer     No Action
Cooper Landing    No Action
Kenai/Soldotna    No Action
Central Peninsula   No Action
Seward      No Action
Seldovia     Pass amended remove early bow season
              Spike 50” 3 BT,  Sept 1-20
Proposal 147

**Effect**: Suspends aerial wolf control in Unit 15A and modifies the intensive management objectives

**Concern**: Current IM objectives are outside of biologically sustainable levels

**Department position**: No Recommendation
Effects of Proposal 147

1. Decrease IM population objective from 3,000-3,500 (2.3-2.7 moose/mi²) to 2,000-2,900 for moose in Unit 15A
2. Adjust IM harvest objective from 180-350 to 120-290 moose for Unit 15A
3. suspension of aerial wolf control in Unit 15A

No Recommendation
Fires from 1971-2010
Fig. 2. Relationship between moose density (moose/km²) during winter and forest age in the 1947 burn, 1964-1990.
Unit 15A Moose Population Size Estimates

IM Objective
3,000-3,500

'69 burn
IM objectives across southcentral AK
Total Reported Moose Mortality in GMU 15A (1987/88 - 2012/13)
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Proposal 148

**Effect**: Reauthorizes the antlerless moose hunt for the Homer bench area of Unit 15C

**Concern**: The antlerless moose season requires annual reauthorization.

**Department position**: Adopt
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Proposal 149

**Effect**: allows for additional antlerless moose harvest in Unit 15C

**Department position**: Take No Action
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Proposal 150

**Effect**: Allow the use of motorized vehicles to retrieve meat in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C between 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. or during the dark of night

**Concern**: Age discrimination and meat spoilage

**Department position**: No Recommendation
Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area

- Established: 1985
- Purpose: increase bull:cow ratio
- Various amendments

Area closed to motorized vehicles use for moose hunting (except aircraft/boat) Sept. 11-14 and Sept. 17-20
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 150

Homer  Fail
Central Peninsula  Fail
Kenai/Soldotna  Fail
Seldovia  No Action
Cooper Landing  No Action
Seward  No Action
Proposal 151

**Effect**: Reinstates the Resurrection Creek Closed Area (RCCA)

**Concern**: User group conflicts

**Department position**: No Recommendation
Resurrection Creek Closed Area

Approximately 48 mi$^2$
Resurrection Creek Closed Area (RCCA)

• Established in 1980 due to local concerns about the “combined effects of wolf predation and hunting on moose”

• There have been many proposals to eliminate the RCCA

• RCCA was eliminated by the Board in 2011

• No biological justifications exist for the closed area, this is an allocative issue
### Moose Hunting In Proposed Closed Area

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# Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 151

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Proposal 152

Effect: Eliminates the regulation reference to drawing hunts for brown bears in Units 7 and 15, housekeeping proposal to address previous changes by board

Department position: Adopt
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 152

Central Peninsula: Pass
Seward: Pass
Cooper Landing: No Action
Seldovia: No Action
Kenai/Soldotna: Pass
Homer: No Action
Proposal 153

**Effect**: Modifies the season dates to April 1-May 31, Sept. 1 – Nov. 1, and changes bag limit to 1 bear every year in Units 15A and 15C

**Concern**: Current high brown bear numbers on the peninsula with limited opportunities for harvest and a struggling moose population with low calf survival.

**Department position**: Amend and Adopt
Amendments

1. Registration season (April 1-May 31, Sept. 15-Nov. 30) in Western portion of Unit 15 and in defined area around Seward and Moose Pass in Unit 7.

2. Remainder of 7 and 15 drawing permit hunt (Sept. 1 – Nov. 30). Up to 100 permits, do not exceed 3 year average of 10 adult females.

3. Retain bag limit of 1 bear every 4 regulatory years for both hunt types.
**Current Management Objectives:**

- Do not exceed 10 human-caused adult female brown bear mortalities. Based on the most recent 3 year running average

**Planned Management Objectives Starting in 2013:**

- Maintain a healthy viable population of brown bears for multiple uses
- Reduce brown bear numbers around communities to minimize human bear conflicts
- Maintain trophy brown bear hunting opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula
Human-caused brown bear mortalities in GMUs 7 & 15, 1961-2012

- **Hunter Harvest**
- **Non-hunting Mortality**

*1 bear/4 years*
Human-caused brown bear mortalities in GMUs 7 & 15, 1961-2012

1 bear/4 years

Hunter Harvest
Non-hunting Mortality

# Bears Killed

Human-caused brown bear mortalities in GMUs 7 & 15, 1961-2012

1 bear/4 years

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Hunter Harvest
Non-hunting Mortality
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- Hunter Harvest
- Non-hunting Mortality

1 bear/4 years
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Hunter Harvest
Non-hunting Mortality

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- Hunter Harvest
- Non-hunting Mortality

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Hunter Harvest
Non-hunting Mortality
Adult Female Brown Bear Mortality (≥5 years old) in GMUs 7 & 15, 1975-2012
Brown Bear Hunting Mortality 1985-2013
Brown Bear Nonhunting Mortality 1985-2013
Brown Bear Mortality 1985-2013
## Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 153

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Summary

• Registration hunt April 1 - May 31, Sept. 15 – Nov. 30 near major population centers

• Drawing hunt Sept. 1 – Nov. 30 in remote areas. Do not exceed 10 adult females over most recent 3 year running average

• Retain bag limit of 1 bear every 4 regulatory years
Proposal 154

**Effect**: Allow the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in intensive management Units 15A and 15C

**Concern**: High number of brown bears that come to black bear bait stations and low calf moose survival

**Department position**: No Recommendation
Issues

• Effectively allowing brown bear baiting
• Potentially high brown bear harvest at bait sites
• Current regulations require the salvage of meat from all bears shot over bait
Black Bear Bait Stations
2011/12

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5 year average (2008-2012) 280 bait stations a year
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Proposal 155

**Effect**: Allow the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 15A and 15C

**Concern**: High number of brown bears that come to black bear bait stations and low calf moose survival

**Department position**: Take No Action
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 155

Homer: Fail
Kenai/Soldotna: No Action
Central Peninsula: No Action
Cooper Landing: No Action
Seward: No Action
Seldovia: No Action
Proposal 156

Effect: Modifies the season dates and bag limit for brown bears in Units 7 & 15 and allows the harvest of brown bears at black bear bait stations.

Department position: Take No Action.
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 156

Homer: Fail
Central Peninsula: No Action
Kenai/Soldotna: No Action
Cooper Landing: No Action
Seward: No Action
Seldovia: No Action
Proposal 157

Effect: Modifies black bear salvage requirements in Units 7 & 15 where either the hide and skull or meat must be salvaged

Department position: No Recommendation
Management Objectives

Provide the opportunity to hunt black bears, regulating the take through seasons and bag limits so as not to exceed an average of 40% females in the harvest during the most recent 3-year period.
Black Bear Harvest in GMUs 7&15
1973/74 - 2011/12

Spring
Fall
Black Bear Harvest and % Females in GMUs 7 & 15 (1973/74 - 2011/12)
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Proposal 158

Effect: Increases the bag limit for black bears in 15A and 15C north of Kachemak Bay to 5 animals per regulatory year

Department position: No Recommendation
Issues

• Black bear are a key harvest species on the Peninsula as both a food resource and trophy species

• Unlikely to result in a significant increase in harvest

• Black bears are currently the number 1 harvested big game species on the Kenai Peninsula and the first big game species harvested by many of our hunters
Management Objectives

Provide the opportunity to hunt black bears, regulating the take through seasons and bag limits so as not to exceed an average of 40% females in the harvest during the most recent 3-year period
Black Bear Harvest and % Females in GMUs 7 & 15 (1973/74 - 2011/12)
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 158

- Seldovia: Failed
- Cooper Landing: Failed
- Central Peninsula: Pass
- Kenai/Soldotna: *
- Homer: No Action
- Seward: No Action
Proposal 159

**Effect**: Opens the Skilak Loop Management area to wolf, coyote, and lynx hunting

**Department position**: No Recommendation
Issues

• Department recently went through a lengthy planning process with KNWR to reach an agreement so that State regulations match Refuge regulations to eliminate confusion among constituents

• Current firearm harvest opportunities focus on youth small game hunting

• Board of Game adopted the current regulations in 2007
Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area

Approximately 69 mi$^2$
Proposal Advisory Committee Vote 159

Central Peninsula Pass
Kenai/Soldotna Pass
Cooper Landing No Action
Homer No Action
Seward No Action
Seldovia No Action
Proposal 160

Effect: Modifies season dates for wolf hunting in Units 7 & 15, no closed season

Department position: No Recommendation
Issues

• Quality of hides taken in extended season

• Valued resource for trappers on the Peninsula

• Lice infestations and hide quality
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Proposal 161

Effect of Proposal:

1. Changes the season closure date for ptarmigan in GMU 7 and 15 from - March 31 to - April 30
2. Reduce bag limit after February 28 from 10/day to 5/day

Department position:
Do Not Adopt
Proposal 161

Current Status:

• No population monitoring efforts for all 3 species

• Hunters generally report harvesting fewer than 5 ptarmigan/trip

• Harvest is predominately willow ptarmigan

• Much of current harvest occurs in late February-March when day length and snow conditions are ideal
Proposal 161

Issues:

- Winter harvest may be contributing to low abundance of ptarmigan in GMU 13, additive mortality

- April – May: male rock and willow ptarmigan actively defend territory making them vulnerable to harvest

- Springtime surveys 2013 - rock and willow ptarmigan
Proposal 161:
Lengthen ptarmigan season in GMU 7 and 15

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Do Not Adopt

Advisory Committees:
SUPPORT
Cooper Landing
Central Peninsula

OPPOSE
Seldovia
Kenai/Soldotna

Homer: NA
Seward: NA