Proposal 45

- **Effect:** Change hunting for Mulchatna caribou to registration hunt and align season/bag limits

- **Issue:** Low general hunt report return rate in some parts of herd’s range

- **Department position:** Adopt Department proposal
Mulchatna Caribou Range Map
Mulchatna Caribou

General Hunting Season:
Resident - Aug. 1 to March 15
Nonresident – No Open Season

Bag Limit: 2 caribou/year of which only 1 bull, and only 1 caribou before Jan 31
Mulchatna Caribou

other hunting opportunities

Registration Hunt RC504 (GMU 9C):

- Jan. 20 – Mar. 31 - may be announced
- up to 3 caribou

GMU 17A (east of Right Hand Point) and 17C (west of Wood River/Wood R. Lakes):

- Season may be announced
- 1 caribou
RY10 - MCH – General harvest card
  - Only 47% of 2,043 general caribou harvest tickets issued w/in range of MCH were returned

RY10 – Statewide – General harvest card
  - 70% of 11,425 general caribou harvest tickets issued statewide were returned

RY10 – Statewide – Registration Hunts
  - 91% of 6,941 registration caribou hunt permits were returned
Registration hunt could provide more and better harvest information than present general hunt for Mulchatna caribou
Issues with registration hunt:

- **Familiarity with registration permit hunt system**
GMU 18: RM615 – fall moose
RY10 - 1,459 permits issued
- 96% harvest reports returned

GMU 9B&C: 4 Brown Bear, 1 Moose, 1 Caribou

GMU 17: 1 Brown Bear, 4 Moose

GMU 19A&B: 1 Brown Bear

plus additional federal hunts
Prop. 45  Issues with registration hunt:

- Familiarity with registration permit hunt system

- **Availability of registration permits**
Prop. 45 Issues with registration hunt:

- Familiarity with registration permit hunt system
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- Failure to Return (FTR) consequences
Prop. 45 Issues with registration hunt:

- Familiarity with registration permit hunt system

- Availability of registration permits

- Failure to Return (FTR) consequences

- Correct number of harvest tickets with permit and hunt information
Other options considered:

- Household subsistence surveys

- Increased LE and education

- Registration hunt for only portion of MCH range
Prop. 45

Season/Bag limit alignment (RC504):

- Presently Jan 20 – Mar 31 w/ up to 3 caribou by EO

- To be consistent with rest of MCH range, change to Jan 20 – Mar 15, w/ up to 2 caribou by EO
Prop. 45

Season/Bag limit alignment (17A east of Right Hand Point and 17C west of Wood R and Wood R Lakes)

- 1 caribou by EO

- Set aside in mid-1990’s because of Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd and limited use by MCH

- Has only been opened once, Dec 24th, 1996

- Unless changed, would remain general harvest card hunt
Prop. 45

Nushagak AC: Support (unanimous)

Togiak AC: Support (unanimous)

Other Areas:
Proposal  45

• Effect:  Change hunting for Mulchatna caribou to registration hunt and align season/bag limits

• Issue:  Low general hunt report return rate in some parts of herd’s range

• Department position:  Adopt Department proposal
Proposal 46

- **Effect:** Close caribou season in GMU 17 during October, and extend season to March 31.

- **Issue:** Harvesting caribou in the rut, and present season ending Mar. 15

- **Department position:** Do Not Adopt
Mulchatna Caribou

Hunting Season:
- Resident - Aug. 1 to March 15
- Nonresident – No Open Season

Bag Limit: 2 caribou/year, of which only 1 bull, and only 1 caribou before Jan 31
Mulchatna Caribou
Reported October Harvest

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Nushagak AC:  Opposed (5/6)

Togiak AC:  Opposed (0/10)

Naknek/Kvichak:  Supported (5/3)

Lake Iliamna:  Opposed (0/5)
Proposal 46

- **Effect:** Close caribou season in GMU 17 during October, and extend season to March 31.

- **Issue:** Harvesting caribou in the rut, and present season ending Mar. 15

- **Department position:** Do Not Adopt
Proposal  47

• Effect: Open nonresident caribou hunting in GMU 17B, guided caribou hunting only for nonresidents, raise caribou tag fees to $1000, NR caribou tags sold only to guides

• Issue: No nonresident caribou hunting in 17B

• Department position: Do Not Adopt
Nushagak AC: Opposed (0/11)
Togiak AC: Opposed (0/10)
Naknek/Kvichak: did not address
Lake Iliamna: Opposed (0/5)
Proposal  47

• **Effect:** Open nonresident caribou hunting in GMU 17B, guided caribou hunting only for nonresidents, raise caribou tag fees to $1000, NR caribou tags sold only to guides

• **Issue:** No nonresident caribou hunting in 17B

• **Department position:** Do Not Adopt
Proposal 48

- **Effect:** Establish a nonresident registration moose hunt in Togiak Nat’l Wildlife Refuge in GMU 17A

- **Issue:** Area can sustain additional harvest, including nonresident hunt

- **Department position:**
  
  No Recommendation – Allocation opportunity
  
  Amend and Adopt – Plan guidelines for bag limits and season extension
GMU 17A Moose Hunts

- **RM573:** Resident, Aug 25 – Sept 20
  - 1 bull

- **RM575:** Resident, 14 days, Dec 1-31
  - 1 bull, antlered
GMU 17A Moose Population

Number of moose

Year

1991 1993 1995 1997 1999 2001 2003 2005 2007 2009 2011

4 6 84 136 234 429 511 422 471 652 777 1023 1070 1166

Number of moose

0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400
GMU 17A Moose Management

• Mid-1990s planning effort for moose in GMU 17A
  • Togiak AC
  • Nushagak AC
  • Bristol Bay federal RAC
  • USFWS/Togiak NWR
  • ADF&G
GMU 17A Moose Hunts

- **RM573:** Resident, Aug 25 – Sept 20
  - 1 bull

- **RM or DM:** Nonresident, Sept 5 – 15
  - 1 bull, 50 in./4 Brow Tine

- **RM575:** Resident, 31 days, Dec 1 – Jan 31
  - up to 2 moose
Nushagak AC: TNA based on their approval of management plan (9/2)

Togiak AC: Supported with amendments (10/0)
Proposed Amendments

- Establish a nonresident permit hunt in GMU 17A (drawing or registration hunt)
- Change resident winter hunt to 31 days
- Change resident winter hunt to a bag limit of up to 2 moose
Proposal 49

- **Effect:** Change bag limit for Brown Bears in GMU 17 from 2/yr to 1/yr

- **Issue:** Bag limit should be changed to 1 bear/regulatory year

- **Department position:** No Recommendation
GMU 17 BROWN BEAR HARVEST
1991-2012

Spring
Fall

NUMBER OF BEARS

Prop. 49

Nushagak AC:  **Opposed (0/11)**

Togiak AC:  **not addressed**

Naknek/Kvichak:  **not addressed**

Lake Iliamna:  **Opposed (1/4)**
Proposal 49

• Effect: Change bag limit for Brown Bears in GMU 17 from 2/yr to 1/yr

• Issue: Bag limit should be changed to 1 bear/regulatory year

• Department position: No Recommendation
Proposal 50

• Effect: Allow sale of Brown Bear hides and skulls from GMU 17

• Issue: Brown Bears are plentiful in GMU 17

• Department position: Do Not Adopt
Nushagak AC: Supported (11/0)

Togiak AC: not addressed

Naknek/Kvichak: not addressed

Lake Iliamna: Opposed (0/5)
Proposal  50

- **Effect:** Allow sale of Brown Bear hides and skulls from GMU 17

- **Issue:** Brown Bears are plentiful in GMU 17

- **Department position:** Do Not Adopt
Proposal 51

• Effect:
  – Change GMU 17 black bear bag limit from 2/yr to 3/yr.
  – Change season from August 1 - May 31 to No Closed Season

• Issue: Proposal requested by BOG

• Department position: No Recommendation
GMU 17 Black Bear

Season Dates:
Aug 1 – May 31

Bag Limit: Resident – 2 bears
Nonresident – 1 bear
Nushagak AC: Opposed (0/11)

Togiak AC: TNA (10/0)

Naknek/Kvichak: not addressed

Lake Iliamna: Opposed (0/5)
Proposal 51

• **Effect:**
  - Change GMU 17 black bear bag limit from 2/yr to 3/yr.
  - Change season from August 1 - May 31 to **No Closed Season**

• **Issue:** Proposal requested by BOG

• **Department position:** No Recommendation