

PROPOSAL 18

Caribou/Unit 22A

Open a caribou season in a portion of Unit 22A

Proposed by
Public

Department Recommendation
Oppose

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Oppose 0-11
Southern Norton Sound AC: Support 7-0

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Current Regulations

Caribou/Unit 22A

- Unit 22A Remainder Caribou hunting currently exists as a "may be announced" season
- Established in RY16
- One active reindeer herd in the area



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Current Regulations

Caribou/Unit 22A

22A Remainder

- Season May Be Announced

22A North of the Golsovia

Residents (RC800)

- Cows: July 1 – March 31
- Bulls: No closed Season

Nonresidents (GC000)

- Bulls: Aug 1 – Sept 30

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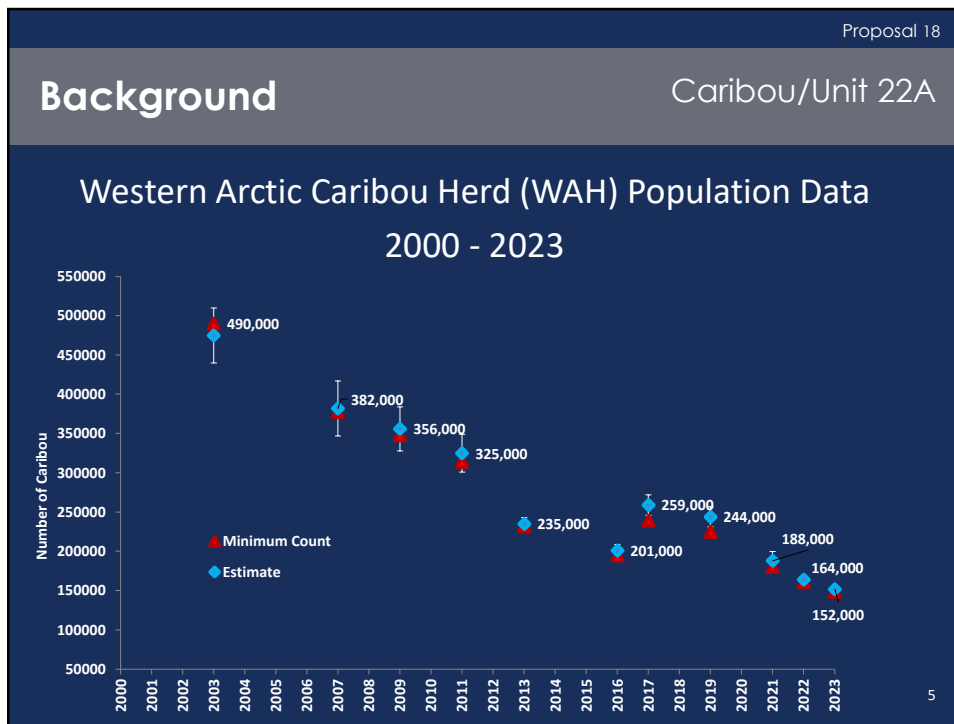
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Caribou/Unit 22A

- 22A Remainder caribou season "May Be Announced"
- Active reindeer herd
 - Grazing range spans as far as the Kikitarik River
- Reindeer herders have expressed concerns regarding this proposal

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Department Comments Caribou/Unit 22A

- The Department is **OPPOSED** to liberalizing harvest of caribou during a time the WAH is in decline
- Privately-owned reindeer or Western Arctic Herd Caribou?
- Season may be announced option remains

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PROPOSAL 19 Muskox/Unit 22

Change the trophy destruction requirements for muskox taken in Unit 22 subsistence hunts

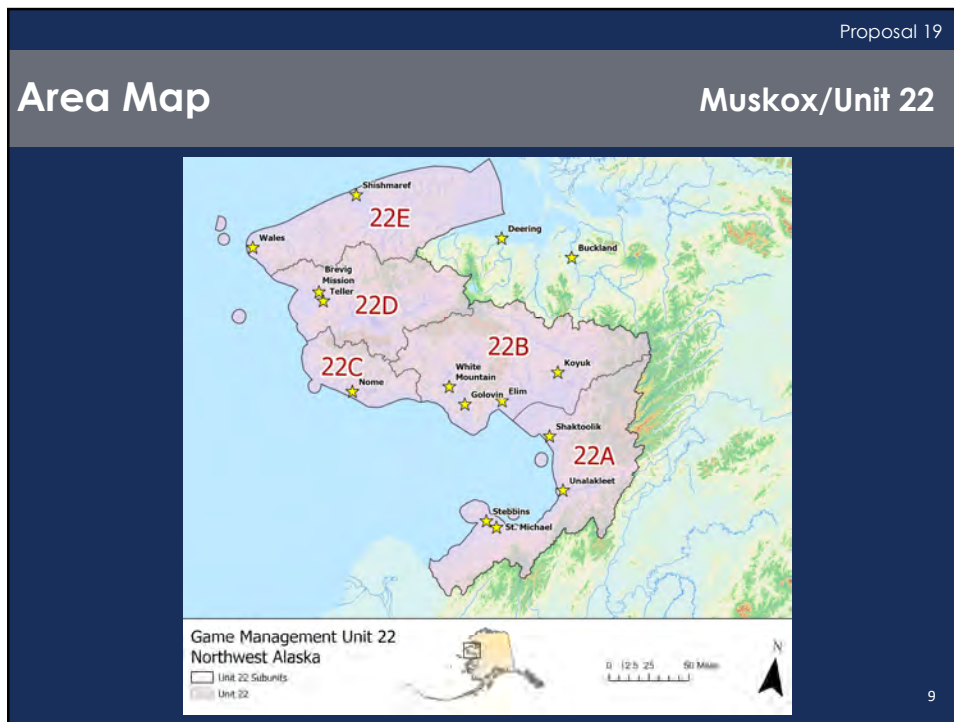
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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC- Support as amended 9-1-1
Southern Norton Sound AC- Support as amended 7-0-0

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Current Regulations
Muskox/Unit 22

5 AAC 92.052

Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures

(5) A permittee who takes an animal under a permit shall deliver specified biological specimens to a check station or to the nearest department office within a time set by the department; **the trophy value of an animal taken under a subsistence permit may be nullified by the department**

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Effects of the Proposal

Muskox/Unit 22

- “The hunter must submit at least 5 inches of horn surrounding the eye socket”
- Mismatch regulations

Proposed 5" section to be submitted

Current distal (end) section to be submitted

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Effects of the Proposal

Muskox/Unit 22

- Subadults have smaller horns

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Department Comments **Muskox/Unit 22**

- The department is **NEUTRAL** with regards to this proposal because there is no biological concern.
- Many Unit 22 residents express frustrations and concerns to ADF&G regarding trophy value destruction, as this is taking away a valuable piece of the animal that could be used to keep cultural and generational knowledge alive

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
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Proposal 20

PROPOSAL 20 Muskox/Unit 22

Change the bag limit for Tier II muskox hunts in Unit 22 to "One muskox every two years"

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
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Southern Norton Sound AC: Support 7-0

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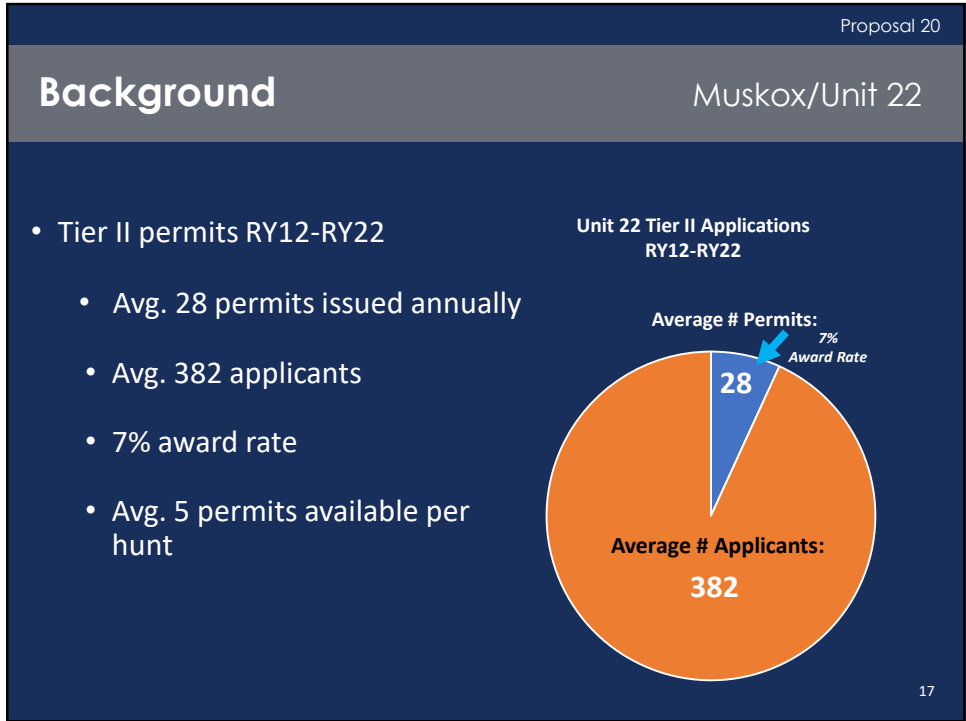
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Current Regulations Muskox/Unit 22

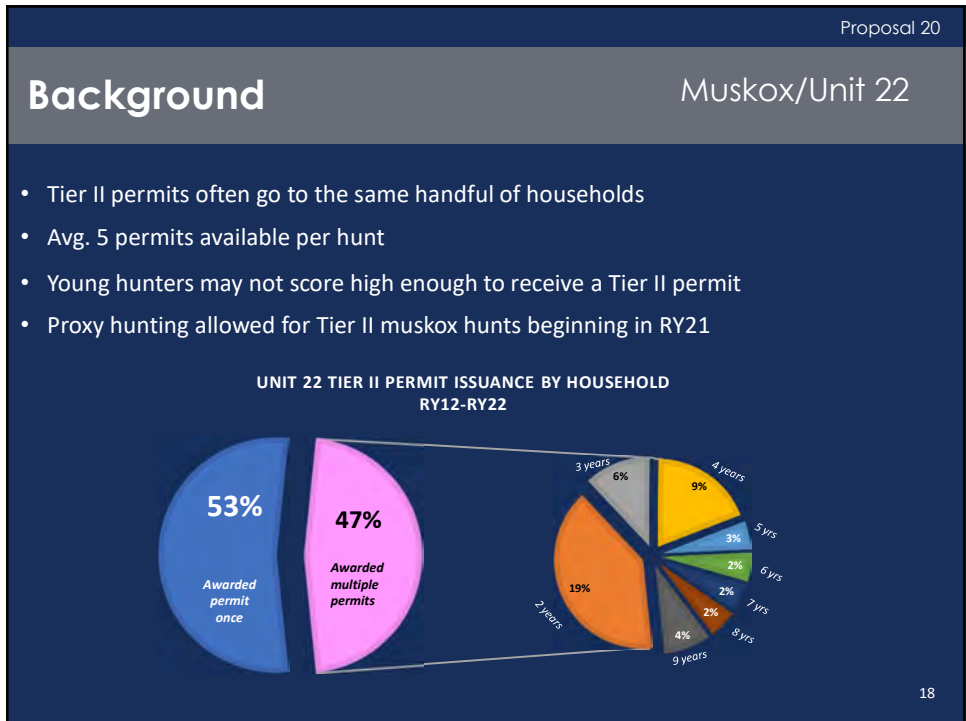
- Unit 22 muskox hunting is managed as a Tier II hunt
- Open seasons in every subunit of Unit 22
- 7 total Tier II hunts

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Department Comments Muskox/Unit 22

- The Department is **NEUTRAL** due to the allocative nature of this proposal
 - No biological concerns
- As written, this proposal only addresses the bag limit, not permit issuance
 - If adopted, hunters could still get a permit each year
 - BUT, they could only harvest once every 2 years

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Neutral

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Proposal 21

PROPOSAL 21

Muskox/Unit 22C

Establish season dates for the harvest of cow muskox in the TX095 and TX096 hunts in Unit 22C

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Oppose 0-10-1
Southern Norton Sound AC: TNA

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Current Regulations

Muskox/Unit 22C

- 2 Tier II Muskox Hunts
 - TX095
 - TX096
- Tier II hunts in 22C focused on the Nome Area

Game Management Unit 22
Northwest Alaska

Unit 22C
 GPM 22 Subunits

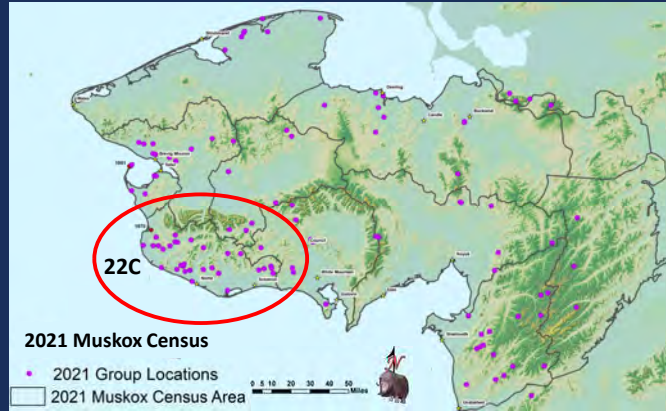
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Population Data

Muskox/Unit 22C

- 2021 Seward Peninsula Muskox Estimate
 - 2,071 muskox
- 22C Estimate
 - 349 muskox
- ~17% of the population is in 22C



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Nome and Muskox

Muskox/Unit 22C

- Muskox presence around Nome city limits has increased since 2007
- Muskox are likely to be found in and around Nome throughout the summer
- Location and number of animals changes on an hourly, daily basis
- TX095 and TX096 intent



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Current Regulations Muskox/Unit 22C

- TX095 “Inner Nome Area”
 - One muskox every year by Tier II permit
 - Aug. 1 – Mar. 15
 - Shotgun, muzzleloader, or bow and arrow only
 - 2-4 permits annually
- TX096 “Outer Nome Area”
 - One muskox every year by Tier II permit
 - Aug. 1 – Mar. 15
 - 3-5 permits annually
- Both TX095 and TX096 permit issuance increased to 15 permits each in RY23

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Proposed Regulations Muskox/Unit 22C

<u>Current Regulations</u>	<u>Proposed Regulations</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TX095 and TX096 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One muskox every year by Tier II permit • Aug. 1 – Mar. 15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TX095 and TX096 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Bull by Tier II permit • Aug. 1 – Mar. 15 Or • One Cow by Tier II permit • Aug. 1 – Oct. 31 [MAR. 15]

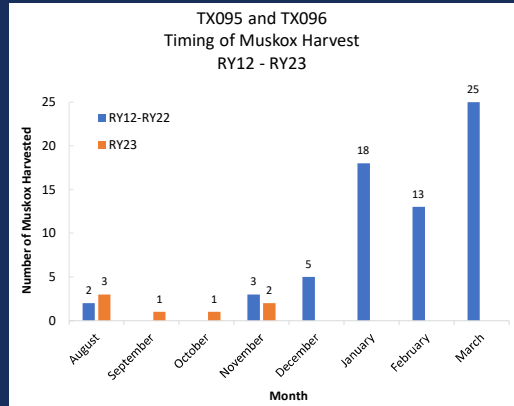
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Background

Muskox/Unit 22C

- Muskox are generally found in Nome city limits May–September
- Most of the muskox harvest under TX095 and TX096 occurs after October
- RY23: 7 muskox harvested August - November
 - 2 cows harvested



Department Comments

Muskox/Unit 22C

- The Department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal as there are no biological concerns
- Whether harvest actually results in the redistribution of muskox groups away from Nome is unclear

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Oppose 0-10-1
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Proposal 22

PROPOSAL 22 Moose/Units 22A & 22B

Establish a minimum caliber for moose hunting in Unit 22A and a portion of Unit 22B

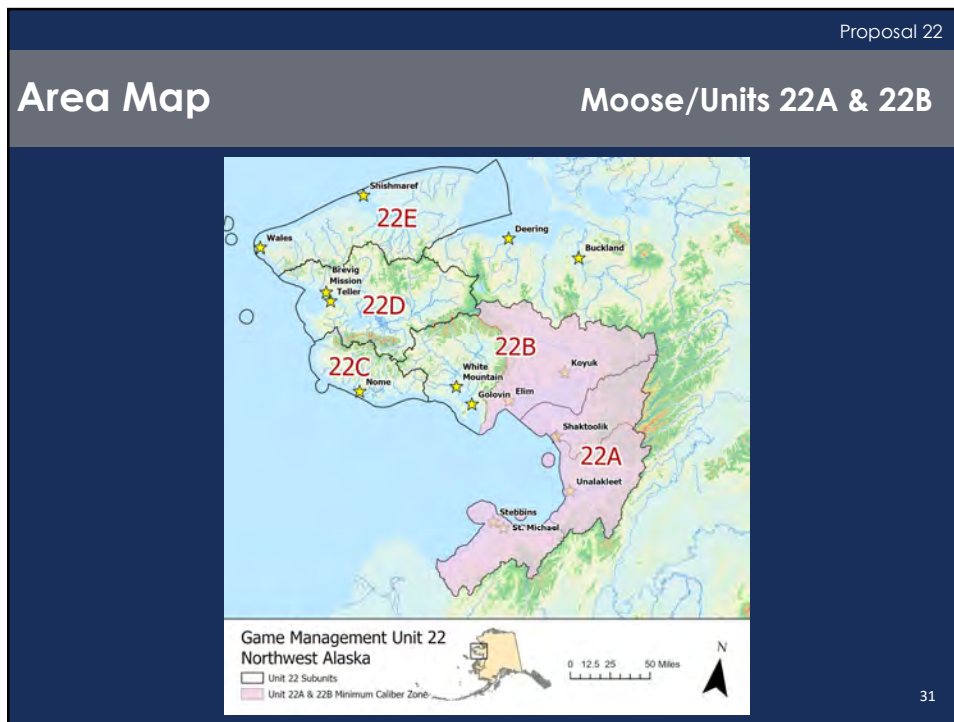
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Department Recommendation
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AC Recommendations
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Southern Norton Sound AC- Supported 7-0-0

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Current Regulations
Moose/Units 22A & 22B

5 AAC 92.085

The following method and means of taking big game are prohibited in addition to the prohibition in 5 AAC 92.085:

(1) With the use of a firearm other than a shotgun, muzzleloader, or rifle or pistol using a center-firing cartridge, except that

(A) in Units 23 and 26, swimming caribou may be taken with a firearm using rim fire cartridges

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Effects of the Proposal	Moose/Units 22A & 22B
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This proposal would set a minimum standard of centerfire .243 rifle cartridges for the taking of moose or require another person in the hunting party to possess a larger caliber rifle• If adopted, moose hunters in Unit 22A and a portion of Unit 22B would have a more restrictive weapons requirement than for other big game species and compared to other Units	

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Background	Moose/Units 22A & 22B
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The board has already established standards for some weapons• Legal caliber choice left to the individual hunter• Shot placement• Reducing wounding loss is a primary consideration	

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Department Comments **Moose/Units 22A & 22B**

The department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal as the board has differentiated between big game and small game and set weapon-specific standards accordingly.

- Creates additional complexity and confusion
- Cost to the public
- If a minimum caliber is adopted, the department recommends it be considered at the next statewide board meeting

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
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PROPOSAL 23

Moose/Unit 22

Revisit the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for Moose in Unit 22

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Oppose 3-7-1
Southern Norton Sound AC: Oppose 0-7

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Moose/Unit 22

- Positive Customary and Traditional Use determination
 - Established in 1987
- Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS)
 - 250-300 moose
- Harvestable Surplus (2023)
 - 350 moose

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Moose/Unit 22

- Moose used by 42%-92% of surveyed households in Unit 22
- % of households harvesting lower than % households using moose
- Research from 2019-2023 indicate reliance on moose has increased with decline of WAH

Year	Community	Using %	Harvesting %	Total Harvest #
2010	Elim	70%	13%	11
	Golovin	61%	6%	3
	Koyuk	89%	23%	19
2012	Wales	61%	10%	5
	Golovin	42%	6%	4
2013	Stebbins	66%	13%	20
2014	Shishmaref	49%	11%	18
2015	Brevig Mission	85%	26%	21
	Teller	55%	17%	15
	White Mountain	92%	22%	14
2016	Koyuk	79%	44%	42
2017	Shishmaref	44%	10%	15
2018	Wales	65%	4%	2
	Golovin	87%	19%	8
2021	White Mountain	71%	21%	13
	Golovin	84%	9%	5
	White Mountain	84%	33%	21

Table 1 – Harvest and use of moose in select Northwest Alaska communities, 2010 – 2021.

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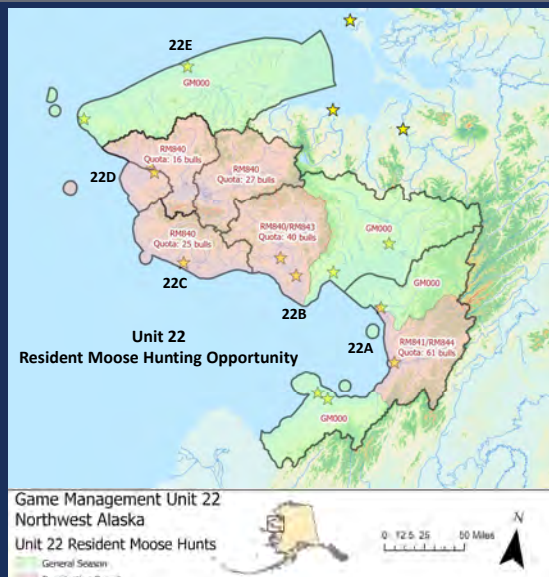
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Resident Hunts

Moose/Unit 22

5-year averages (RY18-RY22)

- Number of Hunters Participating
 - 594 hunters annually
 - Range 534-649 hunters
- Reported Harvest
 - 178 moose annually
 - Range 158-213 moose
- Hunter Success
 - 30%
 - Range 26-36%



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Nonresident Hunts

Moose/Unit 22

5-year averages (RY18-RY22)

- Number of Hunters Participating
 - 32 hunters annually
 - Range 25-40 hunters
- Reported Harvest
 - 27 moose annually
 - Range 21-33 moose
- Hunter Success
 - 85%
 - Range 68-93%

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Unit 22 Survey Areas

Moose/Unit 22

Unit 22 moose populations are at low densities near 0.35 moose/mi²

- 22A Central: 766 moose (2021)
 - Stable low-density
 - Bull:Cow ratio above management objectives, stable
- 22B/C: 1415 moose (2022)
 - Increasing, Low-density
 - Bull:Cow ratio above management objectives, improving
- 22D/E: 1922 moose (2023)
 - Stable low-density
 - Bull:Cow ratio near management objectives, slightly declining

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RM840 Moose Hunt Moose/Unit 22

RM840 10-yr Averages

All RM840 hunt areas:

- 450 permits
- 383 hunters
- 82 moose harvested
- 22% hunter success
- Emergency Orders common

RM840 Hunt 10-Year Averages by:

Hunt Area	Quota	Season Length	Hunter Success
22D Rem	16 bulls	34 days	32%
22D Kuzi	35 bulls	8 days	26%
22D SW (shared with 22D Kuzi)	-	-	-
22C	17 bulls	2 days	19%
22B West	21 bulls	7 days	25%

Game Management Unit 22 Northwest Alaska

Community

GMU 22 Subunits

RM840 Hunt Areas

Home Road System

Scale: 0 5 10 20 Miles

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RM840: Unit 22C Moose/Unit 22

22C RM840 Hunt Area

- 2 day season since RY2013
- 2023 Quota: 25 bulls
- Avg. 116 hunters participating

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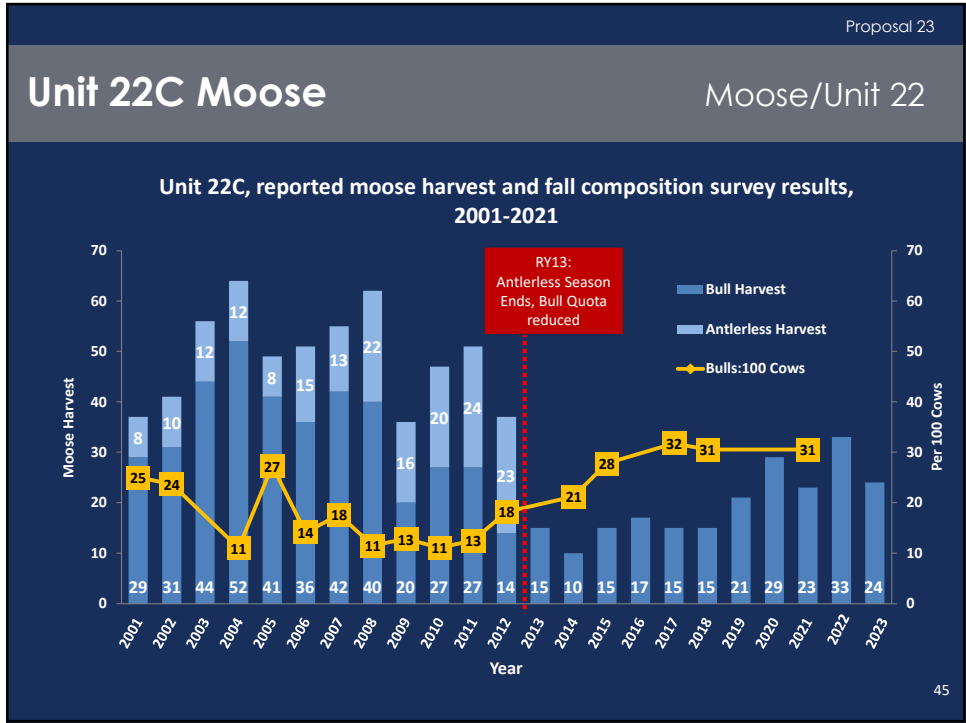
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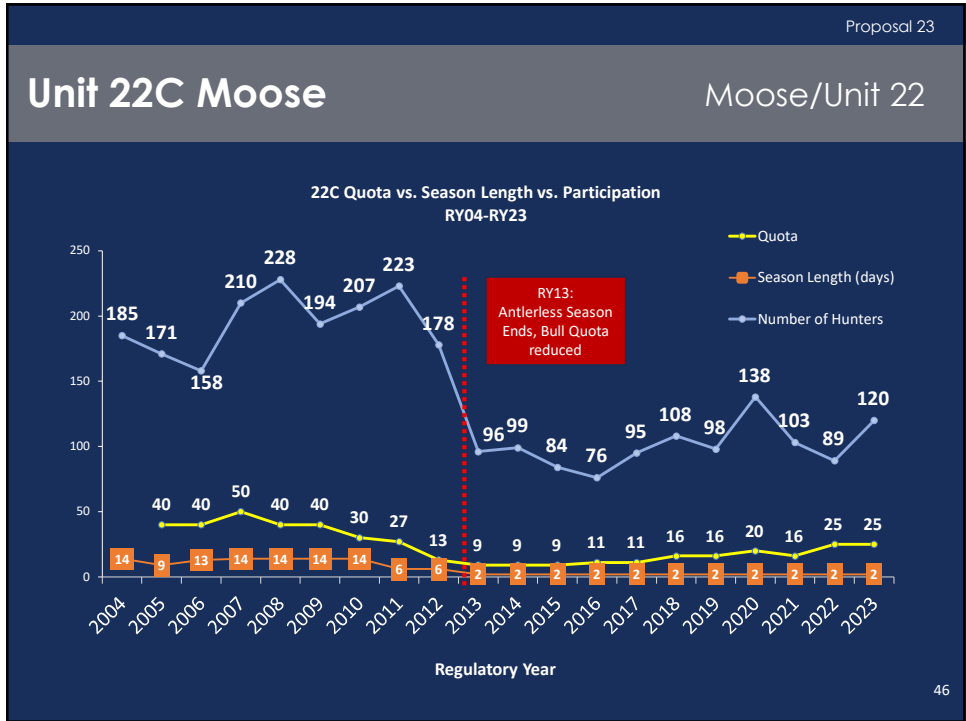
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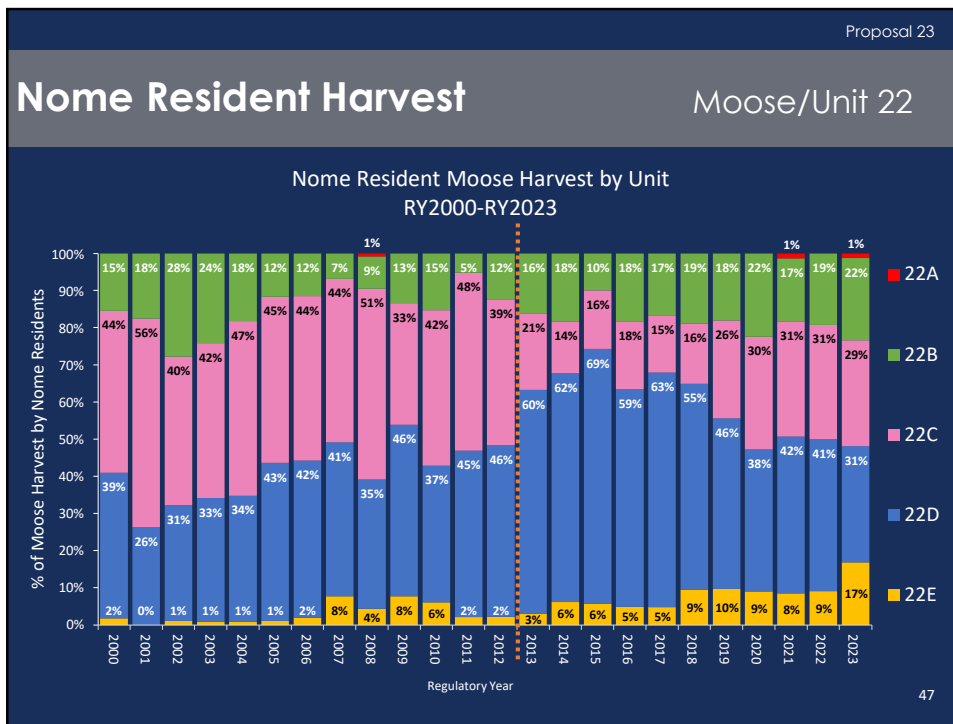
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PROPOSAL 23 Moose/Unit 22

- AS 16.05. 258 (b) directs the Board of Game to provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses first, before providing for other uses.
- Does current hunt structure for GMU 22 (specifically 22C) allow for reasonable opportunity?
- Changes to current management or regulatory structure all involve some form of restriction.
- Board may wish to provide NNSAC and SNSAC opportunity to propose management recommendations

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Department Comments

Moose/Unit 22

- The Department is **NEUTRAL** on this proposal because it is allocative
- Harvestable surplus is above ANS
- ANS is one metric the Board can use to determine reasonable opportunity
- Bag limits, methods and means, and season length are alternatives
- NNSAC and SNSAC Oppose

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PROPOSAL 23

Moose/Unit 22

Revisit the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for Moose in Unit 22

Proposed by
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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Oppose 3-7-1
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PROPOSAL 24

Moose/Unit 22A

Modify the winter season for moose in Unit 22A

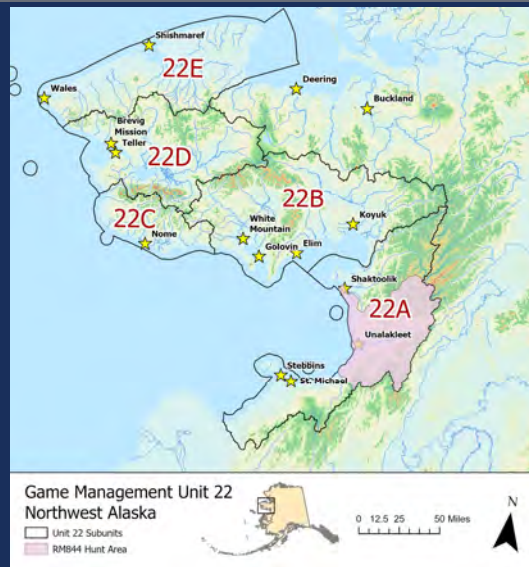
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Department Recommendation
Support

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Area Map

Moose/Unit 22A



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Current Regulations **Moose/Unit 22A**

5 AAC 85.045

Unit 22(A), that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of and including the Egavik Creek drainage

One antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order

Resident Hunting Season

Dec. 1 – Jan. 31 (Season may be announced)

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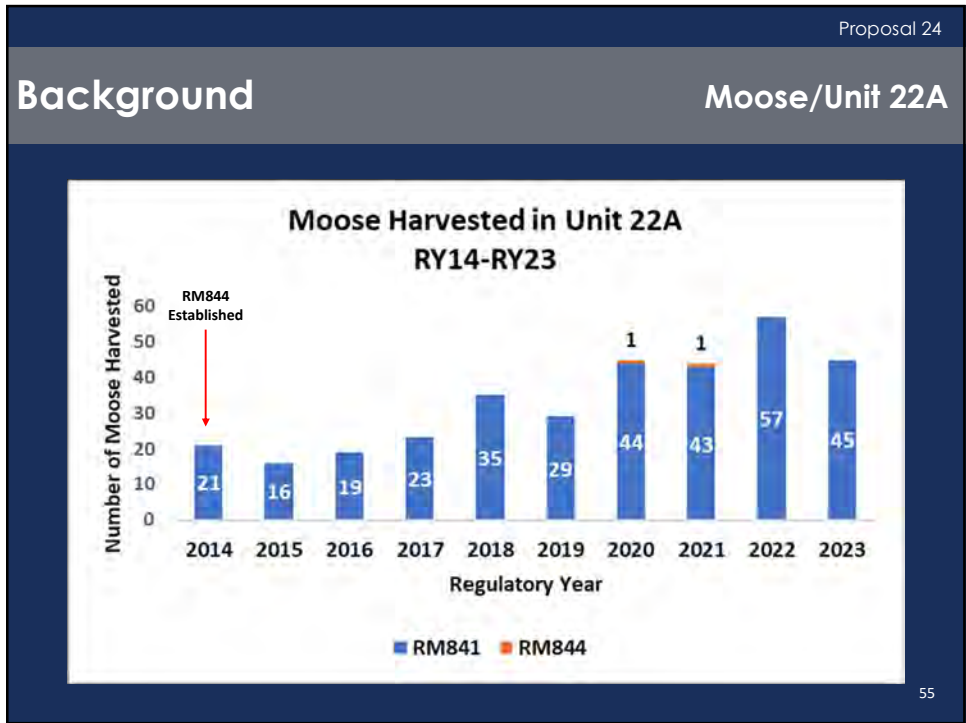
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Effects of the Proposal **Moose/Unit 22A**

- This proposal would give the department flexibility to administer registration permit hunt RM844 during the full range of season dates previously adopted by the Board
- There would be no need to announce the season by emergency order

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Proposal 24

Department Comments
Moose/Unit 22A

The Department **SUPPORTS** providing additional opportunity and there is no biological concern.

This is a housekeeping proposal to allow department flexibility for permit issuance as well as eliminating the need for an open season announcement by emergency order

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Proposal 24

PROPOSAL 24 **Moose/Unit 22A**

Modify the winter season for moose in Unit 22A

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Department Recommendation
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Southern Norton Sound AC- Support as Amended 7-0-0

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Proposal 25

PROPOSAL 25 **Moose/Unit 22C**

Eliminate the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22C

Proposed by
Public

Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Support 10-0-1
Southern Norton Sound AC: Take No Action

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Proposal 25 Moose/Unit 22C

- Unit 22C moose hunting for residents and nonresidents is managed under registration permit RM840
- RM840 managed under quota
- Nonresident RM840 moose hunters do not use guide services

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Current Regulations Moose/Unit 22C

- 5 AAC 85.045(20)

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 22(C) 1 bull by registration permit only	Sept. 1 – Sept. 14	
1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration permit only		Sept. 1 – Sept. 14

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Proposal 25

Current Regulations Moose/Unit 22C

- 5 AAC 92.051 Discretionary Permit Hunt Conditions and Procedures
 (23) “the department may limit when and where registration permits for Unit 22 moose are available based on guidance from the board.”
- RM840 Permit Availability
 - Changed in RY20 to: “Available in-person in Brevig Mission, Golovin, Nome, Teller, and White Mountain from July 25 – August 25.”
 - Nonresident permits dropped from 0.3% to 0.2% of total permits issued (RY12-RY19 vs. RY20-RY23)

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Proposed Regulations Moose/Unit 22C

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Unit 22(C) 1 bull by registration permit only	Sept. 1 – Sept. 14	
1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration permit only		<u>No open season</u> [Sept. 1 – Sept. 14]

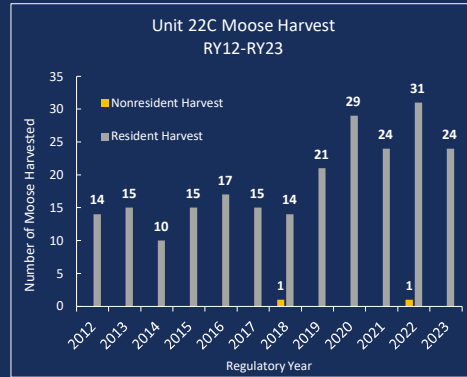
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Background

Moose/Unit 22C

- RM840 quota for Unit 22C ranges from 9-25 bull moose annually
- Avg 115 resident hunters participating
 - 18% success rate
- 2 nonresidents harvested a moose in Unit 22C since RY12
 - 29% success rate (2 of 7 hunters)



Department Comments

Moose/Unit 22C

- No biological concerns
- Nonresident participation in RM840 is low
 - 0.2% of the total permits issued

Proposal 25

PROPOSAL 25 Moose/Unit 22C

Eliminate the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22C

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC: Support 10-0-1
Southern Norton Sound AC: Take No Action

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Proposal 26

PROPOSAL 26 Moose/Unit 22E

Extend the non-resident moose hunting season in Unit 22E

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Department Recommendation
Neutral

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Southern Norton Sound AC: Take No Action

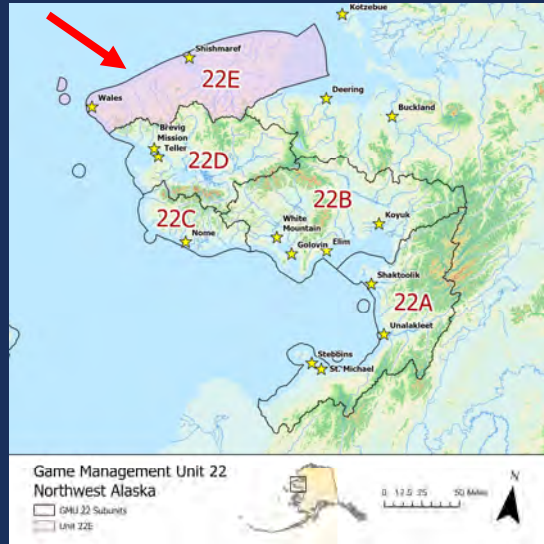
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Moose/Unit 22E

- Unit 22E moose hunting for nonresidents is managed under draw permit DM855
- No road access
 - Most nonresident hunters use a guide service (64%)



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Current Regulations

Moose/Unit 22E

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 22(E) 1 bull; or	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31	No open season
1 antlered bull	Jan. 1 – Mar. 15	
1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by drawing permit only; up to 25 permits may be issued		Sept. 1 – Sept. 14

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Proposed Regulations

Moose/Unit 22E

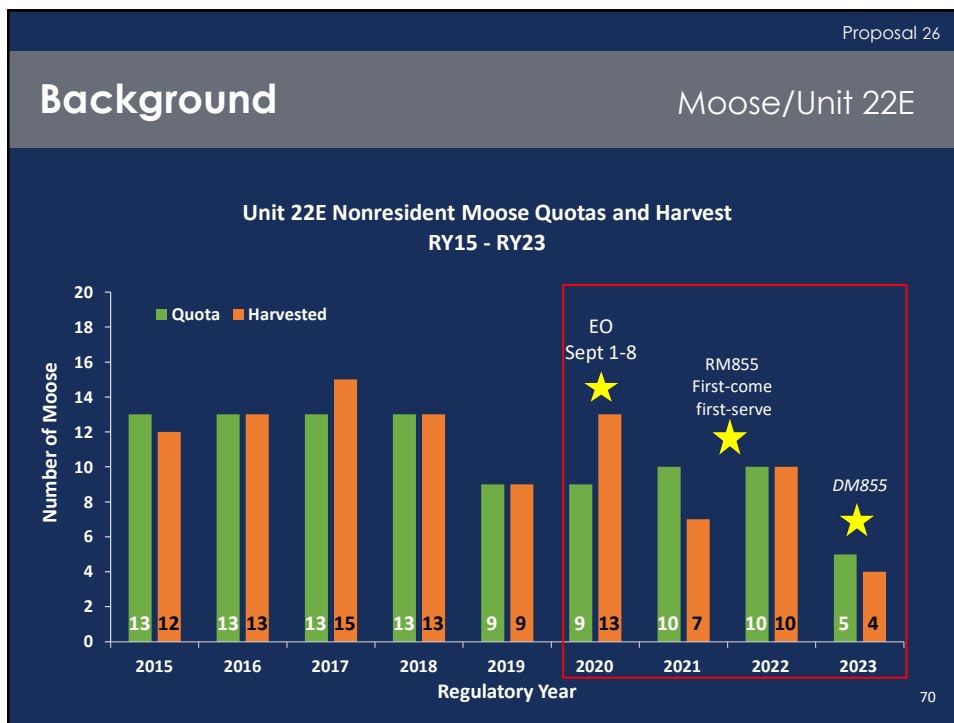
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Unit 22(E) 1 bull; or	Aug. 1 – Dec. 31	No open season
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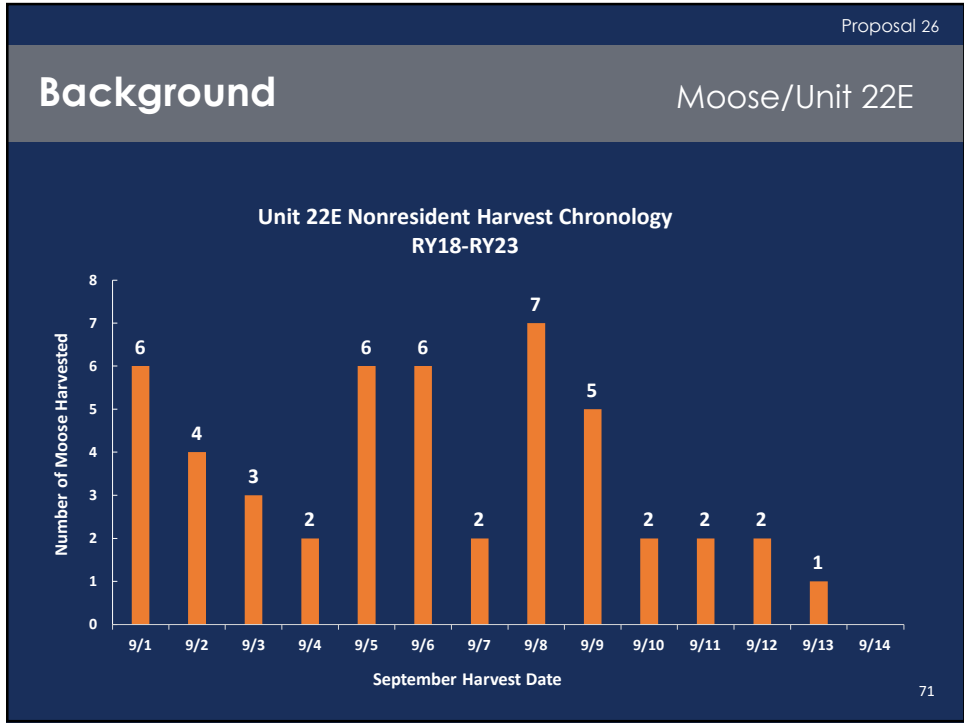
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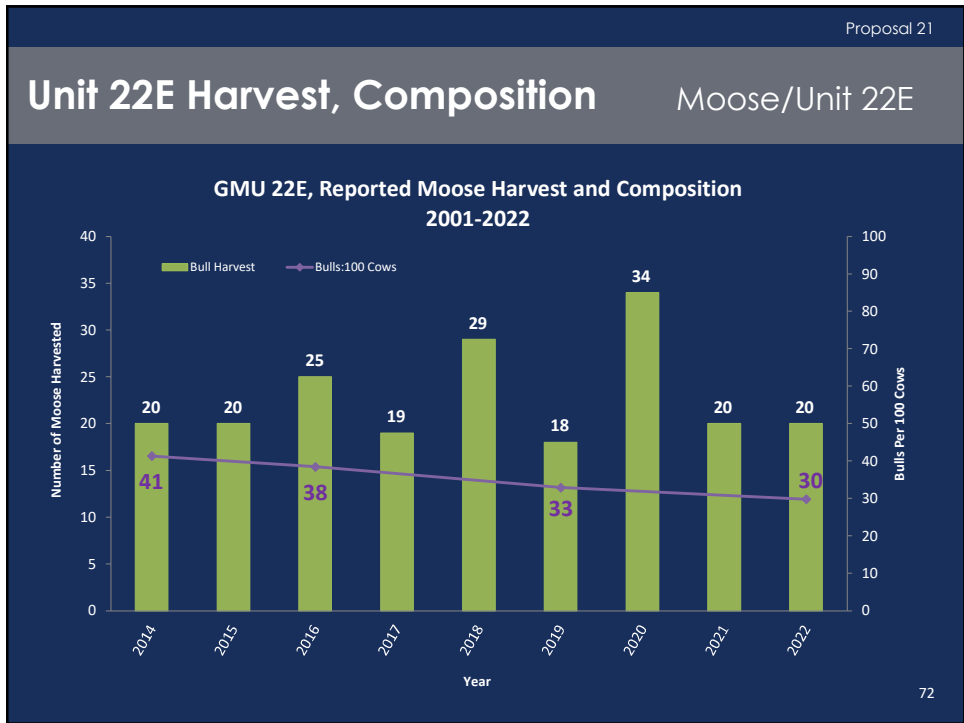
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Department Comments

Moose/Unit 22E

- No biological effect
- 2 additional weeks to hunt for moose
- Caribou hunting opportunity



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Moose/Unit 22E

Extend the non-resident moose hunting season in Unit 22E

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Neutral

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PROPOSAL 27

Brown Bear/Unit 22

Align the resident season for brown bear in Units 22C, 22D, and 22E with those in Unit 22B

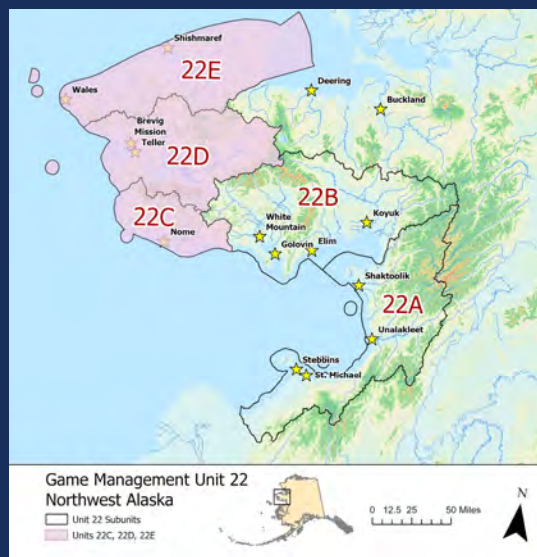
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Department Recommendation
Support

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Northern Norton Sound AC- Support 11-0-0
Southern Norton Sound AC- No Action

PROPOSAL 27

Brown Bear/Unit 22



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Current Regulations Brown Bear/Unit 22

5 AAC 85.020

Unit 22C
One bear every regulatory year by registration permit only

Unit 22B, 22D, 22E
Two bears every regulatory year by registration permit only; or 2 bears every regulatory year

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Proposal 27

Effects of the Proposal Brown Bear/Unit 22

5 AAC 85.020
 Resident Hunting Season

Unit 22B	Unit 22C	Unit 22D & 22E
Aug. 1 - June 30 (Subsistence hunt only)	Aug. 1 - [Oct 31] [Apr. 1] - June 30 (Subsistence hunt only)	Aug. 1 - [Jun. 15] Jun 30 (Subsistence hunt only)
Aug. 1 - June 30	Aug. 1 - [Oct 31] [Apr. 1] - June 30	Aug. 1 - [June 15] Jun 30

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Proposal 27

Effects of the Proposal Brown Bear/Unit 22

Resident Hunting Season

Unit 22B	Unit 22C	Unit 22D & 22E
<p><i>Aug. 1 - June 30</i> <i>(Subsistence hunt only)</i></p> <p><i>Aug. 1 - June 30</i></p>	<p><i>Aug. 1 - June 30</i> <i>(Subsistence hunt only)</i></p> <p><i>Aug. 1 - June 30</i></p>	<p><i>Aug. 1 - June 30</i> <i>(Subsistence hunt only)</i></p> <p><i>Aug. 1 - June 30</i></p>

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Background Brown Bear/Unit 22

Units 22B, 22C, 22D, and 22E
Resident Brown Bear Harvest by Month
RY20 - RY22

Month	Male	Female	DLP
Jul	0	0	1
Aug	12	14	1
Sept	23	15	0
Oct	6	5	0
Nov	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0
Jan	0	0	0
Feb	0	0	0
Mar	0	0	0
Apr	27	22	0
May	21	20	0
Jun	0	0	1

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Proposal 27

Department Comments **Brown Bear/Unit 22**

- The department **SUPPORTS** this proposal as it is a housekeeping proposal to align season dates to alleviate confusion in the hunting regulations.
- There is no biological concern due to very low harvest of brown bears occurring in June.
- Defense of life and property (DLP)

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Proposal 27

PROPOSAL 27 **Brown Bear/Unit 22**

Align the resident season for brown bear in Units 22C, 22D, and 22E with those in Unit 22B

Proposed by
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation
Support

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC- Support 11-0-0
Southern Norton Sound AC- No Action

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PROPOSAL 28

Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E

Change Units 22D and 22E nonresident brown bear draw permit, DB690, to general season

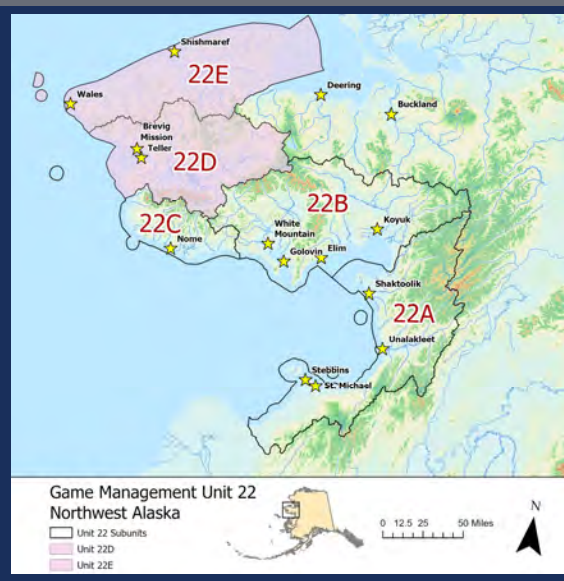
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Department Recommendation
Oppose

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Area Map

Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E



Proposal 28

Current Regulations Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E

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Unit 22D

One bear every regulatory year by drawing permit only; up to 21 permits may be issued in combination with Unit 22(E).

Nonresident Hunting Season

Unit 22D Aug. 1 - Jun. 15
Unit 22E Aug. 1 - Jun. 15


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Proposal 28

Effects of the Proposal Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E

- Nonresident brown bear harvest within Unit 22D and 22E may increase
- An unlimited number of permits could be issued to nonresident brown bear hunters



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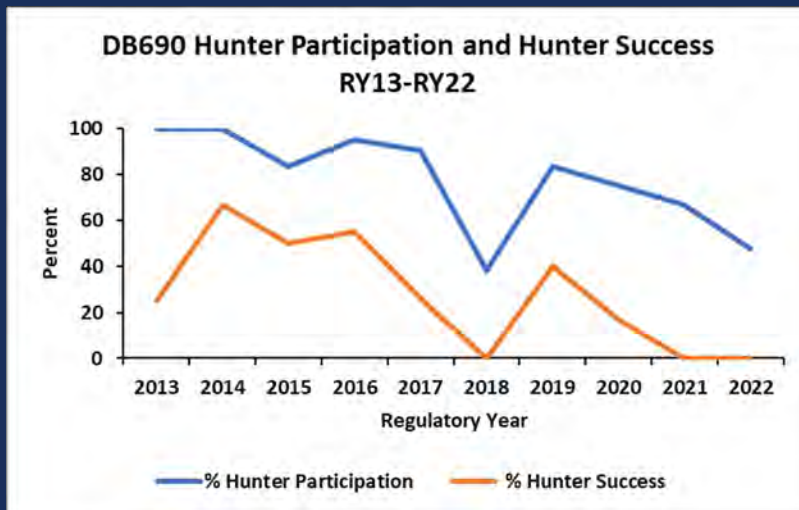
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Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E

- Brown bear regulations have been incrementally liberalized
- DB690 has had incremental increases in the number of permits available
- In the last 5 years, only 3 bears have been harvested under the nonresident DB690 permit
- Nonresident brown bear hunting occurs in conjunction with caribou and moose hunting opportunities

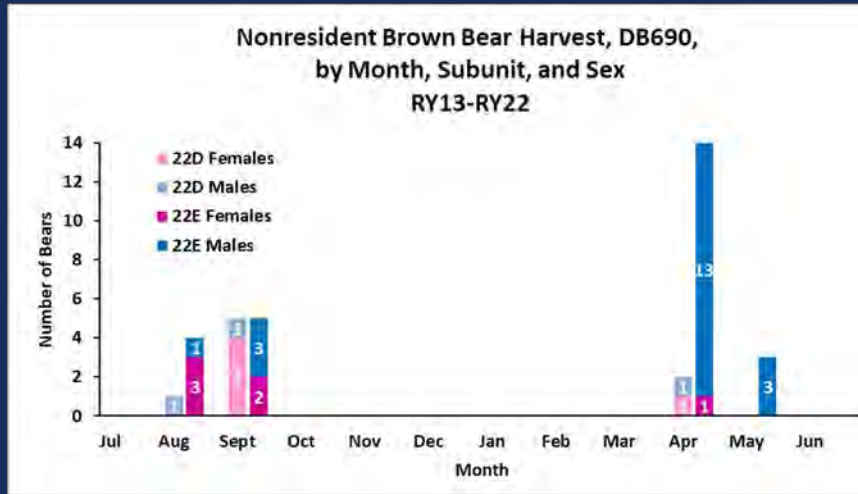
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Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E



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Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E



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Department Comments

Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E

- The department is **OPPOSED** to changing the hunt structure, as it would make it challenging to regulate nonresident brown bear harvest within Units 22D & 22E.
- Increased guiding pressure
- The department supports the Board providing additional opportunity through an incremental change of increasing the number of permits available for DB690 to “up to 40 permits in combination with Unit 22E”

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Proposal 28

PROPOSAL 28 **Brown Bear/Units 22D & 22E**

Change Units 22D and 22E nonresident brown bear draw permit, DB690, to general season

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Department Recommendation
Oppose

AC Recommendations
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Southern Norton Sound AC- No Action

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Proposal 29

PROPOSAL 29 **Brown Bear/Unit 22B**

Increase the number of nonresident brown bear drawing permits available in Unit 22B for DB685 to 40 permits, or change DB685 to a registration permit

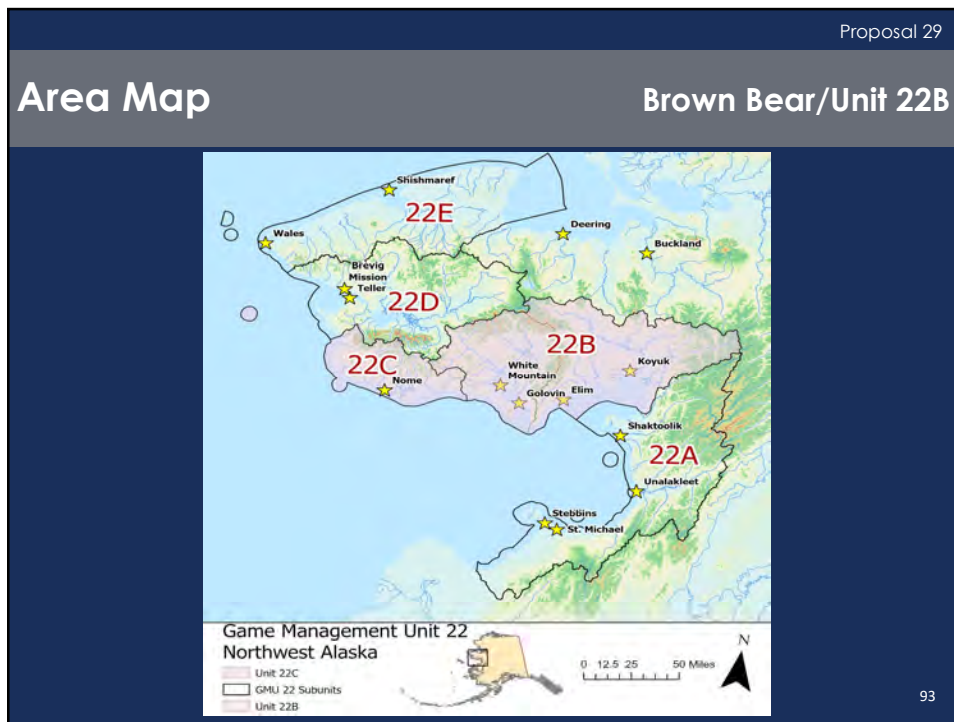
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Department Recommendation
Opposes

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC- Support as amended 10-1-0
Southern Norton Sound AC- Support as amended 7-0-0

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Proposal 29

Effects of the Proposal Brown Bear/Unit 22B

- Brown Bear harvest within Unit 22B may increase
- A new registration or draw hunt would be administered

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Proposal 29

Background Brown Bear/Unit 22B

- Brown Bear regulations have been incrementally liberalized
- Unit 22B and Unit 22C nonresident brown bear hunting is currently administered under a combined draw permit, DB685
- DB685 is historically undersubscribed
- DB685 averages 9 bears harvested per regulatory year

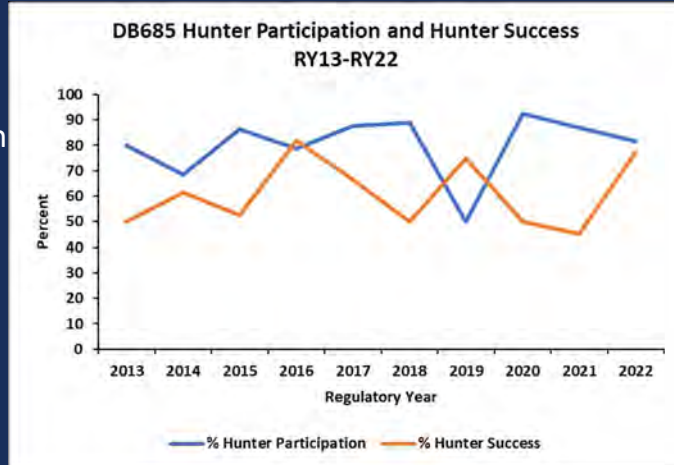
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Background

Brown Bear/Unit 22B

- Average Hunter Participation is 80%
- Average Hunter Success is 61%

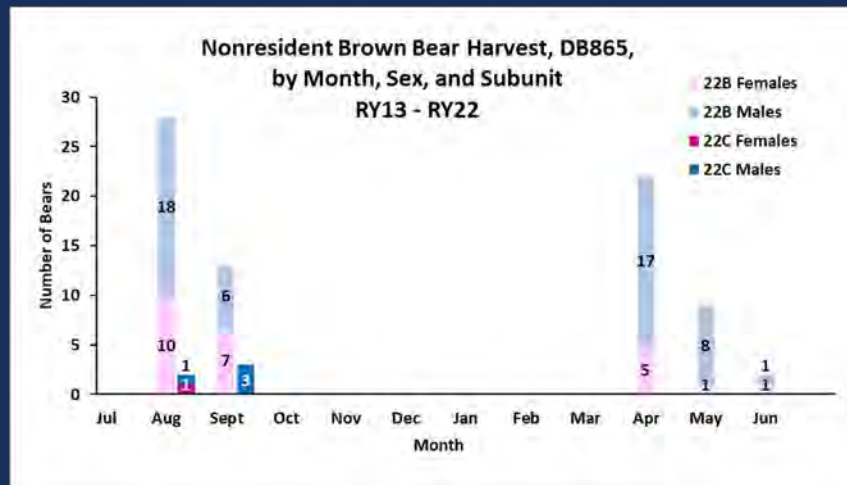


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Background

Brown Bear/Unit 22B



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Proposal 29

Department Comments **Brown Bear/Unit 22B**

- The department is **OPPOSED** to changing the hunt structure for nonresident brown bear hunting in Units 22B and 22C.
- Increased guiding pressure
- The department supports the Board providing additional opportunity through an incremental change of increasing the number of permits available for DB685 to “up to 40 permits in combination with Unit 22C”

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Proposal 29

PROPOSAL 29 **Brown Bear/Unit 22B**

Increase the number of nonresident brown bear drawing permits available in Unit 22B for DB685 to 40 permits, or change DB685 to a registration permit

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Department Recommendation
Opposes

AC Recommendations
Northern Norton Sound AC- Support as amended 10-1-0
Southern Norton Sound AC- Support as amended 7-0-0

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