

Region IV

Regional Overview

Region IV Map



Staffing

- 23 positions
 - 10 Area Management Positions
 - 5 Area Program Techs & Office Assistant
 - 4 Research Staff
 - 4 Supervisors and Administration
- 6 of these are currently vacant

Regional Office

- Located in Palmer Area Office Building
- Office Space previously acquired
- Lands and Refuges, Information Services
- Habitat (5 positions)

- Expanding Palmer AO visitor center
- Budget

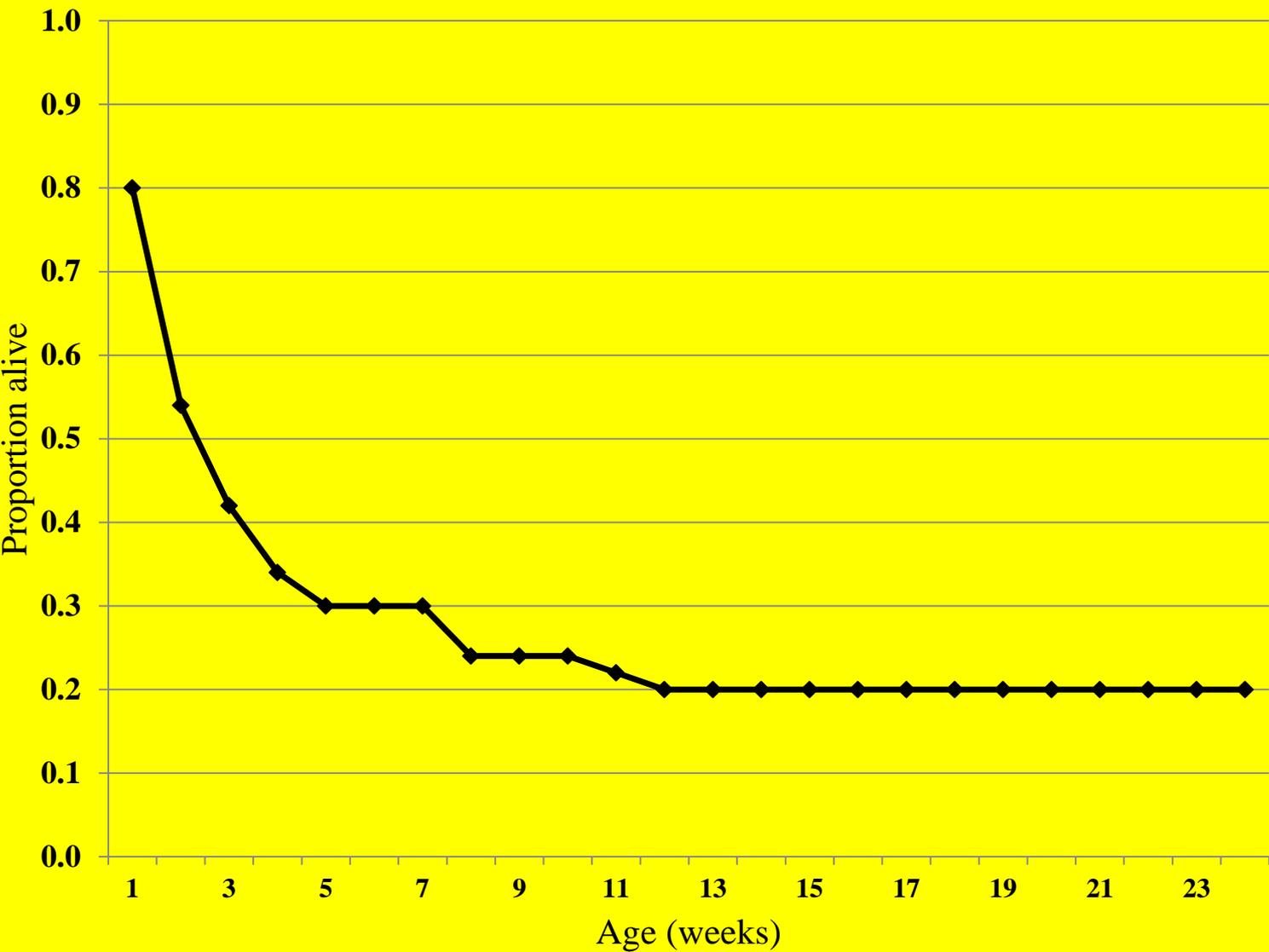
Overview of Issues

- GMU 9 Moose
 - Federal and State Working Group
 - User conflicts, access, and moose availability
 - Work Session scheduled for Tuesday pm

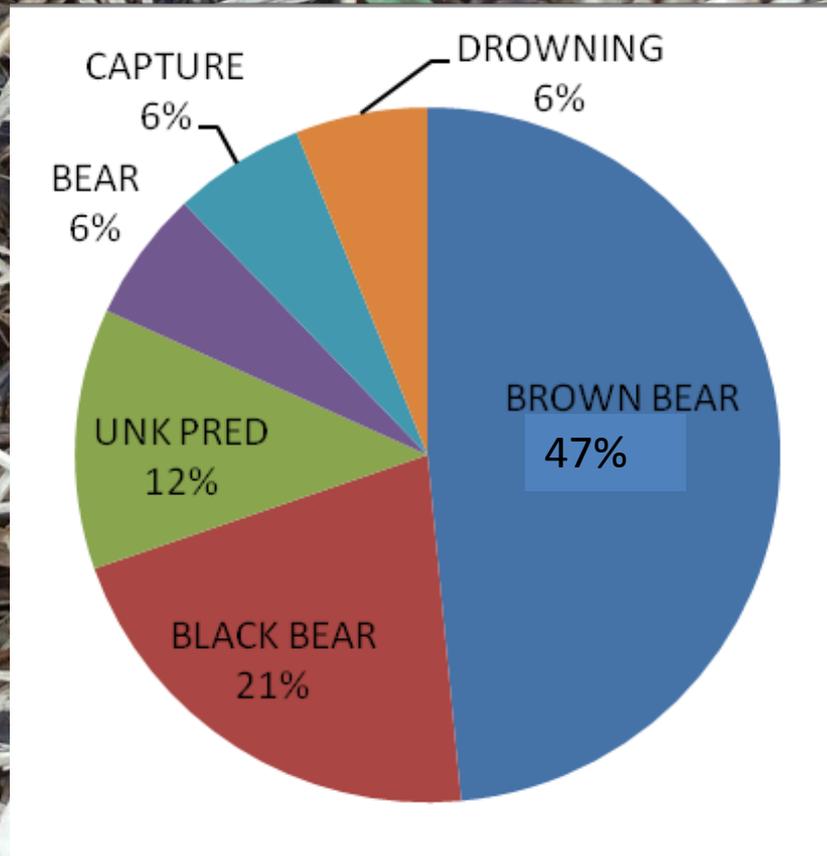
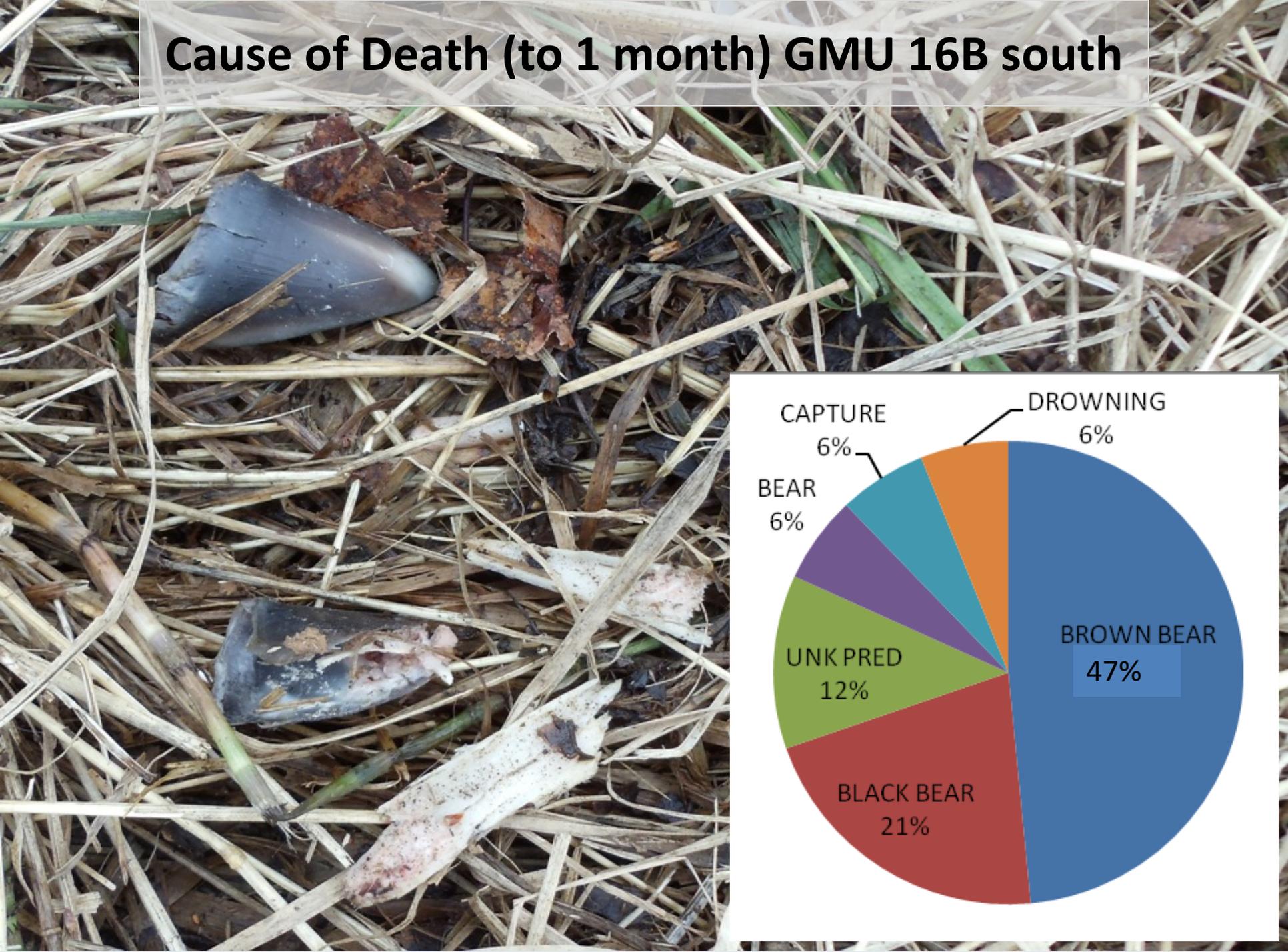
GMU 16 Intensive Management

- Wolf reduction to increase moose survival initiated in 2004-2005
- High survival except for calves during summer
- Black bear reduction initiated in 2007
- Calf survival remains only 8-23%
- Moose calf mortality study in 2010 near Tyonek where black bear removal highest
- Result 20% survival

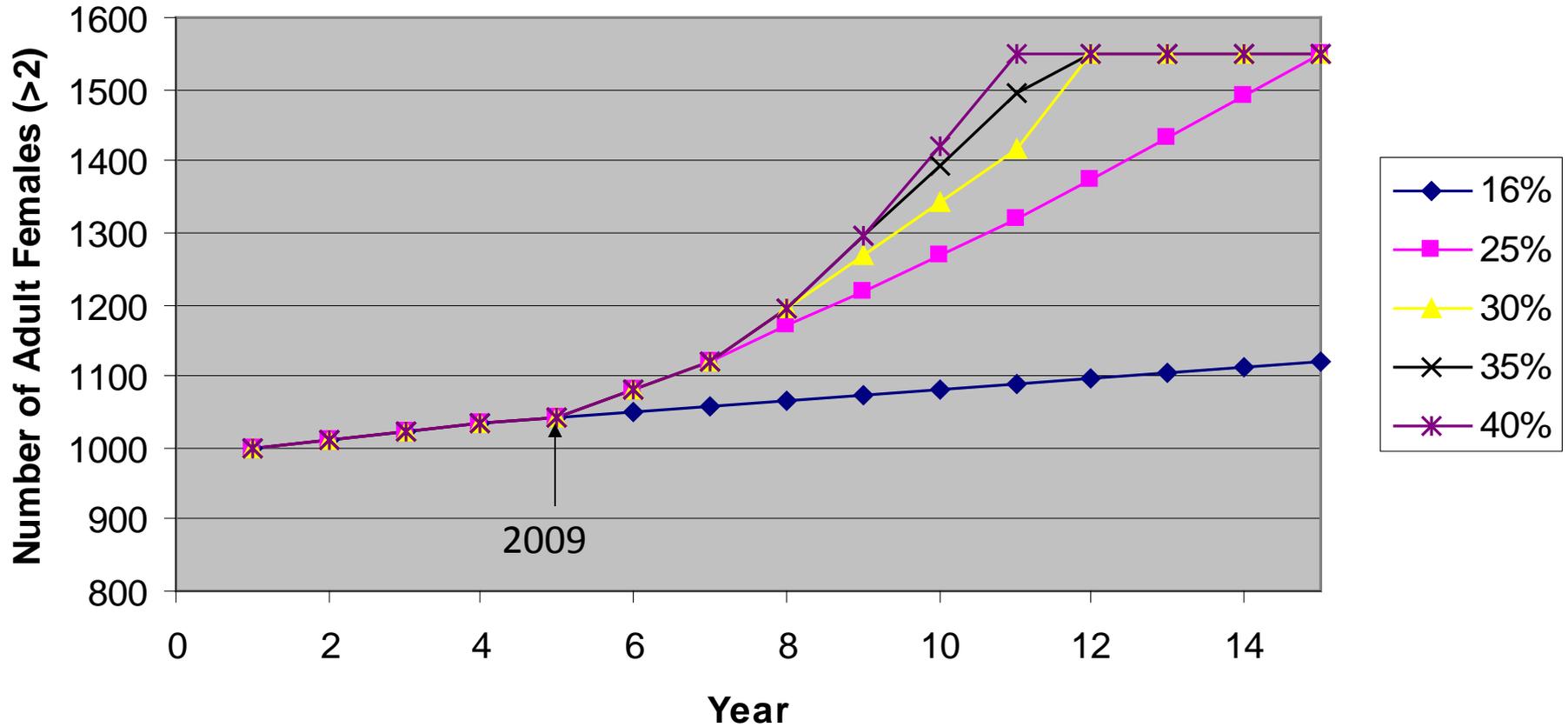
Calf Survival Function GMU 16B South



Cause of Death (to 1 month) GMU 16B south



Summer Calf Survival and Time to Meet Objectives



GMU 16 Intensive Management

- New surveys indicate more moose in 16B south than previous
- Bull numbers fairly high due to low harvest and decreased non-hunting mortality
- Recovery is slow
- Options range from continuing black bear removal to including brown bears

GMU 13 Caribou Hunt Update

- Court rulings last summer caused major shifts in hunt administration
- Emergency and special board meetings
- Community, Tier 1, and Drawing hunts modified to comply and re-established
- Numerous proposals for this meeting
- Guidance on hunt administration

Southwest Caribou Update

- Southern AP Herd: strong response to IM
- Unimak Herd: Inactive IM program
 - Federal land, EA
- Northern AP Herd: Inactive IM program
 - Federal land, distribution, late calf mortality
- Mulchatna Herd: Below harvest objectives
 - Herd status has improved
 - IM plan contingent on feasibility

Public Safety Wolf Removals

- Joint with Department of Public Safety
- Chignik Lake – 8 wolves
- Port Heiden – 14 wolves
- Outreach and Prevention
 - Safety regarding wolves
 - Trapping clinics

Other Issues

- JPARC Military Operations Area Expansion
- Point MacKenzie Rail Spur
- Su-Hydro Project
- Pebble, Tangle Lakes, Kemuk

Region IV Research

- GMU 13 brown bears
 - Sustainable harvest rates
 - Kill rates on moose calves
- GMU 14 Caribou
 - Population identification
 - Potential for significant increase in harvest
- SW caribou climate/nutrition/predation
- Factors limiting moose calf production and growth