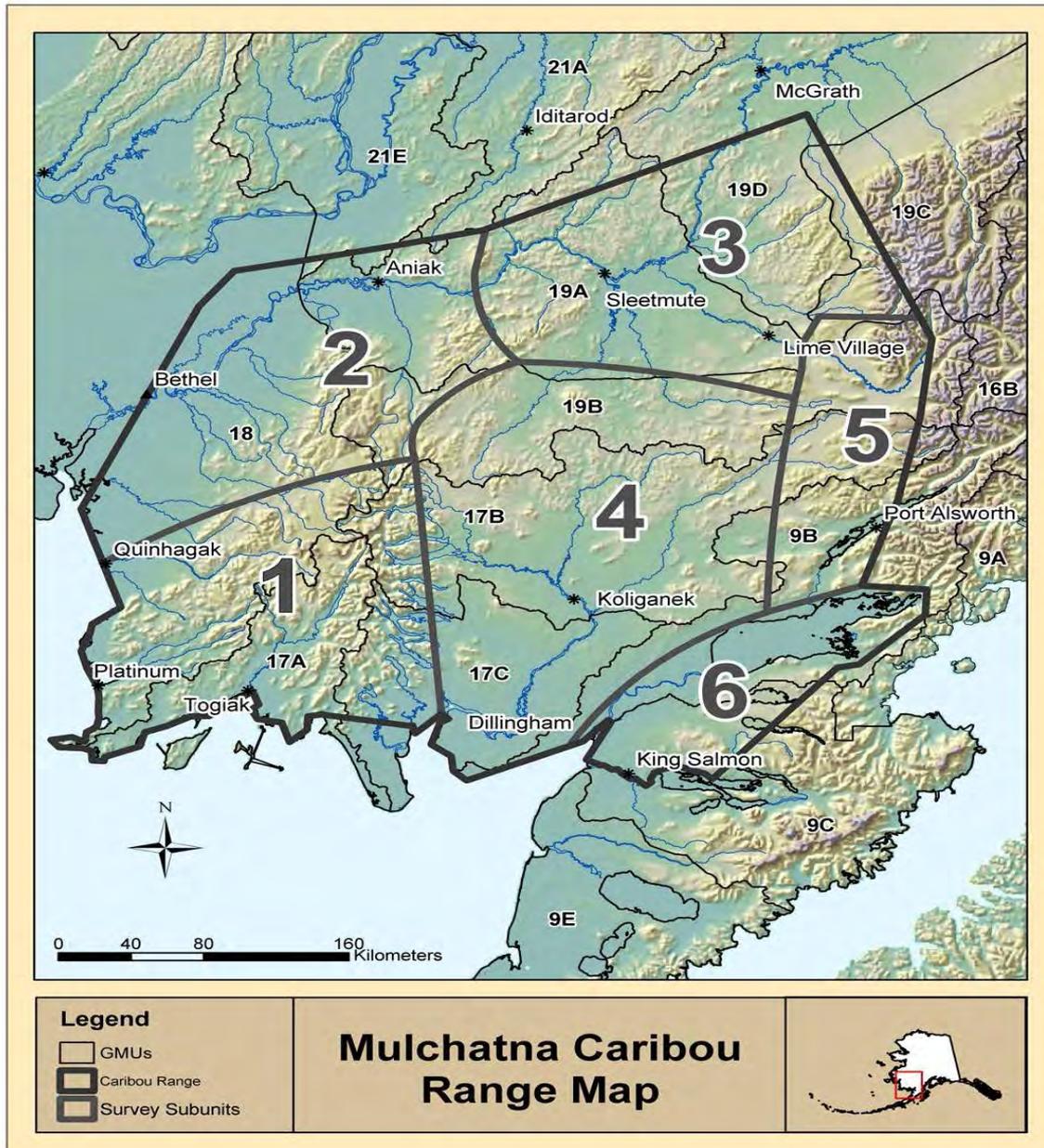


Proposal 45

- **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

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**

Prop. 45 **Issues with registration hunt:**

- **Familiarity with registration permit hunt system**

Prop. 45

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
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- Failure to Return (FTR) consequences
- Correct number of harvest tickets w/ permit and hunt information

Other options considered:

- **Household subsistence surveys**
- **Increased LE and education**
- **Registration hunt for only portion of MCH range**

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**

Nushagak AC: Support (unanimous)

Togiak AC: Support (unanimous)

Other Areas:

Proposal 45

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- **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:

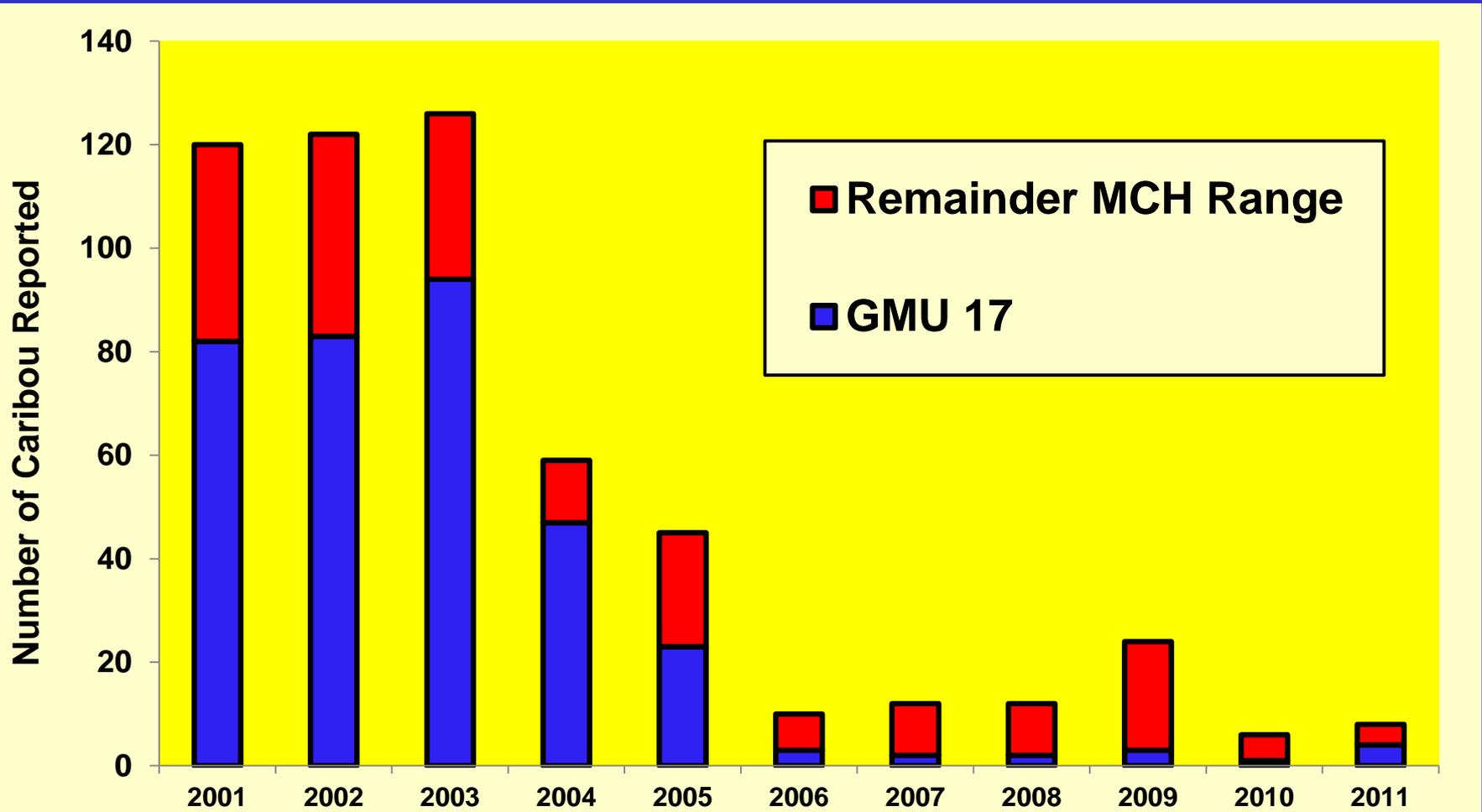
Resident - Aug. 1 to March 15

Nonresident – No Open Season

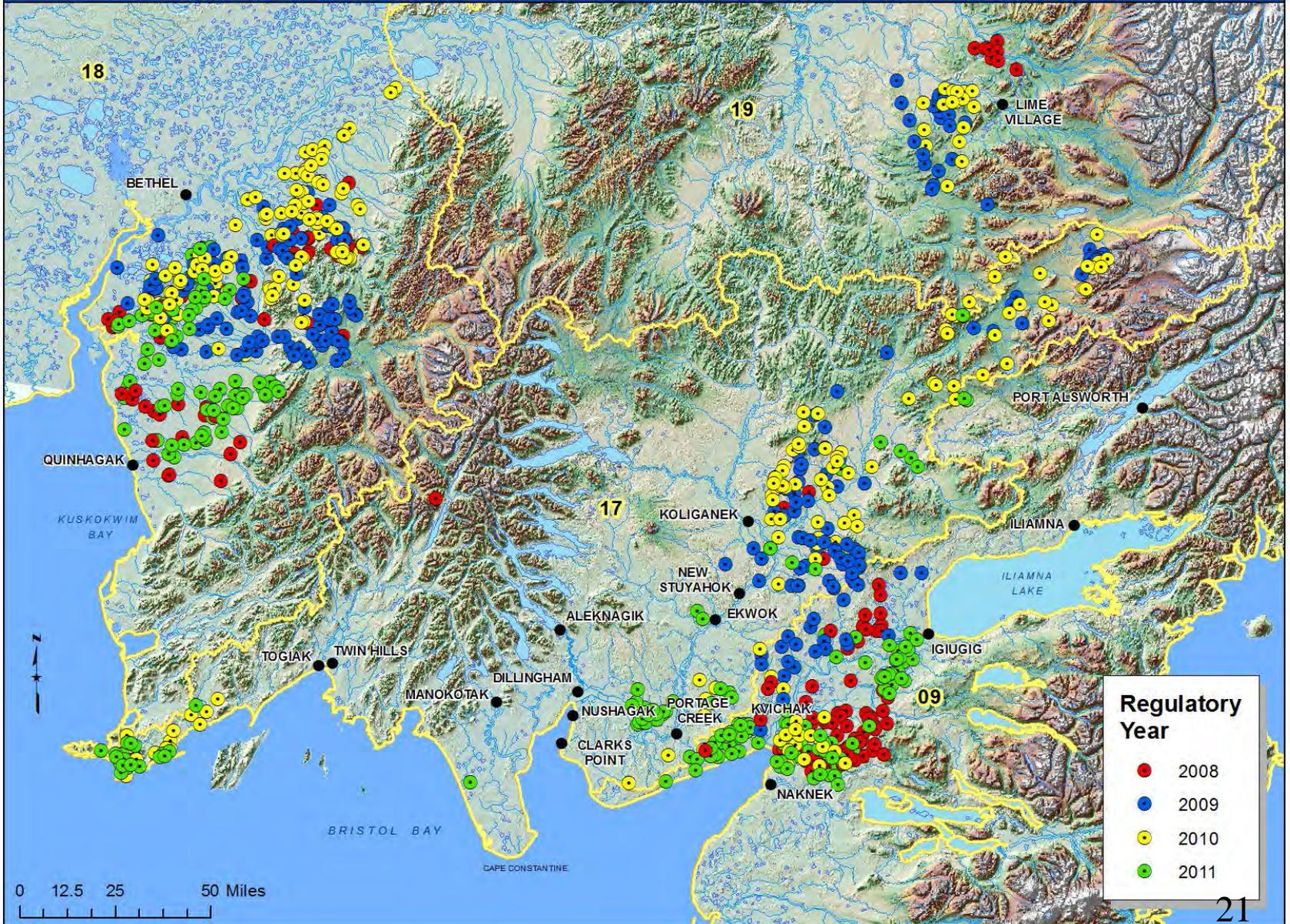
Bag Limit: 2 caribou/year, of which only 1 bull, and only 1 caribou before Jan 31

Mulchatna Caribou

Reported October Harvest



Satellite collar locations, Nov – Mar. 15: Reg. Years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011



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)

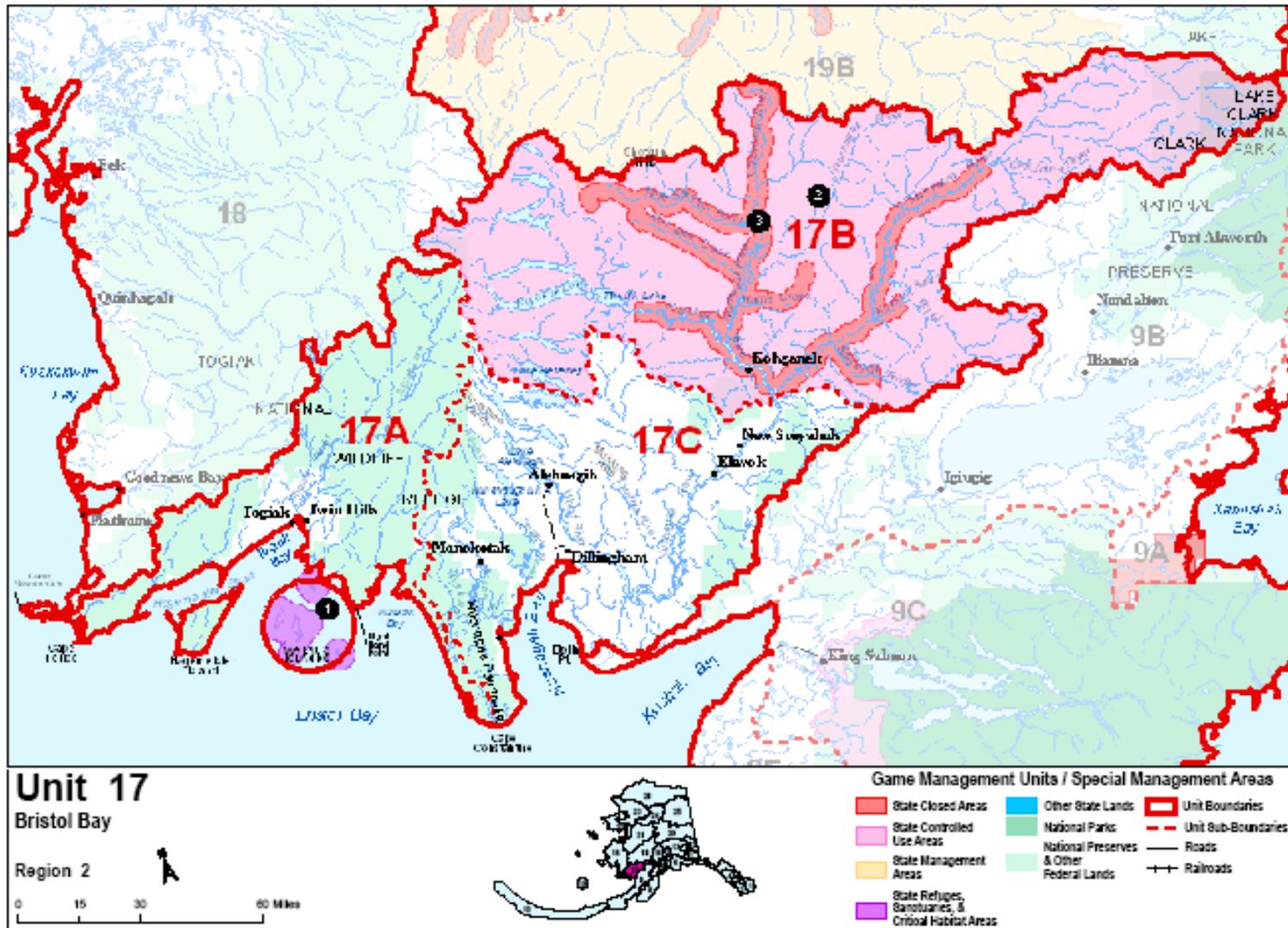
Proposal 47

- **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

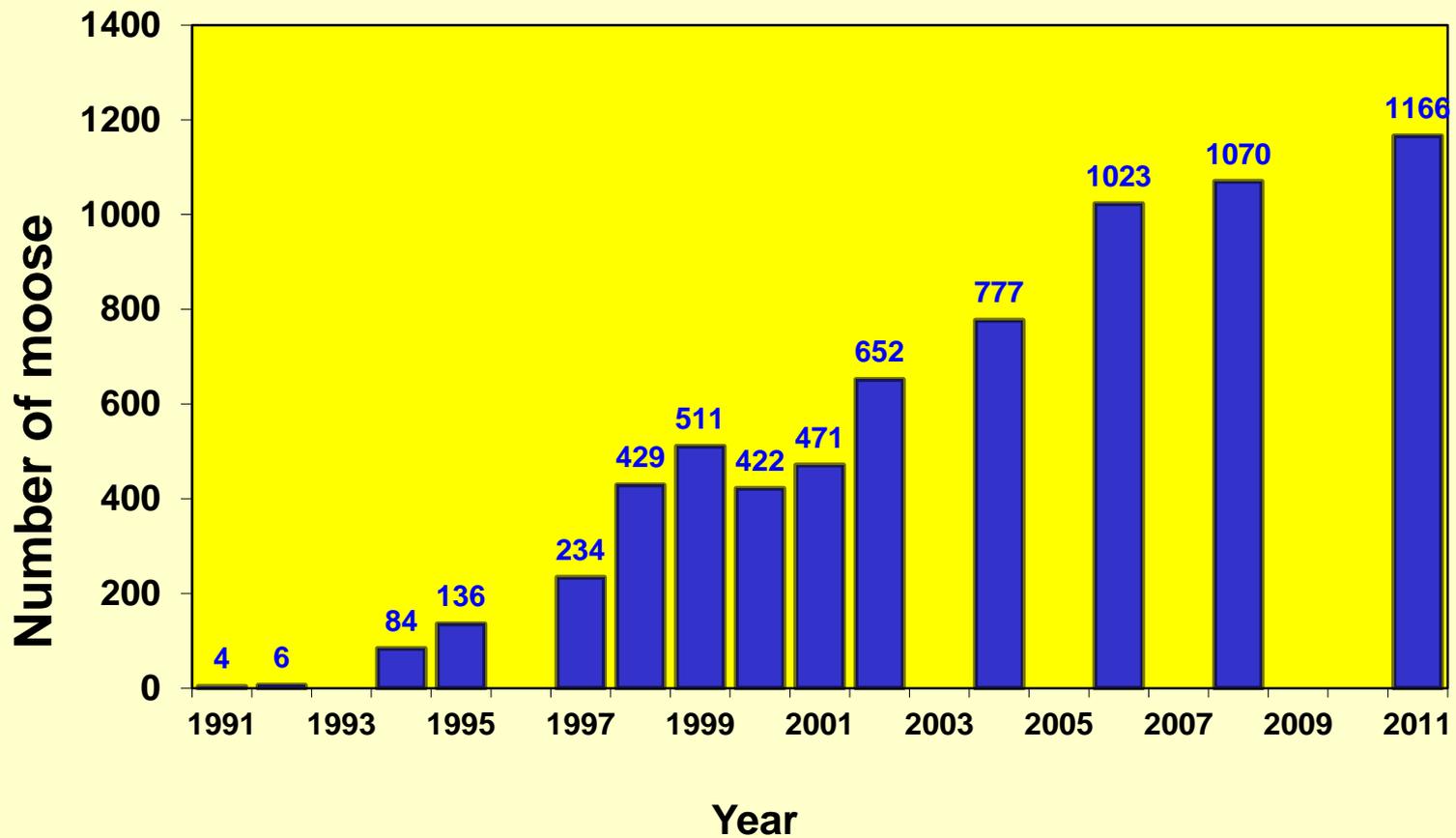
Prop. 48



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



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)**

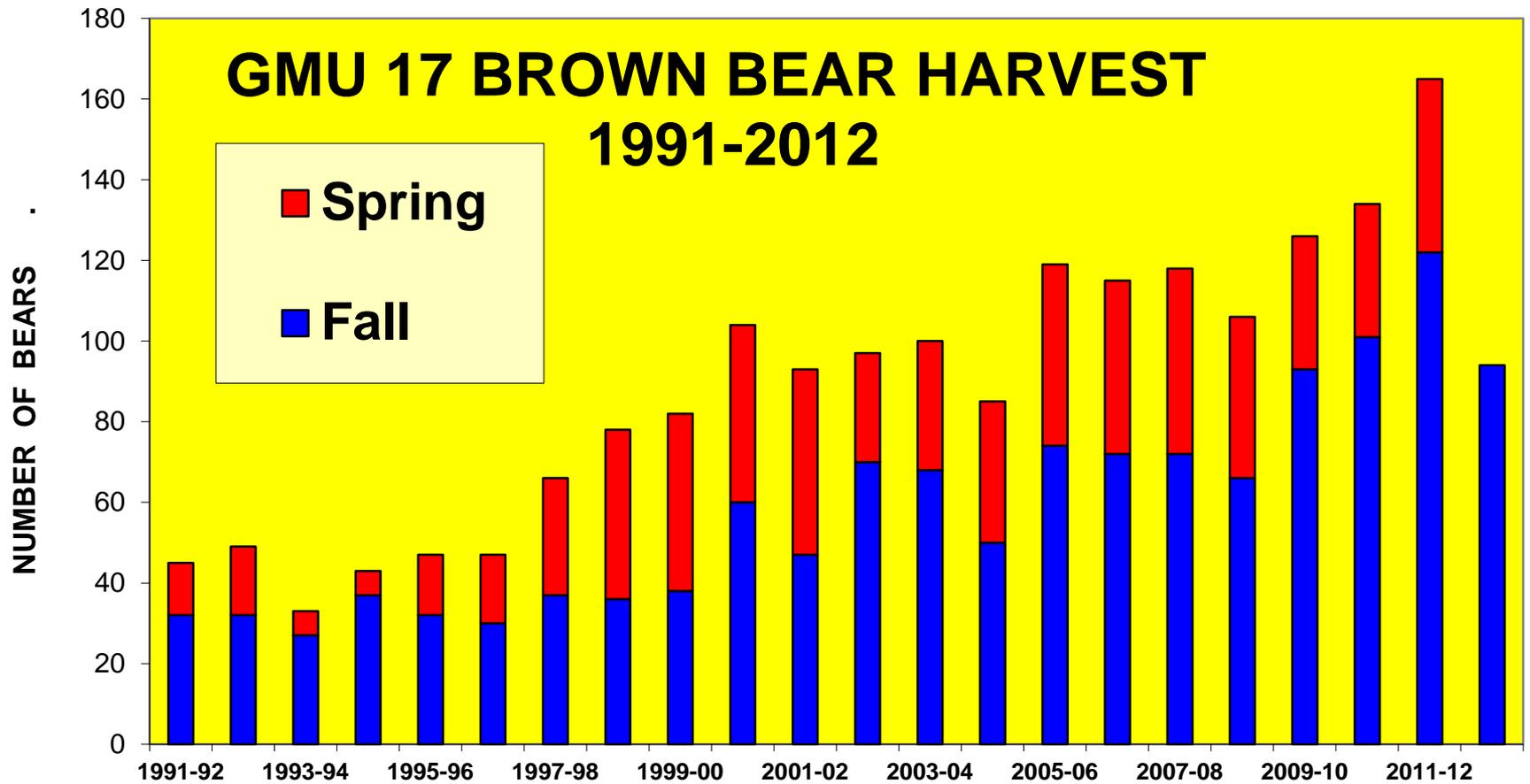
Proposed Amendments

- **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



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

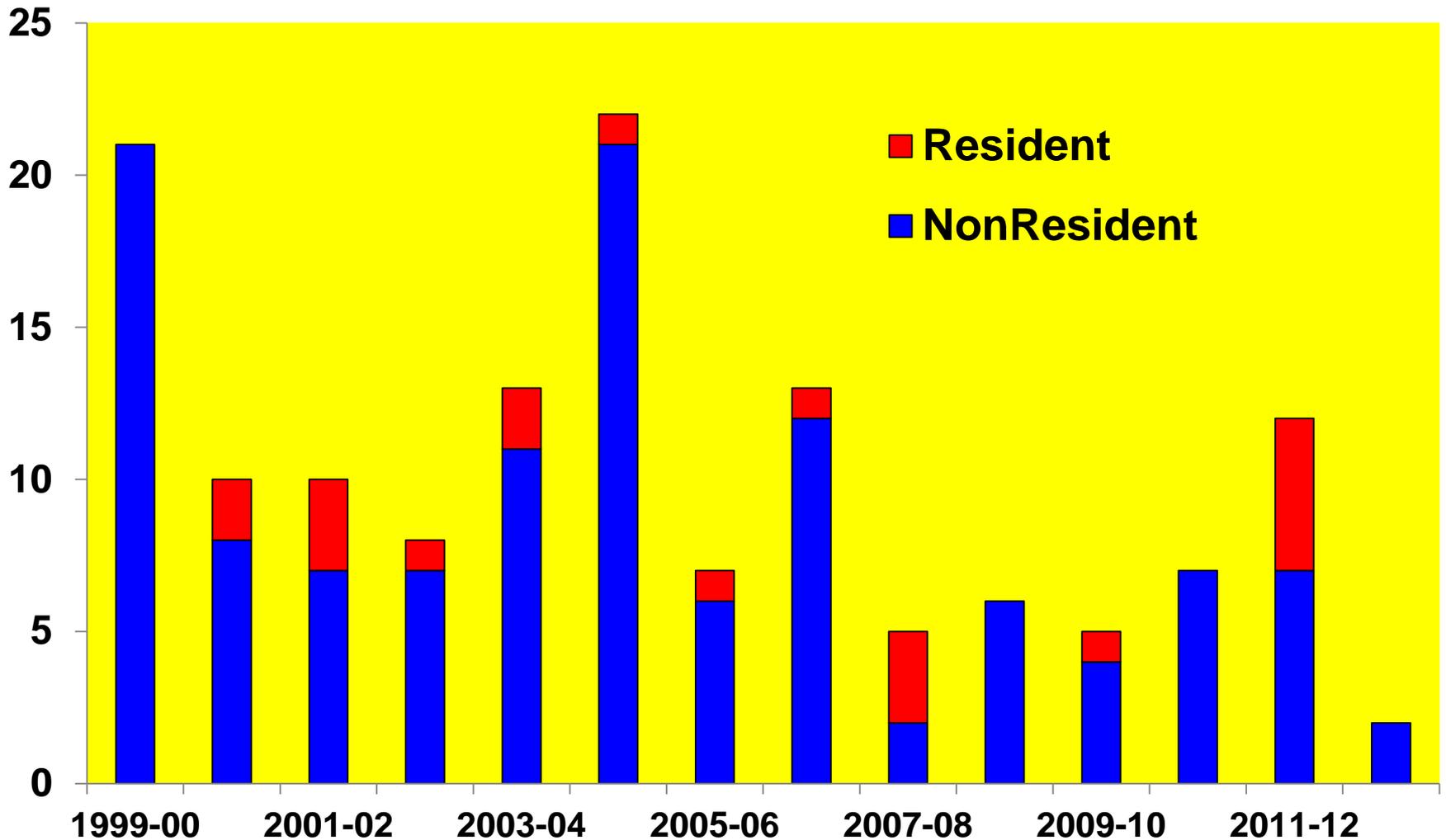
Season Dates:

Aug 1 – May 31

Bag Limit: Resident – 2 bears

Nonresident – 1 bear

GMU 17 Black Bear 1999-2012



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