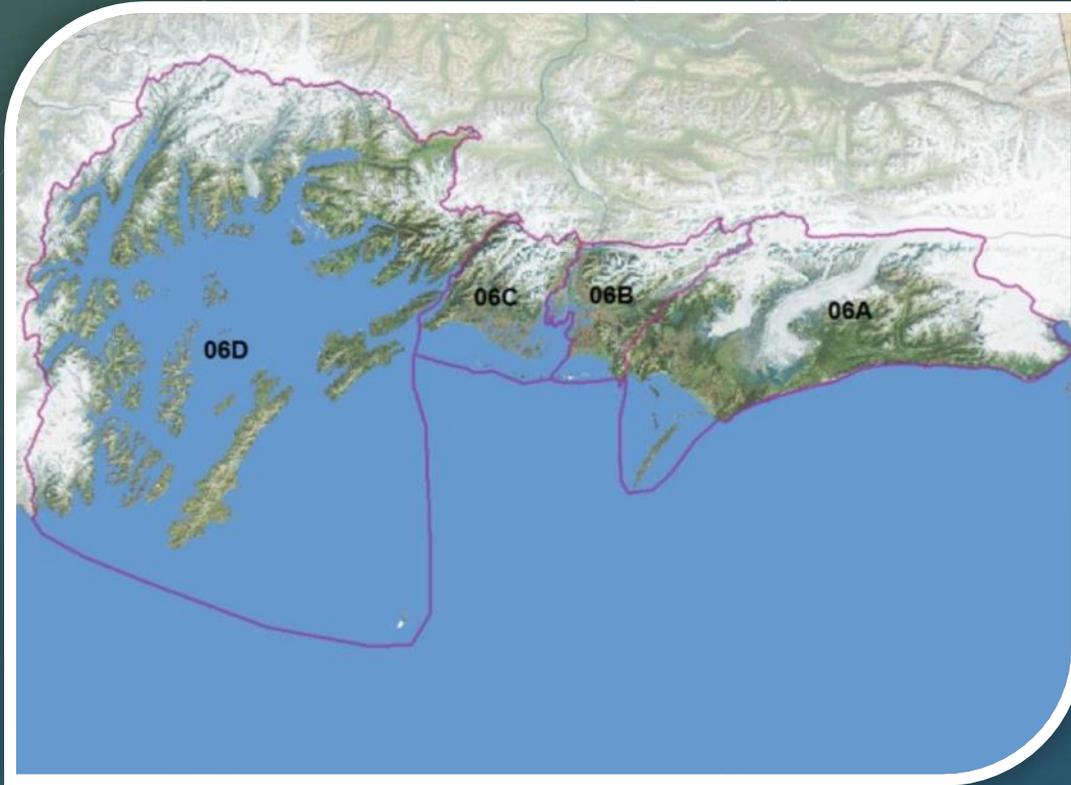


GMU 6 Proposals

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Moose

Proposal 140:

Seeks to reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C

Department Position: Support

This is a Department proposal

Copper River/Prince William Sound AC- support

Whittier AC- no action

Valdez AC- no action

Antlerless Moose Reauthorization

Proposal 140

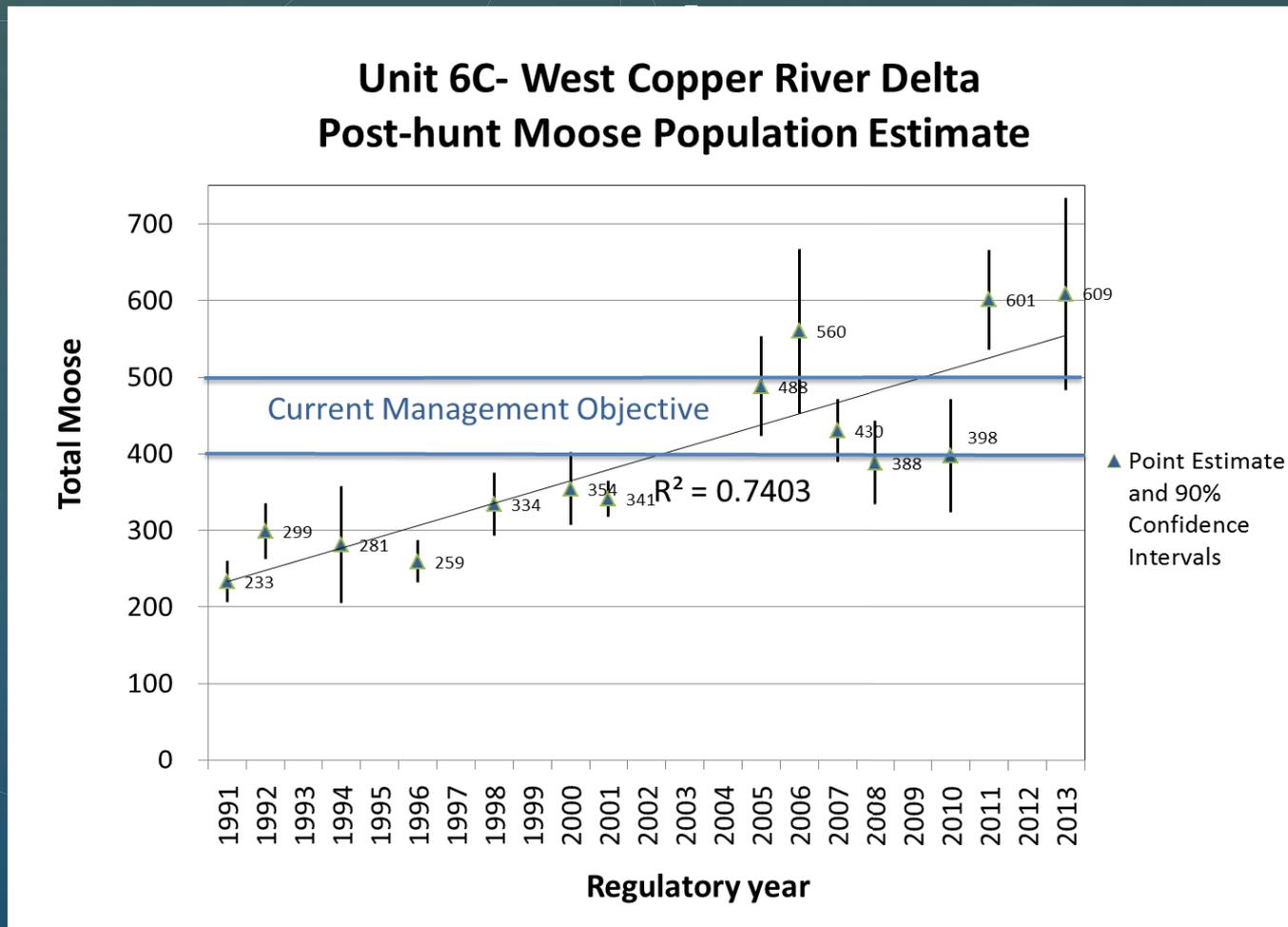
- ⌘ Hunt Administration
 - ⌘ Current hunt structure
 - ⌘ State drawing permit DM167 for 25% of bull MAH.
 - ⌘ USFS administers a Federal drawing for 75% of bull MAH and 100% of cow MAH.
 - ⌘ In 2013, the BOG authorized RM169.
 - ⌘ High harvest levels
 - RY14 MAH was 48 bulls and 35 cows.
 - RY15 MAH will not change.



Antlerless Moose Reauthorization

Proposal 140

- Unit 6C was last surveyed at about 610 moose in February 2014. Population above current objectives.



Antlerless Moose

Proposal 140

Reauthorization

Recommendation: Support

- ∅ The department needs all management tools available with a population that is above current objectives.

Goats

Proposal 141:

Seeks to modify goat seasons in Unit 6 as follows:

Add language to the Unit 6 goat regulation for units and bag limits to read- "However, if a nanny is taken, the hunter is prohibited from taking a goat in Unit 6 for five regulatory years."

Department Position: Neutral

This is an Advisory Committee proposal

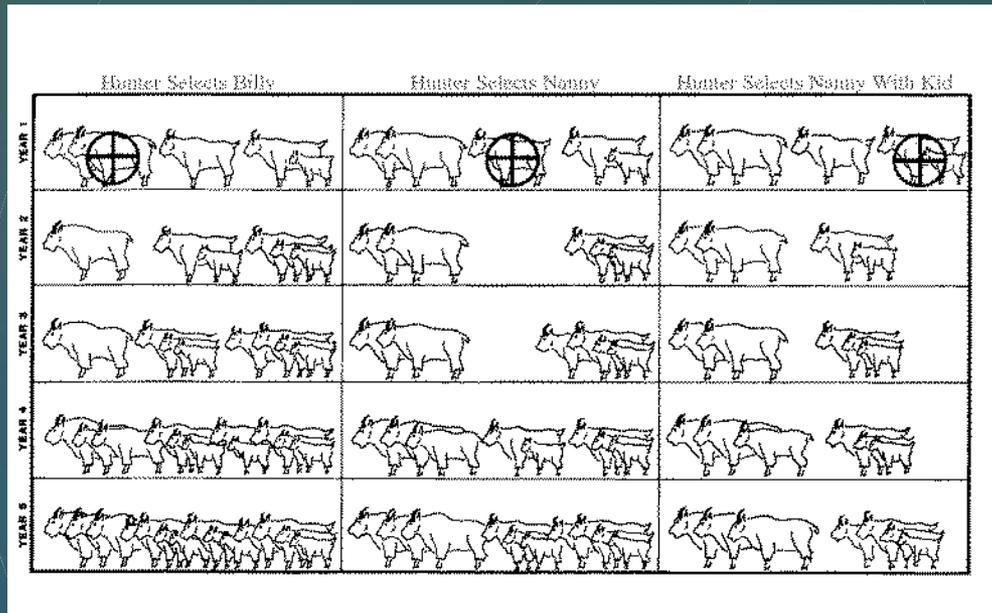
Copper River/Prince William Sound AC- support

Whittier AC- support

Valdez AC- Meeting March 6

Nanny Goat Harvest Provision Background

Proposal 141



Reduced nanny take is a goal for the management of all goat populations that are not above population objectives.

- Difficulty distinguishing sex
- Slow to reproduce
- High mortality of young animals

Nanny Goat Harvest Provision Background

Proposal 141

⌘ Current strategies

⌘ Biologists attempt to reduce nanny harvest

⌘ Using Maximum Allowable Harvest (MAH)

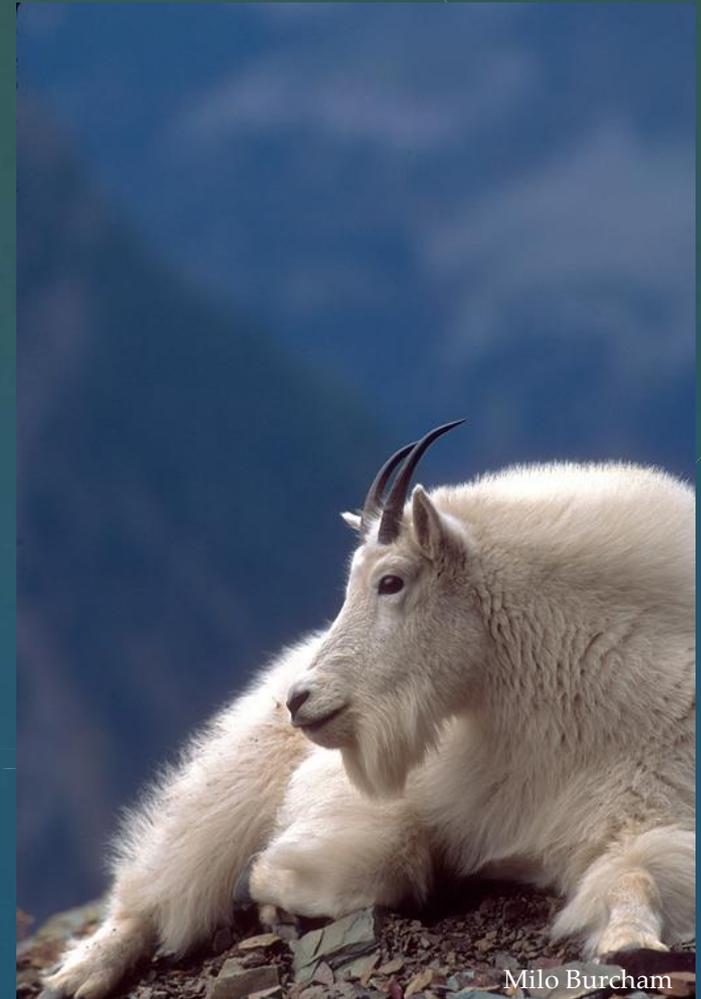
Nanny = 2 units

Billy = 1 unit

Unrecovered goat = 1.5 units

⌘ However, a nanny is truly worth more than two to the population.

⌘ Mandatory goat hunter education in some hunts



Nanny Goat Harvest Provision Background

Proposal 141

- ⌘ However, some participants purposely harvest nannies and do so year after year.
 - ⌘ Populations declines and prolonged season closures have followed years of high nanny take.



Nanny Goat Harvest Provision Proposal 141

Recommendation: Neutral

- ∞ Reduced Nanny take will result in:
 - ∞ Hunters that target nannies will lose opportunity
 - ∞ More goats harvested within the MAH
 - ∞ Longer seasons
 - ∞ More individuals participating
 - ∞ More reliable hunt opportunities

