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- **This proposal would extend the small furbearer season on Chichagof Is. by changing the starting date from December 1 to November 1**
- **Department Recommendation:
No Recommendation**

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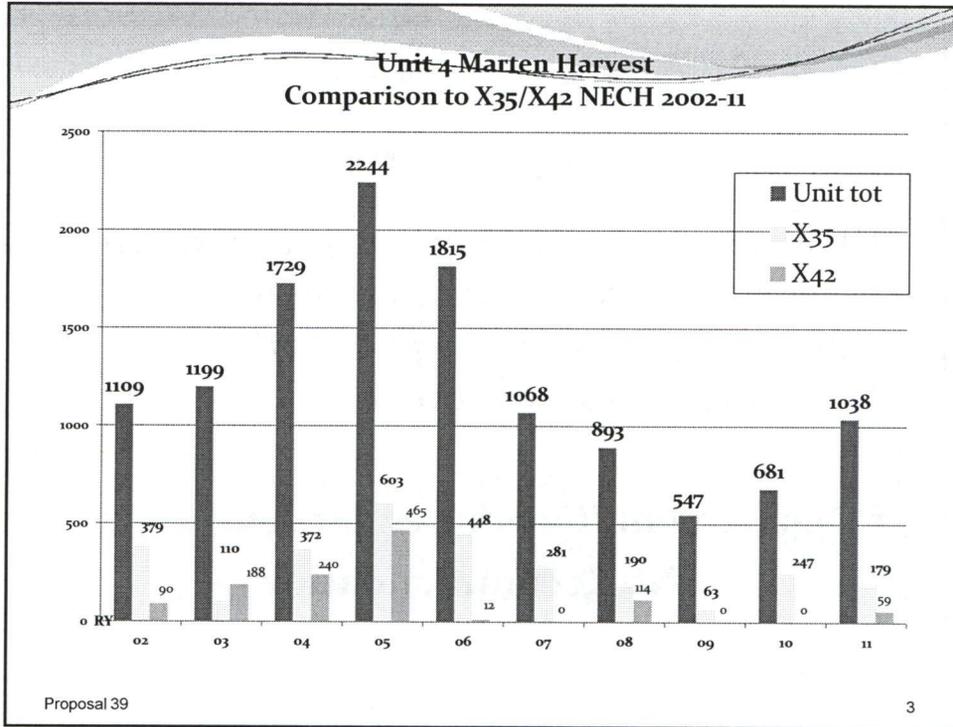
Discussion

- Proposal extends small furbearer seasons by 4 weeks.
- Proponent targets marten as the species intended
- Result intended is to allow grouse and ptarmigan populations to recover

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Discussion

- Marten study indicated birds were a prey item, but the birds were not ID'd by species
- Amount of grouse/ptarmigan as prey items are unknown
- Other islands in Unit 4 and other parts of Southeast Alaska have small furbearer populations while still maintaining populations of grouse

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Conclusions

- Present season (Dec. 1-31) for marten on NECCUA is supported by the department due to concerns with vulnerability of these furbearers to over harvest
- Seasons in remainder of Unit 4 are consistent with remainder of Units 1-4
- There is no evidence to suggest that grouse and ptarmigan would rebound with a higher marten harvest

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Recommendation

- Department Position:
No Recommendation

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