

Game Management Unit 4 Area Overview

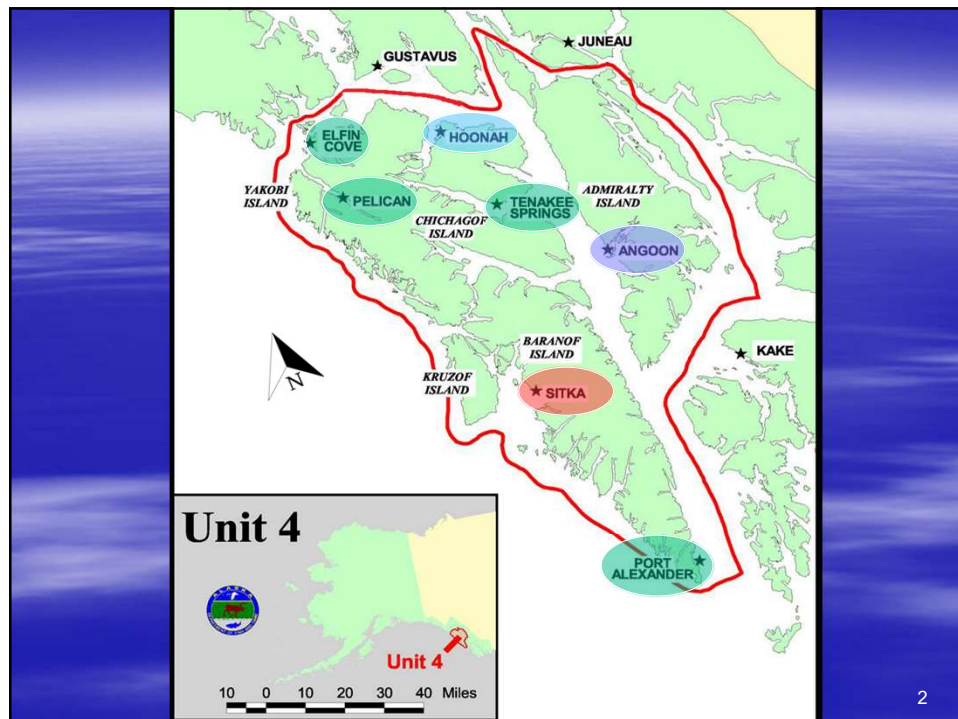
Board of Game
January 20-24, 2023



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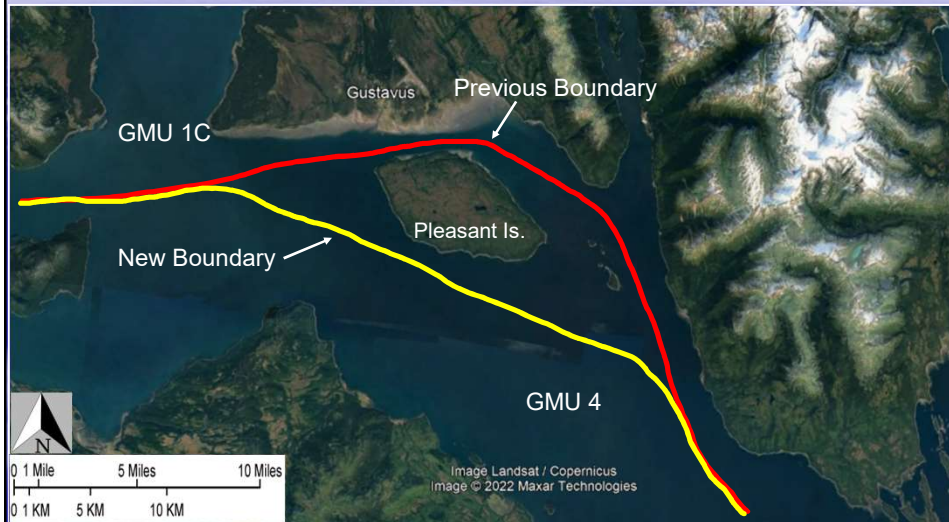
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Unit 4 Boundary Adjustment



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Major Industry

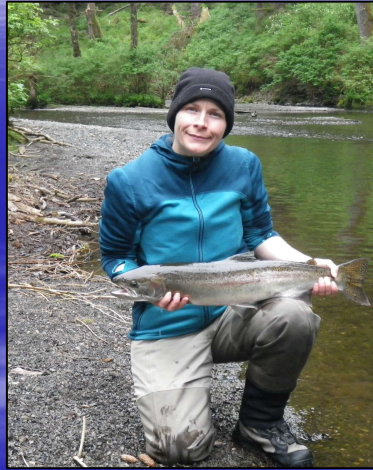
- **Tourism**
 - 385K Cruise Ship Guests Sitka
 - 265K in Hoonah
 - Charter Operators
 - ~100 SF business, 8K trips
 - ~20 Hunting Guides
- **Commercial Fishing**
 - ~400 Permit Holders
- **Health Care (SEARHC)**
 - ~ 450 hospital employees
- **Non-Profits (100)**



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Wildlife Staff

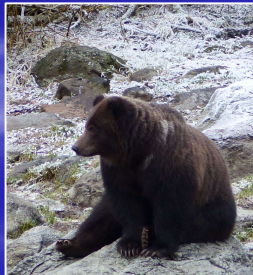


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Unit 4 Species

- Brown Bears
- Sitka Black-Tailed Deer
- Mountain Goats
- Furbearers
- Birds



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Brown Bears

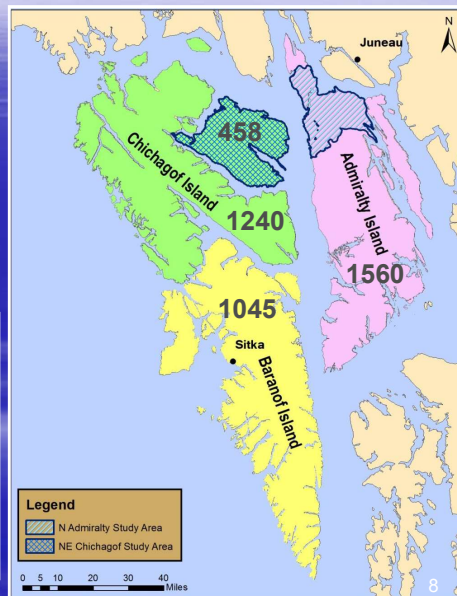


Three Brown Bear Proposals (#12-14)
Positive C&T, ANS 5-10

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Brown Bear Population Estimates



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BBMS Guidelines

- Cap Guides at 20 (currently 18)
- Max NR Hunts 148 (currently 134, incl. 7 2DK)
- GHL = 4% Total, 1.5% Female
- Three year running average



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Brown Bear Harvest

	<i>BBMS Guideline Harvest Level</i>		<i>2020-2022 Average</i>	
ISLAND	Total Bears	Female	Total Bears	Female
Admiralty	62	23	40	4
Baranof	42	16	37	11
NE Chich	18	7	11	2
Chichagof	50	19	33	3
Total	172	65	121	20



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Sitka Black-Tailed Deer



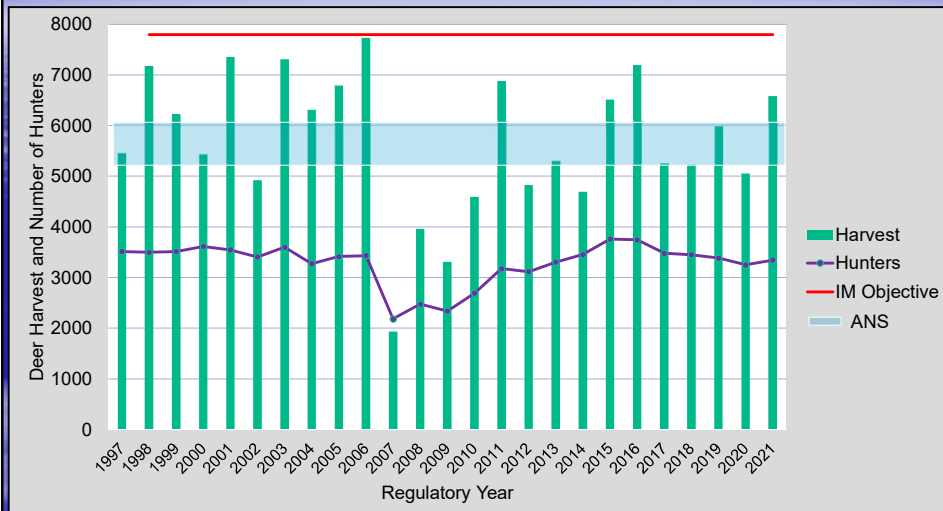
Two Deer Proposals (#10-11)

Positive C&T, ANS 5,200 - 6,000

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Deer Harvests 1997-2021



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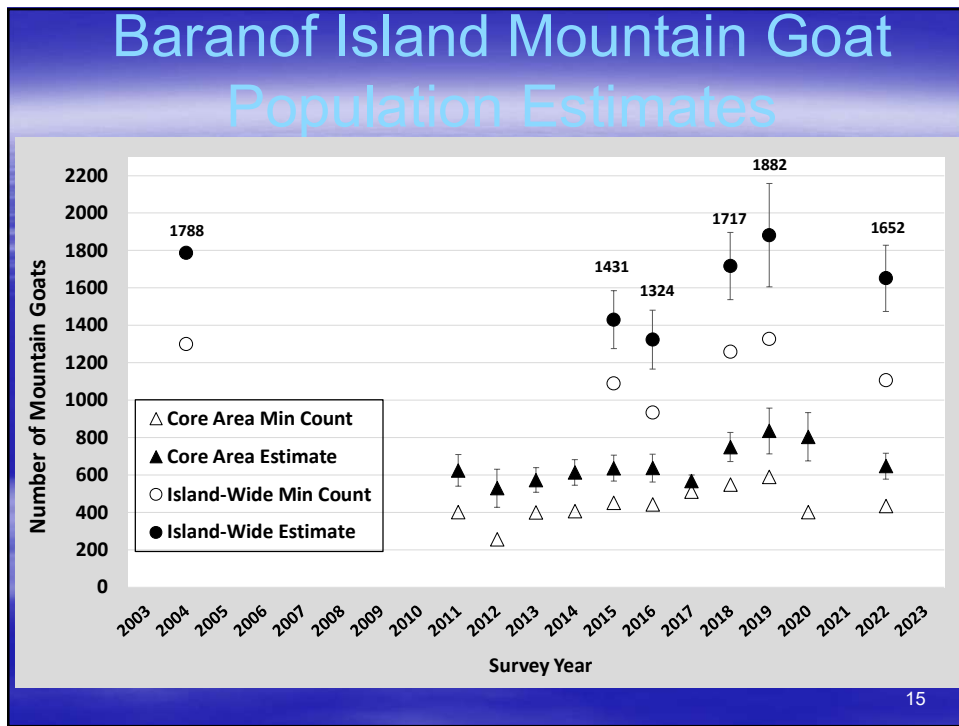
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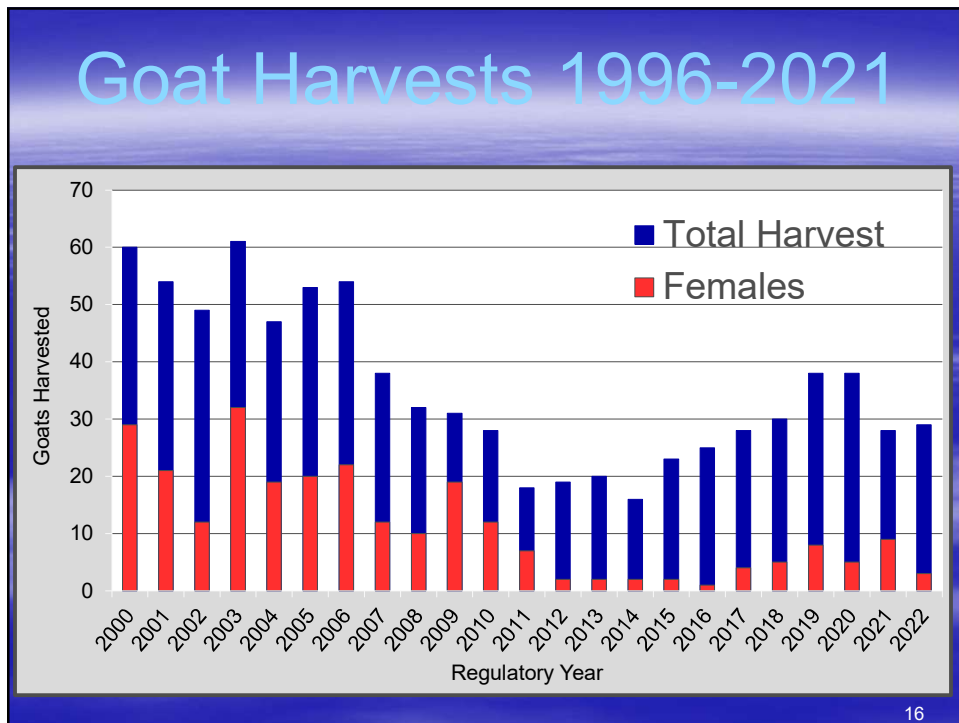
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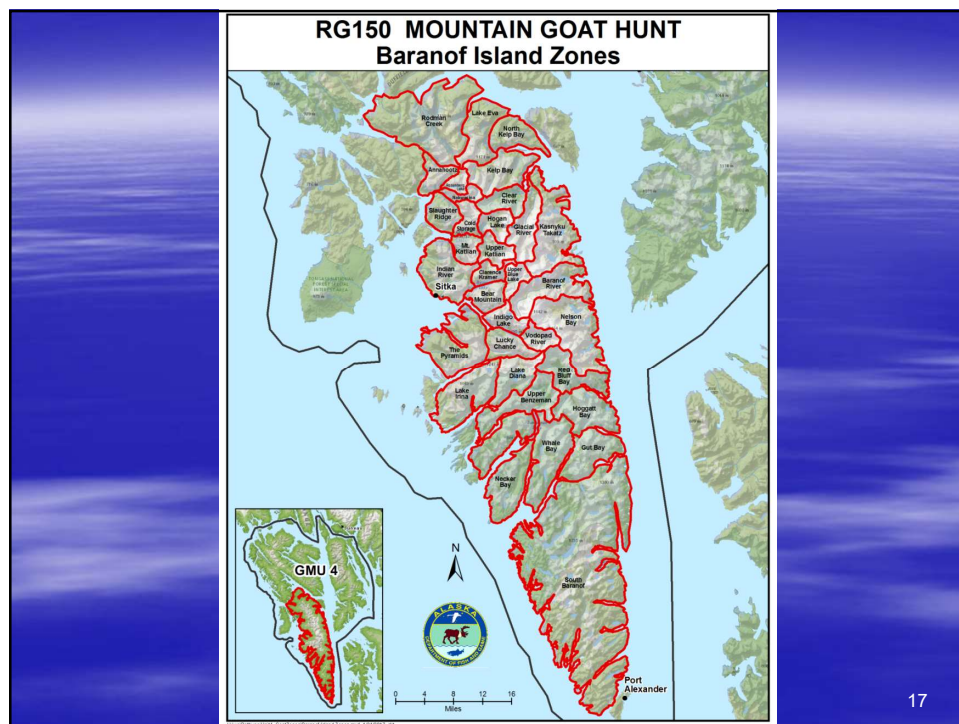
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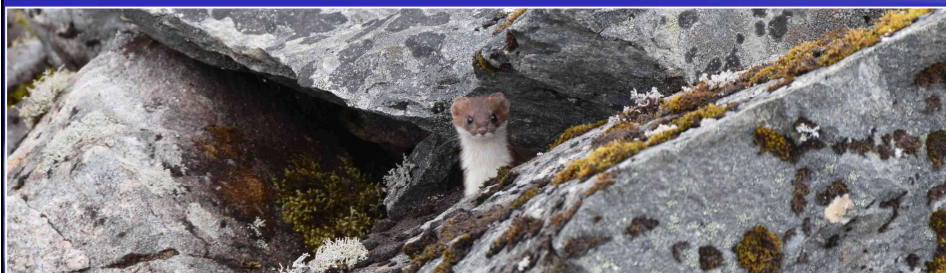


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Unit 4 Furbearers

2017-2021

- Marten avg. = 815 (range 372-1403)
- River otter avg. = 91 (range 32-125)
- Beaver avg. = 15 (range 3-32)

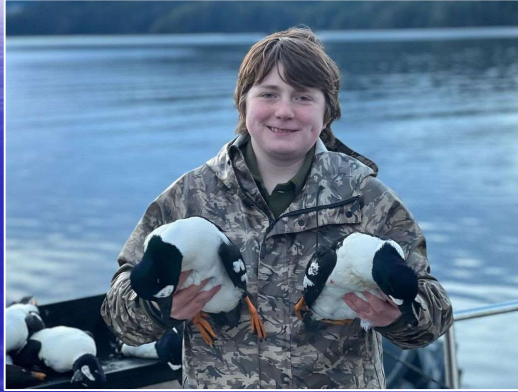


Positive C&T, ANS 90% of the harvestable portion
No Unit 4 Specific Proposals

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Unit 4 Bird Hunting



No Unit 4 Specific Proposals

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Questions?



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