

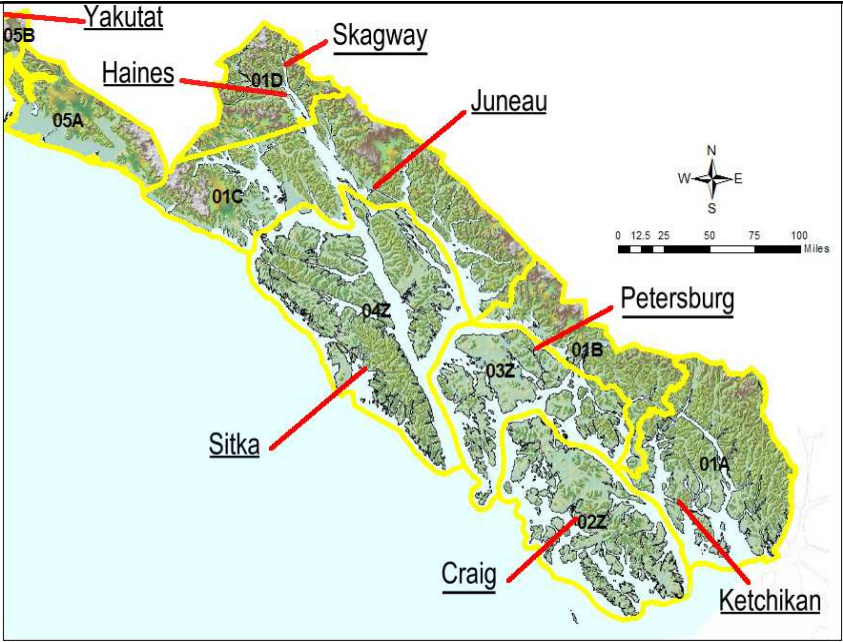
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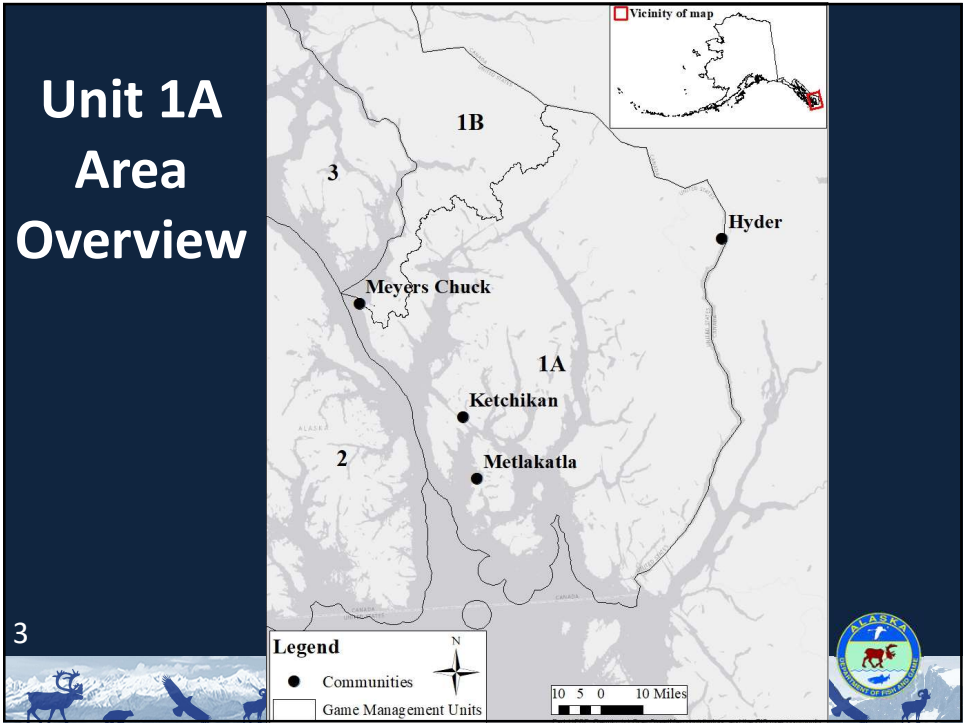
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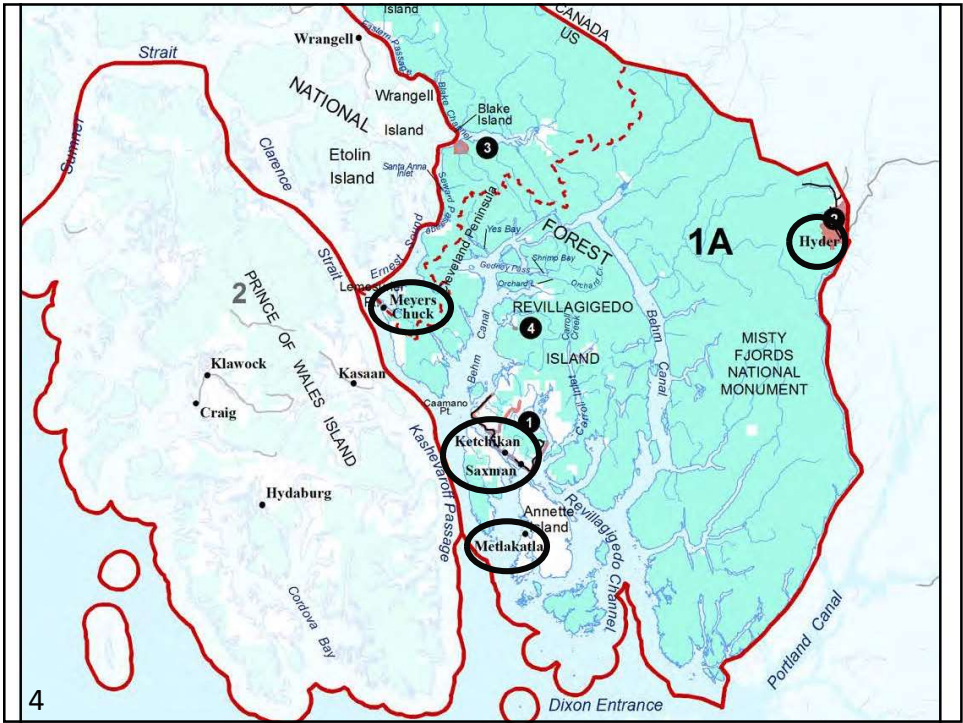
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Deer



- High density on islands and low density on mainland
- Timber sales occurring on Gravina and Revilla
- Harvest objective being met
- Camera trap deer population monitoring project

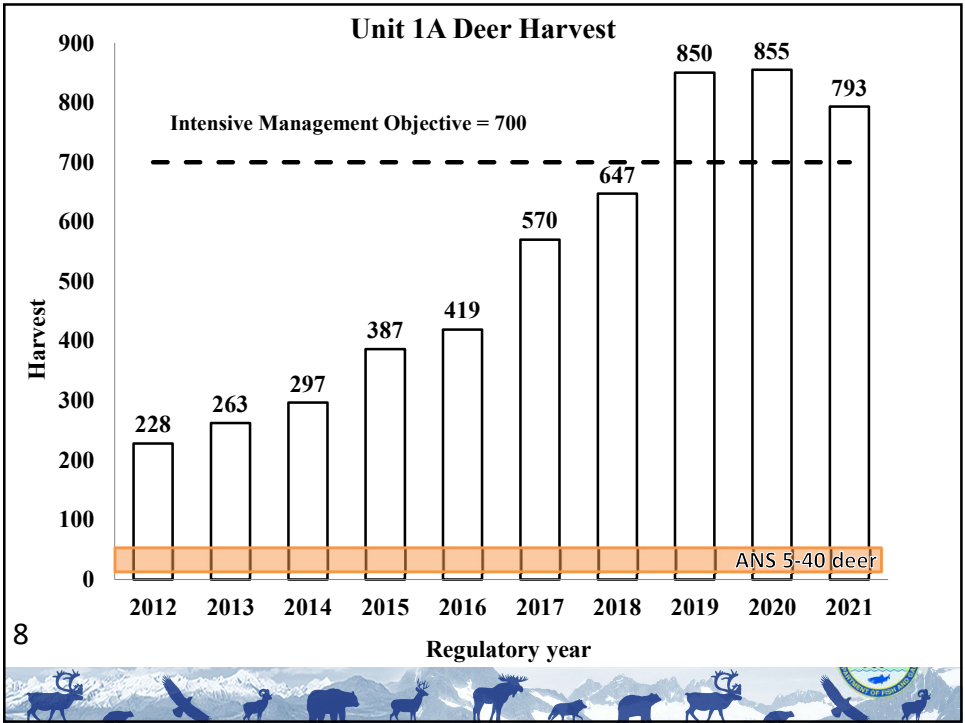
Positive Customary and Traditional Use finding

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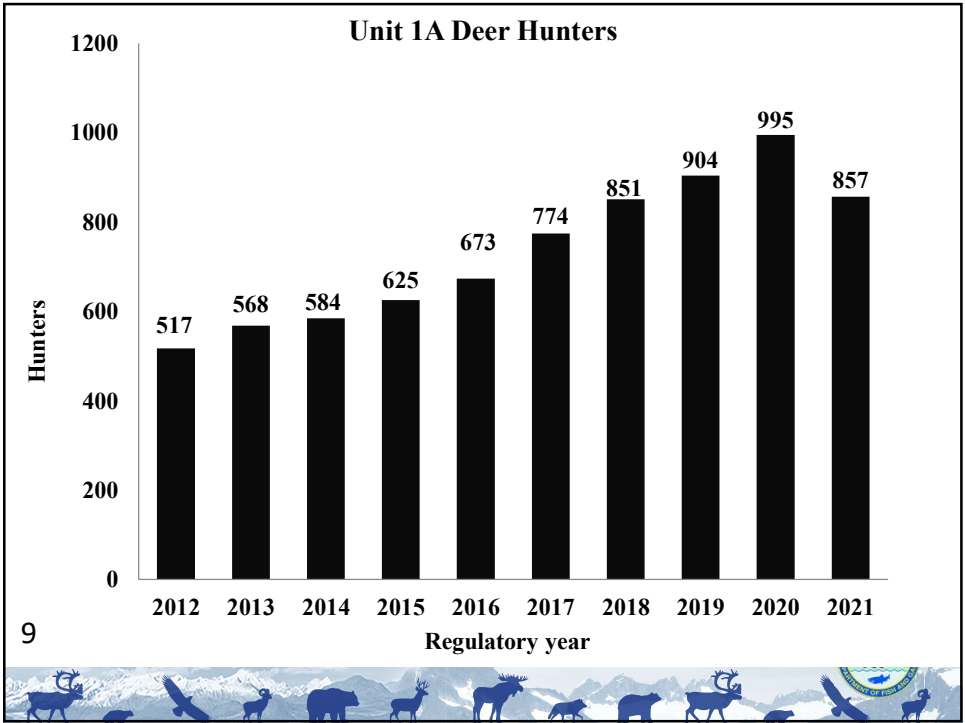
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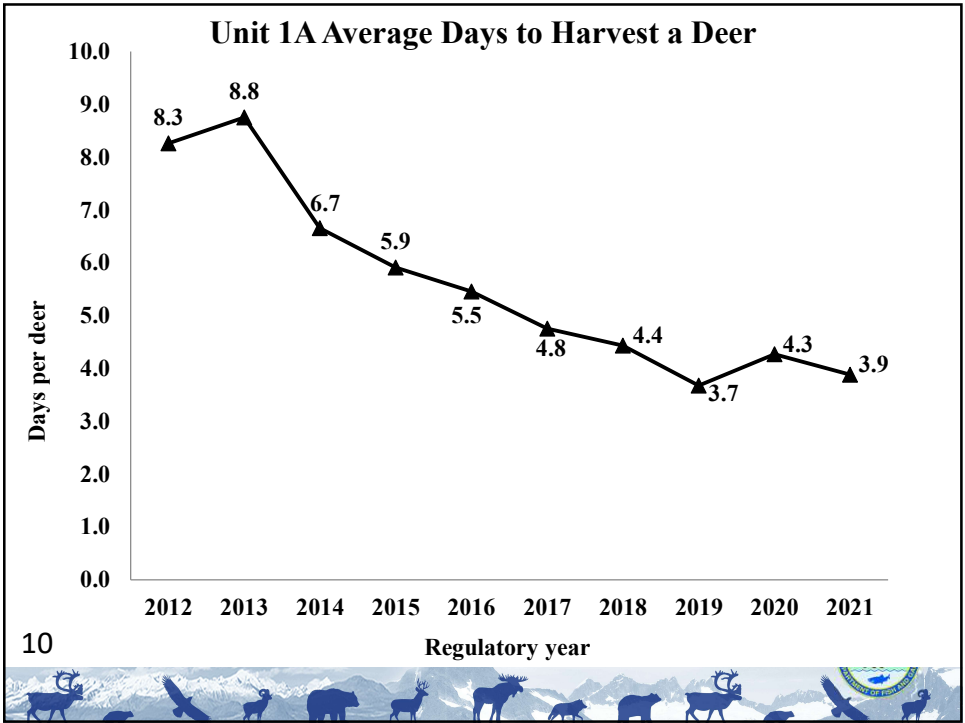
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Black Bears



- Harvest stable
- Harvest ticket for residents and non-residents
- Spring hunting along road system and shoreline

Positive Customary and Traditional Use finding

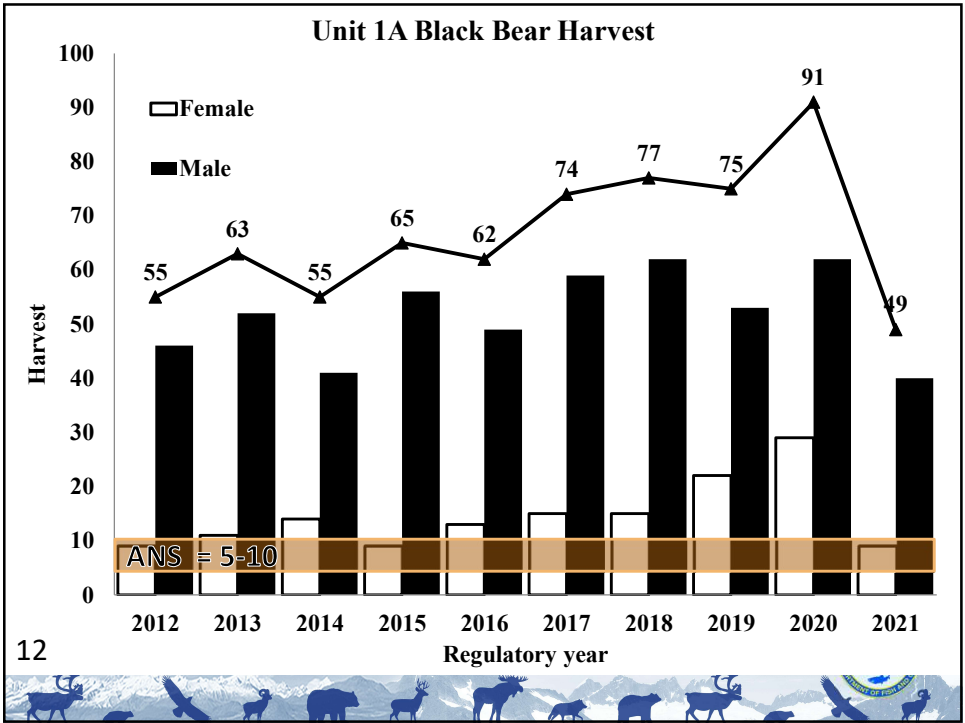
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Nuisance Bears

- Few bears killed annually in Ketchikan
- Working with local police, AWT, and landfill managers
- Record information on all wildlife calls
- Hazing device and electric fence loaner program





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Unit 1A Brown Bear

- Concentrated on mainland and few on Revilla Island
- Harvest averaged 5 (1-9) bears from RY12-RY21
- Estimated population 150-300

Positive C&T, ANS 2-3 bears outside the non-subsistence area





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Proposals 4





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Unit 1A Mountain Goats

- Draw and registration hunts in Unit 1A
- New draw hunt DG008
- Introduced goats on Revilla Island abundant
- Adjusted management strategy

Positive Customary and Traditional Use finding

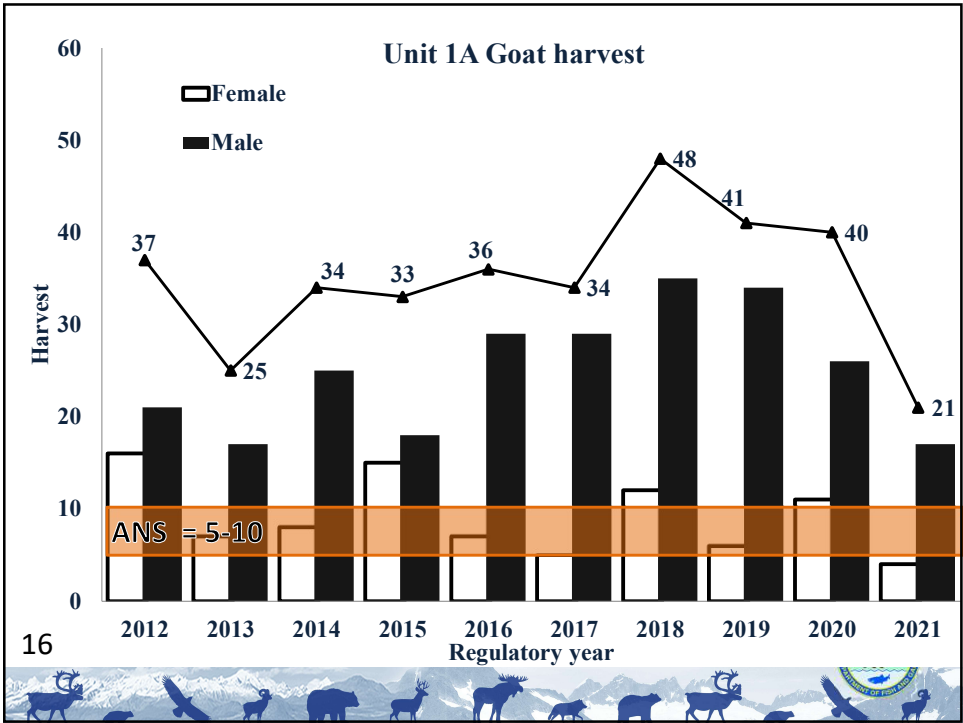
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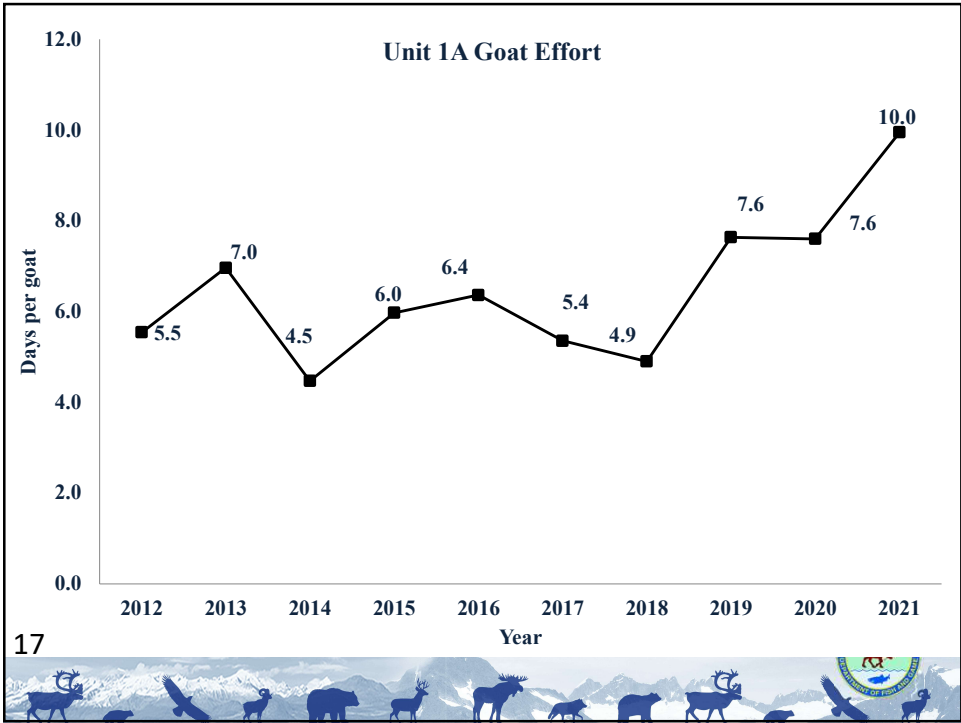




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Unit 1A Moose



- Issue 40-70 registration permits annually
- Annual harvest ranges from 1-5 bulls (any bull hunt)
- Concentrated mostly along the Unuk River

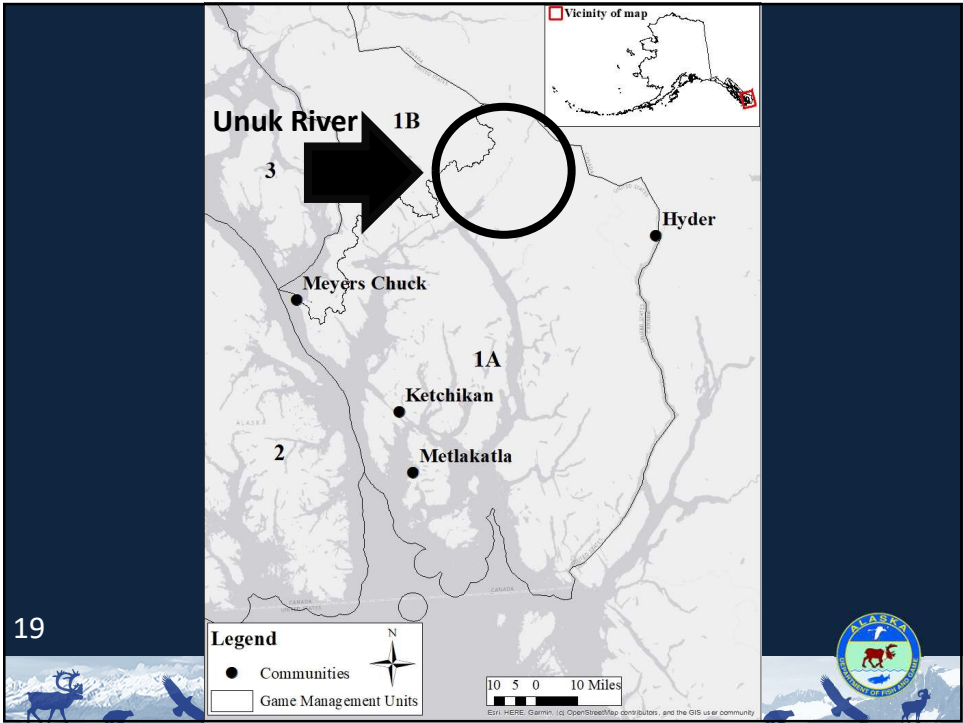
No Customary and Traditional Use finding

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Wolves



- Wolf population appears stable
- ESA petition pending for Southeast Alaska

Positive Customary and Traditional Use finding, ANS = 90% of the harvestable portion of the population

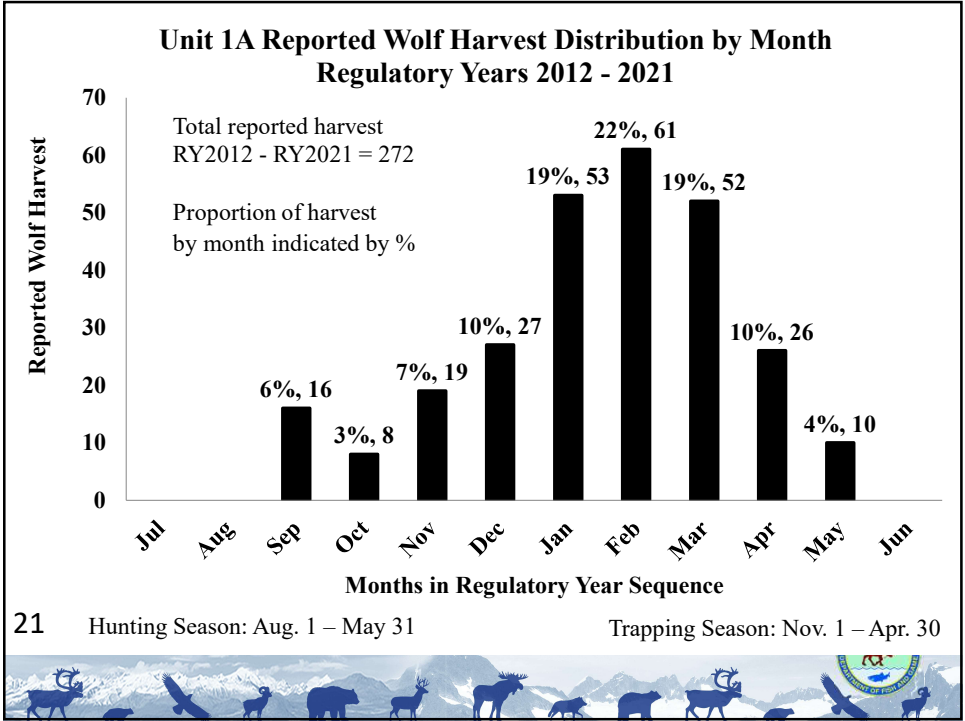
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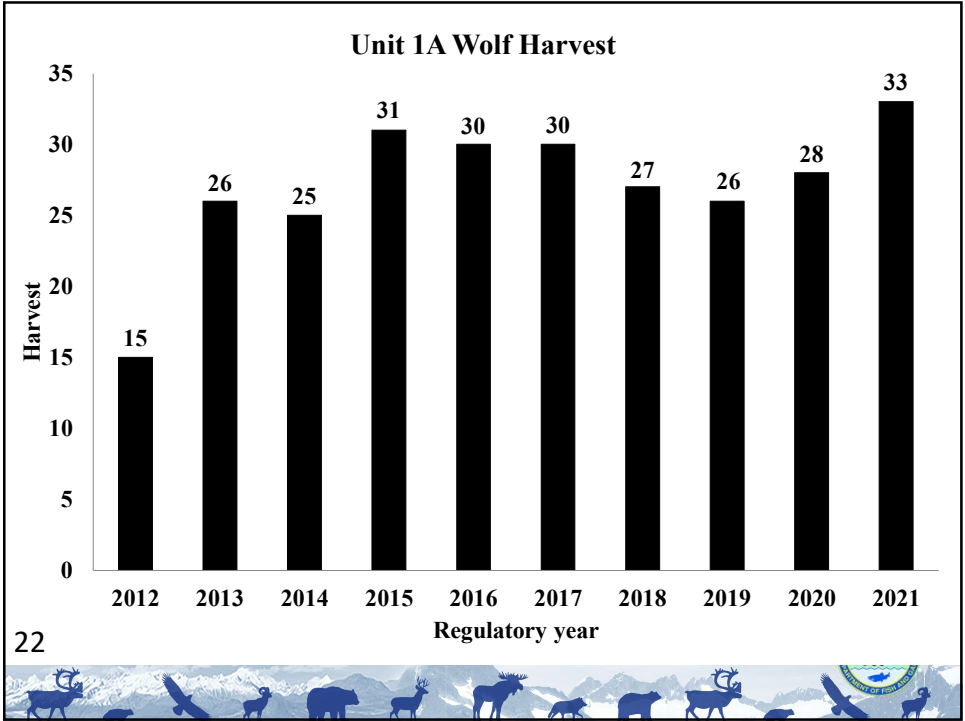




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Furbearers



Average Harvest 2012 – 2021

- Beaver 42 (19-65)
- Marten 256 (132-475)
- Northern river otter 42 (19-76)
- Wolverine 2 (0-7)

Positive Customary and Traditional Use finding, ANS = 90% of the harvestable portion of the population.

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Proposals 6, 7, 8, 9



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Small Game



- Sooty Grouse
- Ptarmigan
- Waterfowl
- Red Squirrel

Customary and Traditional Use findings vary

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Proposal 5



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Sooty Grouse



Year (males/stop)	Unit 1D-Haines		Unit 1C-Juneau			Unit 3-Petersburg			Unit 1A-Ketchikan		
	Mean	Confidence Interval	Mean	Confidence Interval		Mean	Confidence Interval		Mean	Confidence Interval	
		Lower	Upper	(males/stop)	Lower	Upper	(males/stop)	Lower	Upper	(males/stop)	Lower
2015			1.81	1.46	2.29	1.51	1.03	1.99			
2016			1.93	1.42	2.47	2.41	2.00	2.83			
2017			1.13	0.81	1.46	2.29	1.78	2.80			
2018			1.00	0.60	1.49	2.00	1.29	2.68			
2019	0.72	0.54 - 0.90	1.32	0.88	1.82	1.68	1.02	2.43			
2020	NS	- -	1.35	0.81	2.05	0.46 ^A	0.23	0.58	0.59	0.20	1.17
2021	1.92	1.9 - 1.94	1.01	0.72	1.34	2.26	1.47	2.97	0.44	0.39	0.48
2022	NS	- -	0.86	0.62	1.17	1.77	1.54	2.06	0.65	0.37	0.93

- Only Minkot Alternate was surveyed on Minkot Island and no surveys occurred on Kupreanof Island.

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Proposal 5





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Unit 2 Area Overview



Unit 2
Prince of Wales Island
Region 1

Game Management Units / Special Management Areas

- Game Management Unit 1
- Game Management Unit 2
- Game Management Unit 3
- Game Management Unit 4
- Game Management Unit 5
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Assistant Area Biologist





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Unit 2 Overview

- ~3,600 square miles
- 12 communities
- ~3,500 residents
- Major employment
 - Commercial fisheries
 - Government
 - Tourism
 - Logging







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Advisory Committees

Craig

Klawock

East POW



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Timber Harvest

Highest rate in Region 1

- Northern POW deer habitat reduced by 46%
- Southern POW deer habitat reduced by 18%

Current logging

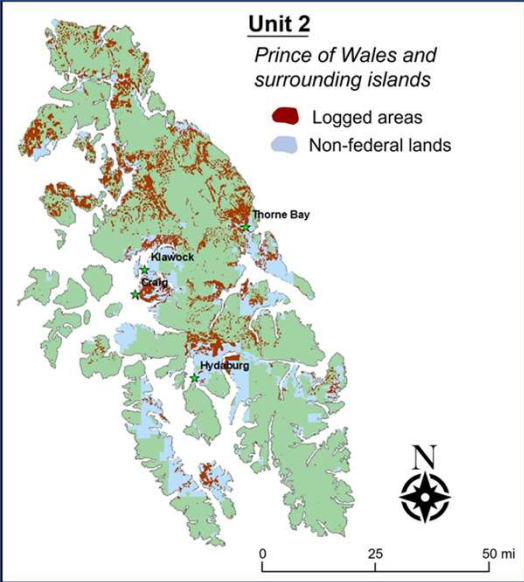
- State – old growth sales
- Federal – young growth sales

Unit 2

Prince of Wales and surrounding islands

Logged areas

Non-federal lands



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No Proposals	Proposals 45-54, 202	No Proposals	No Proposals	No Proposals

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Sitka Black-tailed Deer

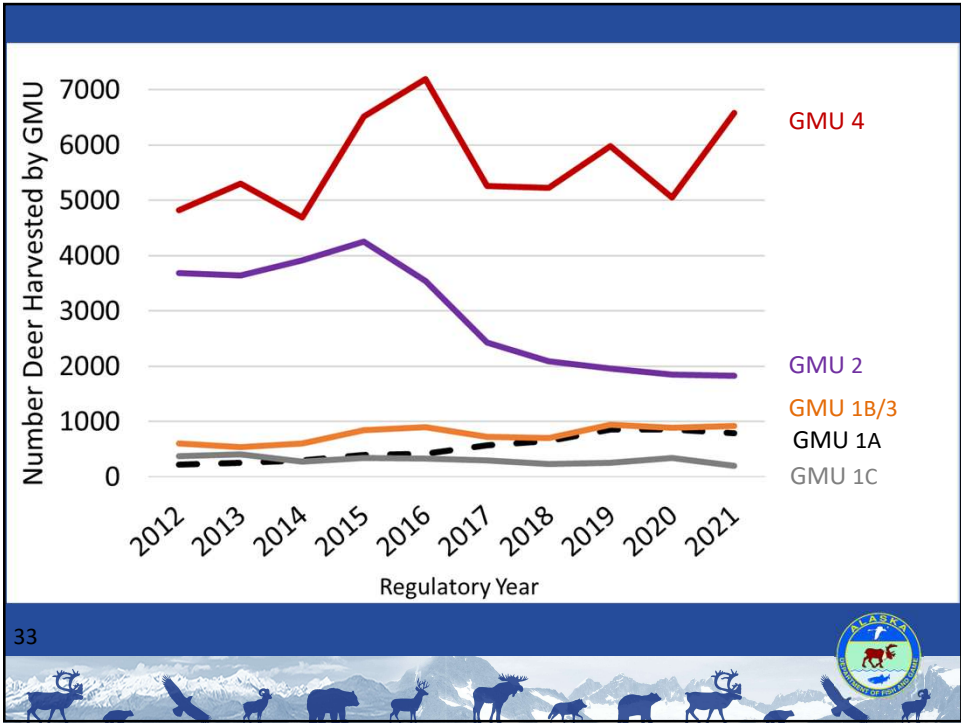
- Population Monitoring
 - Historically used:
 - Deer pellet surveys
 - Aerial alpine surveys
 - Now testing:
 - Camera methods
 - Currently using:
 - Deer harvest reports



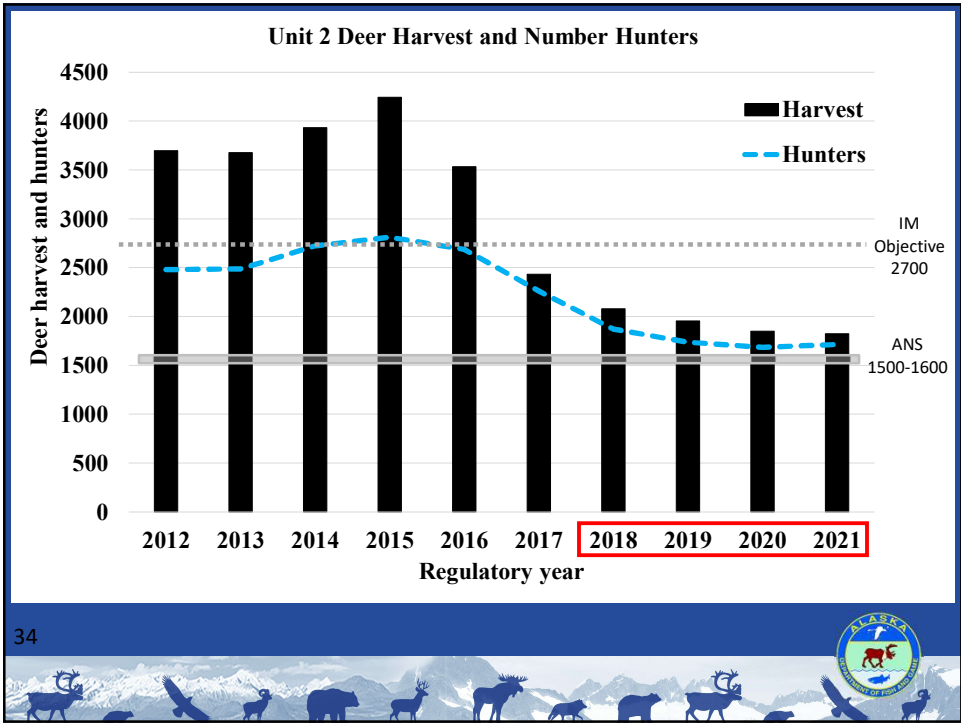
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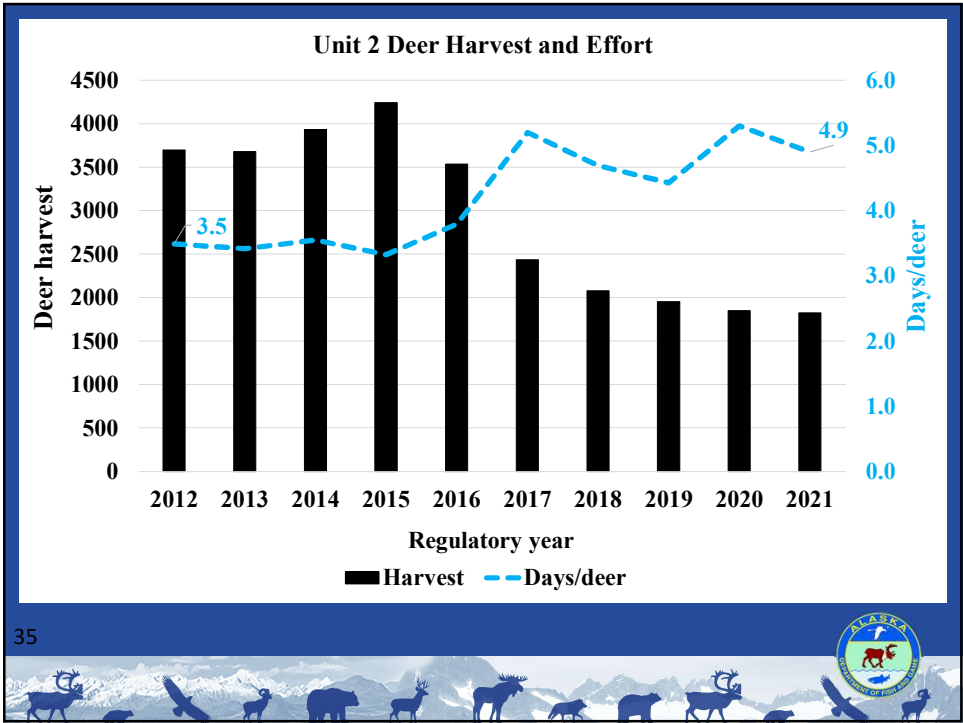
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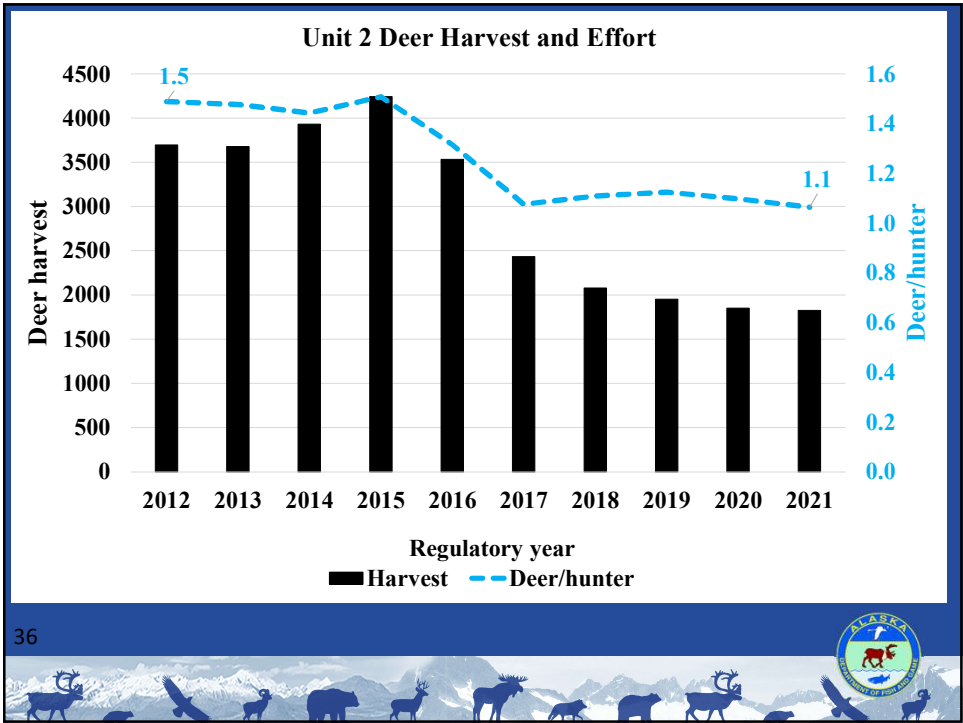
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Local concerns

- Low deer harvest
 - Habitat loss from logging
 - Bear and wolf predation
 - Nonlocals harvesting deer



October 2022 – Deer Summit

- Factors that influence deer population and harvest: habitat loss, regulations and hunting, predation

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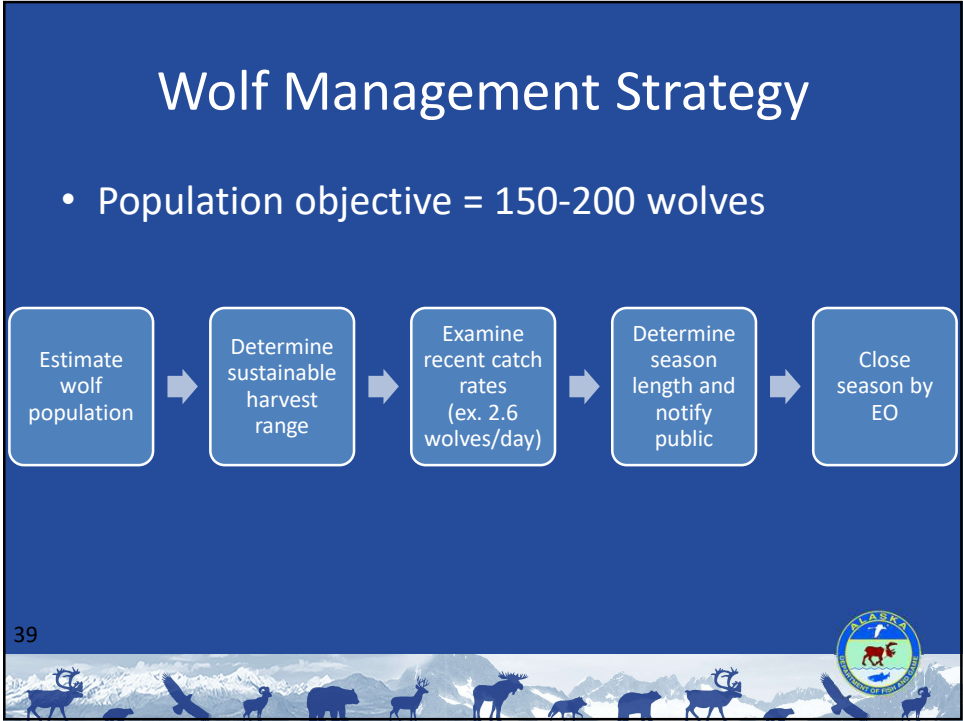
Wolf

- Management is guided by:
 - Our constitutional mandate for sustainability for *all species*
 - Importance of deer to GMU 2 hunters
- Management history
 - Quota system 1997-2018
 - Season length system 2019-present

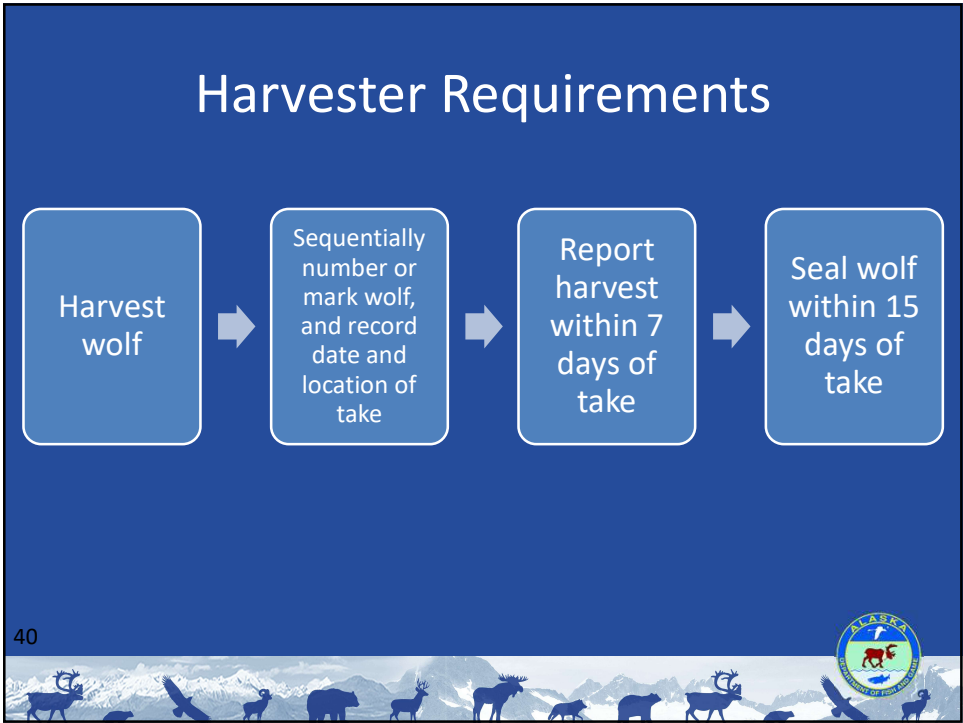
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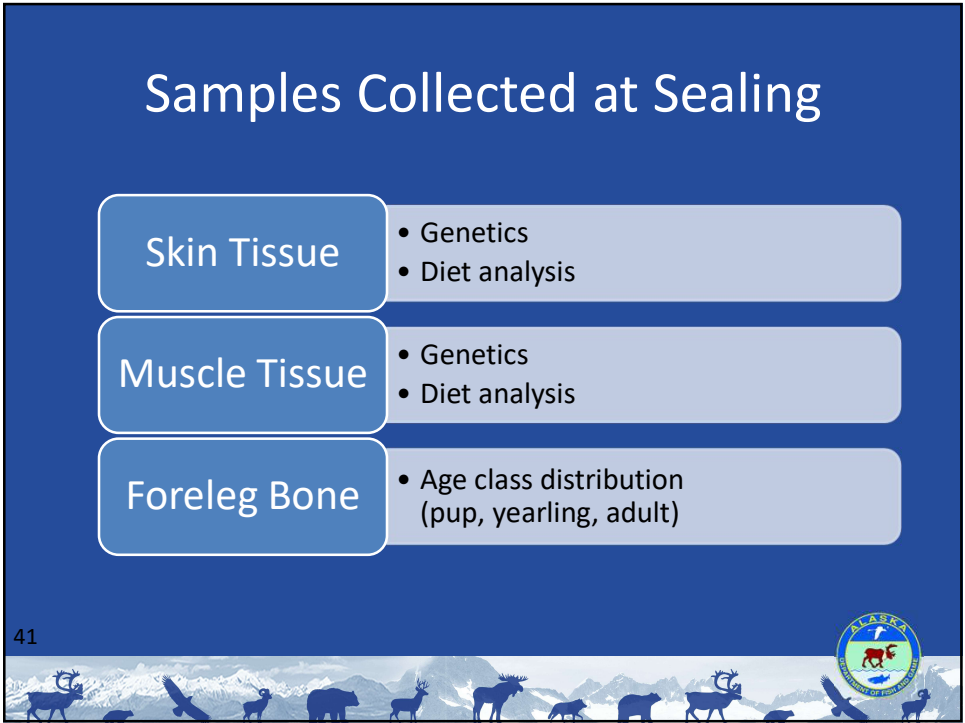
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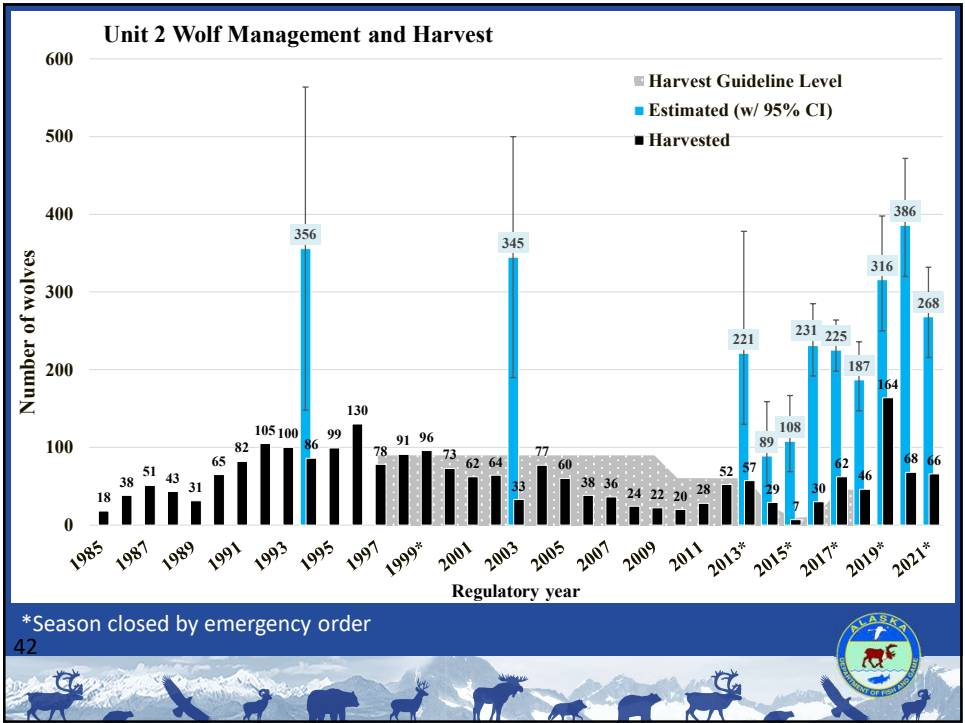
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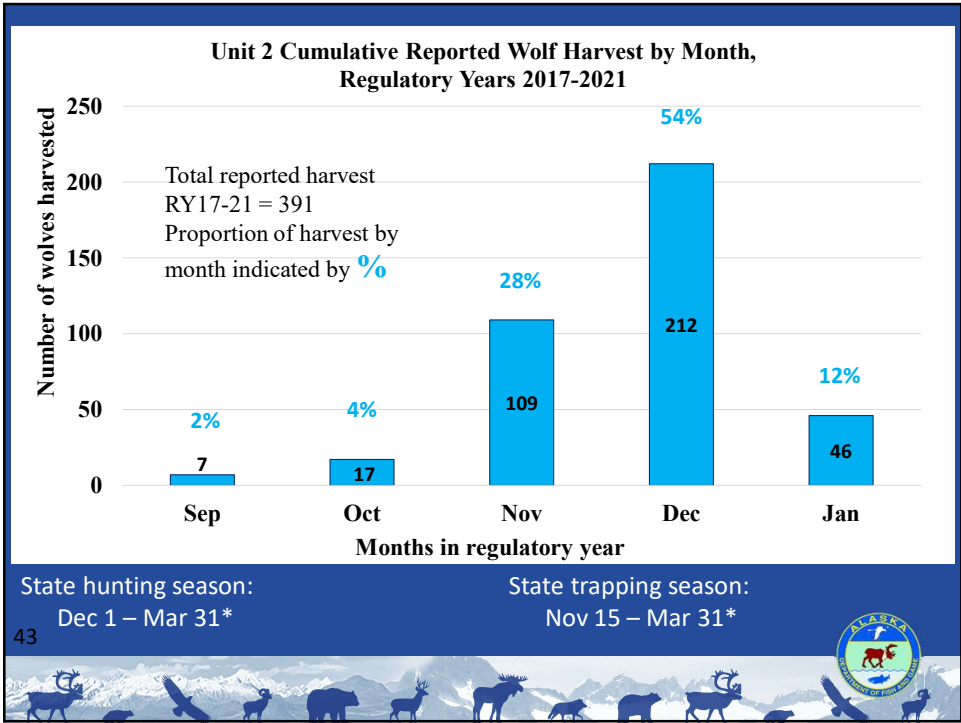
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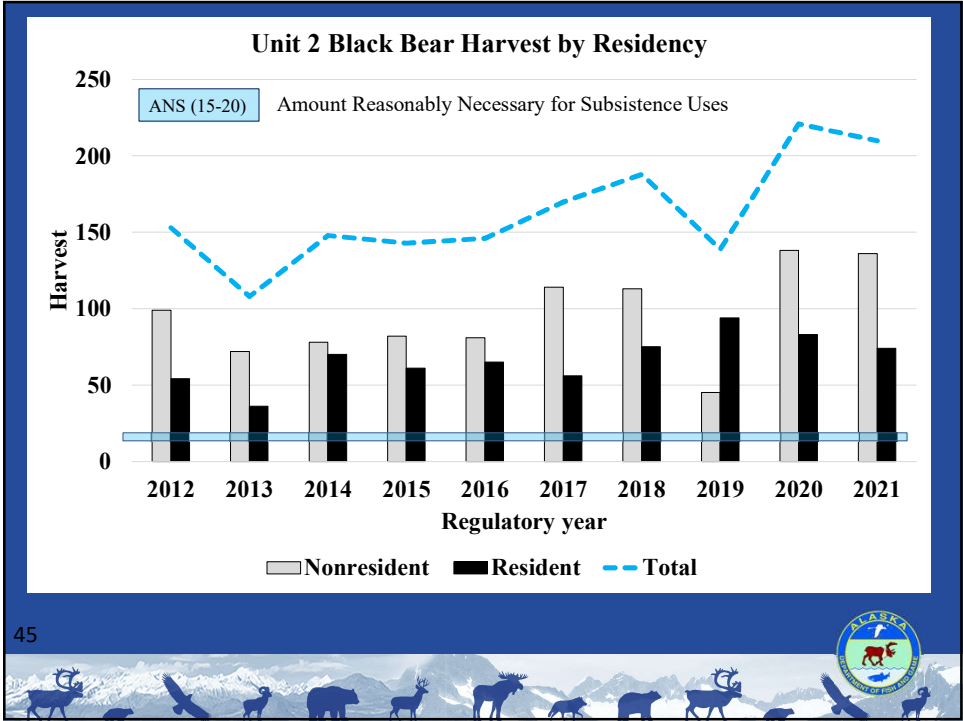
Black Bear

Residency	Bag limit	Season
Resident	2 bears, not more than 1 of which may be a blue or glacier bear by harvest ticket	1 Sep-30 Jun
Nonresident	1 bear by harvest ticket and registered guide	1 Sep-30 Jun
Nonresident	1 bear by drawing permit only (DL027) not using a registered guide (<i>issued 50 permits in RY2022</i>)	1 Sep-31 Dec
Nonresident	1 bear by drawing permit only (DL028) not using a registered guide (<i>issued 180 permits in RY2022</i>)	1 Jan-30 Jun

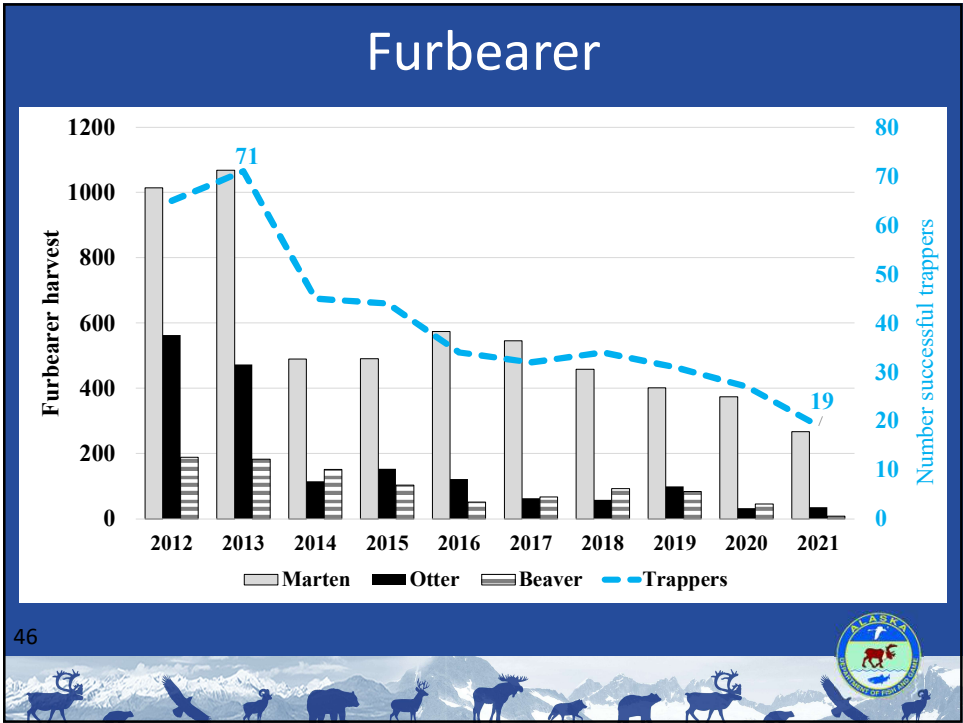
- Popular DIY hunt for nonresident hunters
- Low local hunter participation
- Guided hunts controlled by US Forest Service

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Small Game

Franklin's spruce grouse



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Willow ptarmigan



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Waterfowl



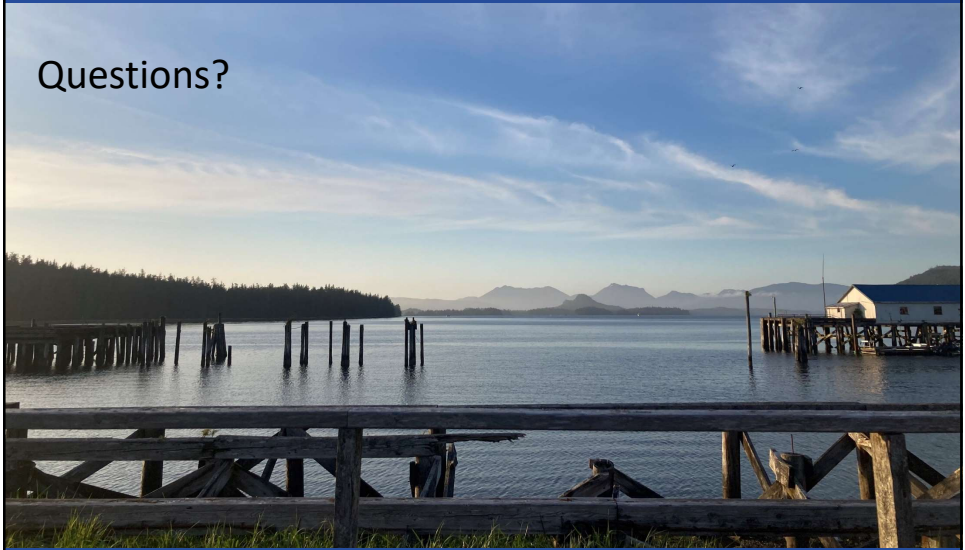
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