







# **Active Research Projects**

On going monitoring of 20A high density moose population

- How will this moose population respond to reductions in density?
- · How responsive are our primary moose nutritional indices to changes in density?



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Bull moose movement and distribution in relation to hunter access

- Where are the bulls that we count in the winter during hunting season?
- What patterns of dispersal do we see in different age classes?
- What proportion of the bulls are accessible?
- Three study areas (19D, 20B, 21D) / relationship with IM



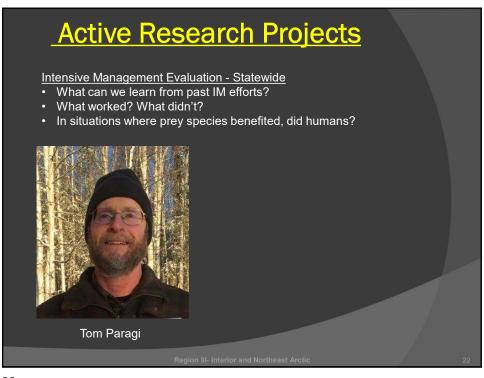
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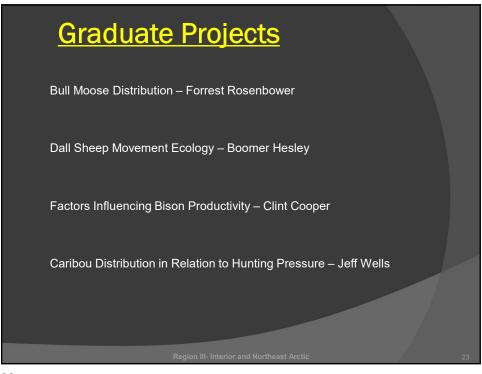
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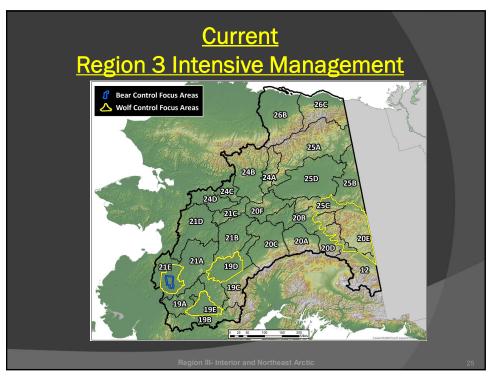












# <u>Current</u> <u>Region 3 Intensive Management Pt. I</u>

#### 21E/GASH

- Has never been active
- Remained above the threshold of 1.0 moose / sq. mi. since approved

Upper Yukon/Tanana (Fortymile Caribou)

- Nonlethal wolf control 1997-2001, public wolf control for moose RY2004-05
- Wolf control expanded for caribou RY2006-17, agency control RY2007-17
- Density dependence concerns remain despite intentional herd reduction RY2020-21
- · Currently inactive

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### <u>Current</u> <u>Region 3 Intensive Management Pt. II</u>

19E / Sleetmute (moose)

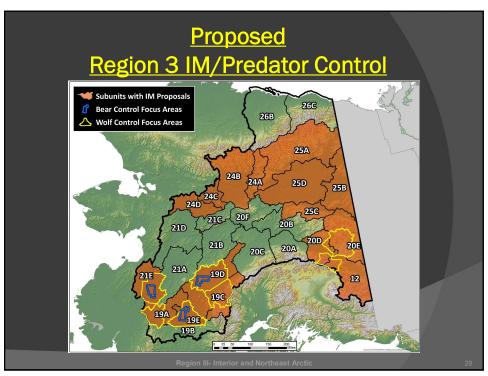
- · Started in RY2004
- No response to wolf control observed in moose population by 2011
- Agency bear control efforts in 2013 & 2014
- · Responses seen in Calf:Cow ratios, and later in BCFA moose abundance
- Currently active (wolf control)—moose below program objective, harvest far below objective, moose densities in BCFA high

#### 19D / McGrath (moose)

- Started in RY2003, including wolf control and nonlethal bear removal
- Moose abundance doubled by 2009, moose harvest doubled by 2015
- · Harvest success has been high, but harvest remains below program objective
- · Currently active (wolf control)

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## **Closing Comments**

- The region is currently well staffed and well funded
- Funding vs. staff capacity
- Staff turnover at many positions
- Federal closures
- AC's voting against antlerless hunts
- · Recent research focus on male ungulates
- Population declines in most species, in many areas prospects for recovery?

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