

Fairbanks Area Proposals

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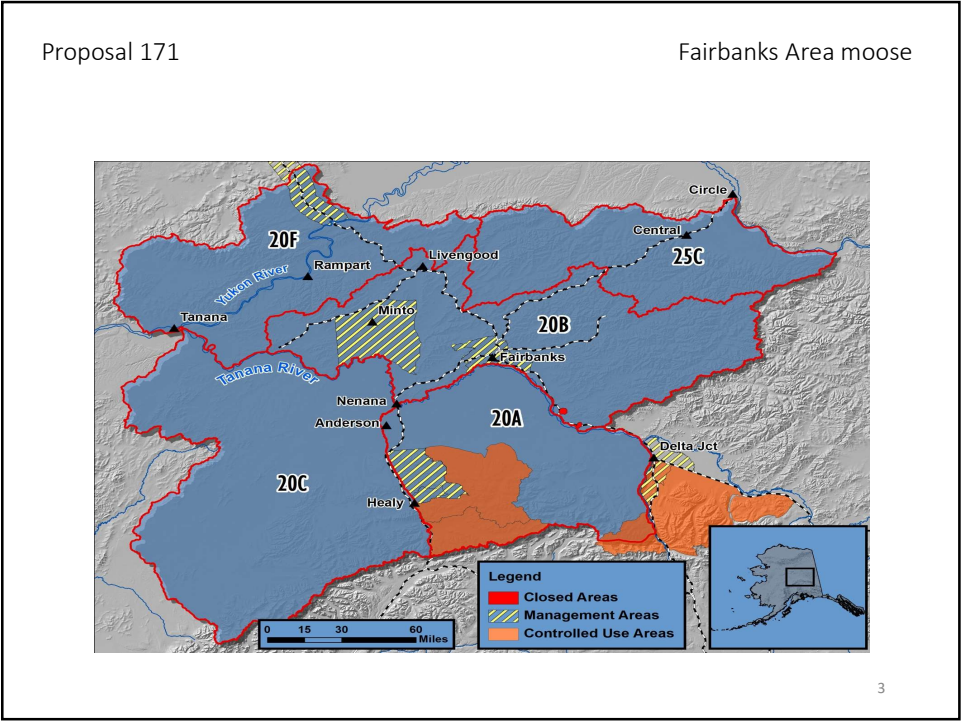
What would the proposal do? Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C

Proposed by: Alaska Dept of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 171

Fairbanks Area moose

Effects of proposal

- This proposal would affect moose hunts in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C
- Would change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permit
- Seasons and bag limits would not change
- Permits would be available online or at ADF&G offices
 - Some permits would be sent to rural communities
- Permits would require a 15 day reporting period
- One permit for all 5 GMUs

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Proposal 171

Fairbanks Area moose

Why Registration Permits?

- Provide better harvest and effort data
 - Harvest data is an important part of moose management in this area
- Registration permits are required to be turned in
- Data would be available in a timelier manner
- In IM Units, allow for better data to evaluate IM harvest objectives
- In non-IM Units, and units that are not surveyed it would provide better harvest trend data

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Proposal 171

Fairbanks Area moose

Issues with Harvest Tickets

- Not all successful and unsuccessful harvest tickets are returned
- No penalty for not reporting on harvest tickets
- Vendors forget or lose overlays
- Hunters may hunt multiple game units and they don't capture all data

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5- year average for each GMU

GMU	Number of Hunters	Moose harvest (harvest ticket hunts)	IM area	Population Estimates
20A	1,012	249	yes	yes
20B	2,141	338	yes	yes
20C	615	161	yes	rarely
20F	182	37	no	no
25C	350	70	no	no
Total all units	4,234	739		

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Benefits of Registration permits

IM Units (20A, 20B, 20C)

- Regular or occasional population estimates
- High hunter effort
- High harvest
- IM harvest objectives to meet
- Important to have reliable harvest data

Non-IM Units (20F, 25C)

- No, or rare population estimates
- Harvest important for population trend
- Beneficial to have good effort data

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Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 172

What would the proposal do? Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A

Proposed by: Middle Nenana Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 172

20A/Moose

Effects of Proposal

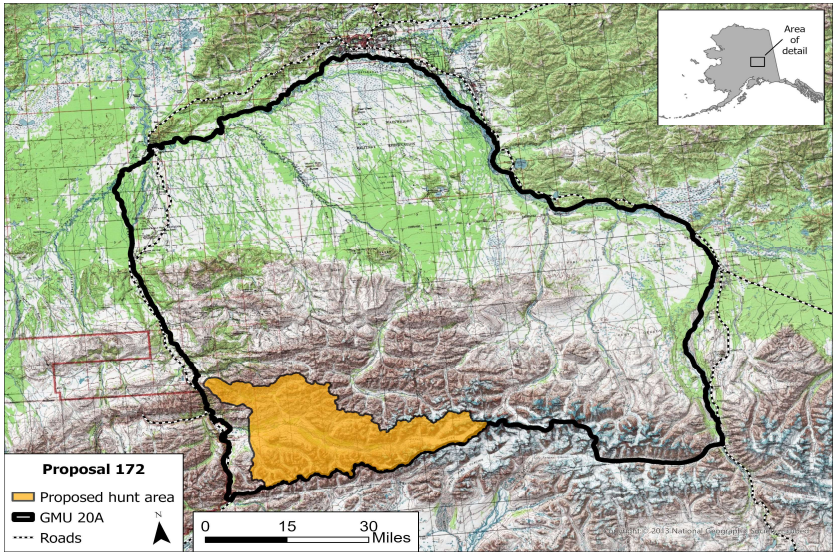
- Create a drawing permit for moose by muzzleloader in southern Unit 20A
- Season = Nov. 1 –Dec 15
- Bag limit = Any bull moose

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20A/ Moose

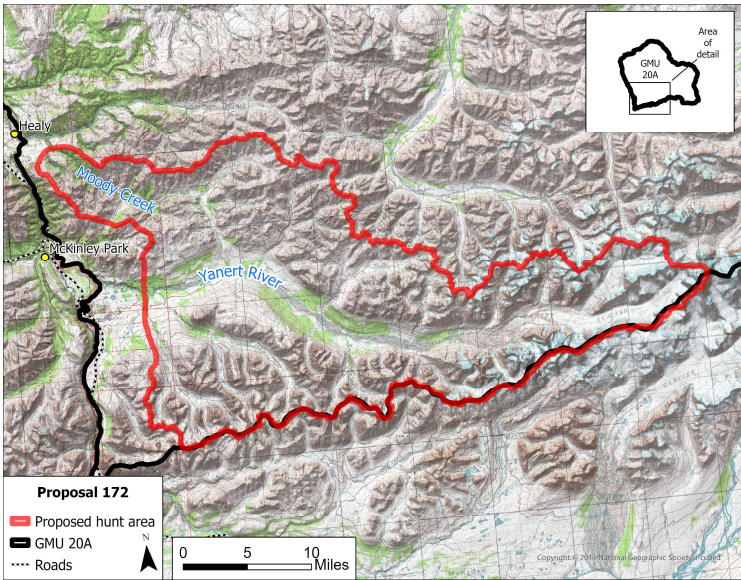


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Proposal 172

20A/Moose



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Proposal 172

20A/Moose

- 2022 Unit 20A population estimate = 11,028 moose
 - Within IM population objective of 10,000-15,000
- 2022 Unit 20A bull:cow ratio = 28:100
 - Objective = 25:100

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Proposal 172

20A/Moose

- Unit 20A
 - Has a general season bull hunt (Sept 1-25, Spike/fork, 50 in)
 - Drawing permit for any bull moose (Sept 1-25)
 - Drawing permit for any bull moose with muzzleloader (Nov 1- Dec 15, Wood River Control Use area)

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Proposal 172

20A/Moose

- This proposal is an allocation issue
- This proposal would provide additional opportunity
- This proposal would occur in the Yanert Controlled Use Area which has no motorized vehicle access (except aircraft) Aug. 1 – Oct. 31
- Hunters and harvest would be controlled by the number of drawing permits
- The number of drawing permits would be determined based on harvestable surplus and bull:cow ratios

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Proposal 172

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Proposed by: Middle Nenana Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 173

What would the proposal do? Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in Unit 20A

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation: **Support**

- Fairbanks AC – Supports, 15-0
- Delta AC – Supports, 11-0
- Middle Nenana AC- Supports, 7-2
- Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC – Opposes, 0-7
- Minto/Nenana AC – Opposes, 0-7

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Proposal 173

20A/Moose



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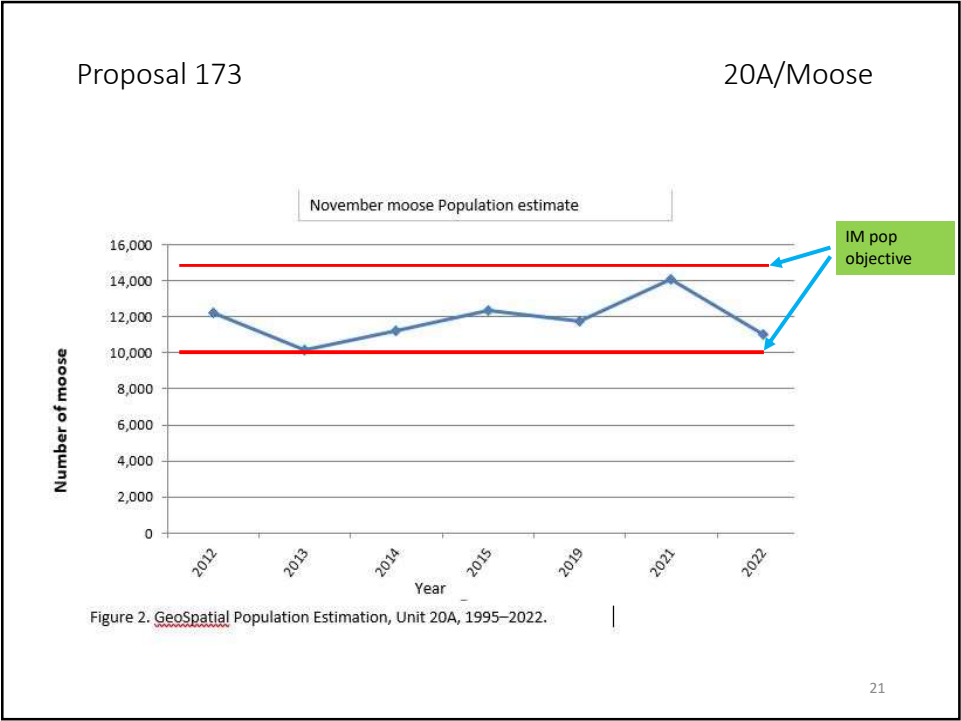
Proposal 173

20A/Moose

- IM Population Objective =10,000-15,000
- IM Harvest Objective = 600-900
- 2019-2023 = 1,610 hunters annually
- 2019-2023 = 514 moose harvested annually
- Unit wide bull:cow ratio = 28:100
- Unit wide calf:cow ratio = 33:100

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- ### 20A antlerless hunts
- No antlerless moose hunts at this time in Unit 20A
 - Population is at the bottom of our IM population objective
 - Reauthorize to keep option available in coming years
 - Incorporate antlerless hunts once we see the population growing after the winter of 2021.
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Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 174

What would the proposal do? Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A

Proposed by: Middle Nenana Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 174

20A/Controlled use area

History of the Wood River Controlled Use Area

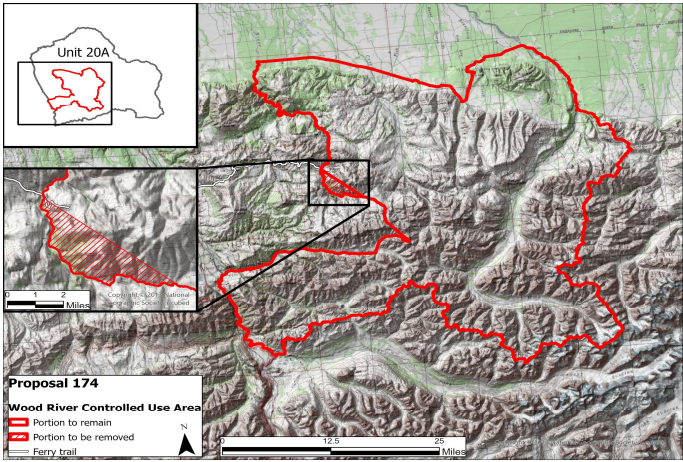
- Established in 1976
- Created to reduce conflicts amongst hunters that use ATV's, aircraft, and pack animals
- No ATV's allowed during August and September

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Proposal 174

20A/Control use area



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Proposal 174

20A/ Controlled use area


Issue

- The WRCUA is closed to motorized access except for aircraft for hunting in the fall
- Hunters accessing the area via ATV from the Ferry trail area (popular hunting area)
 - 190+ moose hunters per year hunt the Ferry trail area
- Totatlanika River has mining trails (roads) along it
- In the area of concern hunters are forced to leave a trail to comply with the rules of the WRCUA and travel cross country over tundra and difficult terrain when traveling up and down the river.

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Proposal 174

20A/ Controlled use area



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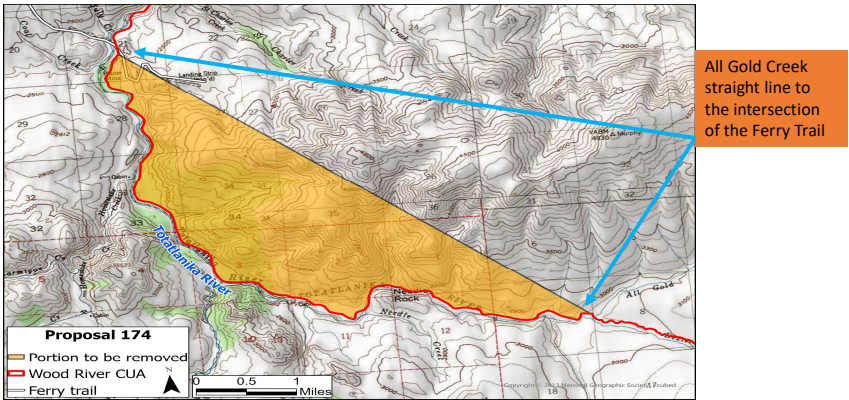
20A/ Controlled use area

- The current size of the WRCUA = 1,172 square miles
- The proposed change would reduce the WRCUA = 1,166 square miles
- A total reduction of 6 square miles

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Proposed change



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Proposal 174

20A/ Controlled use area

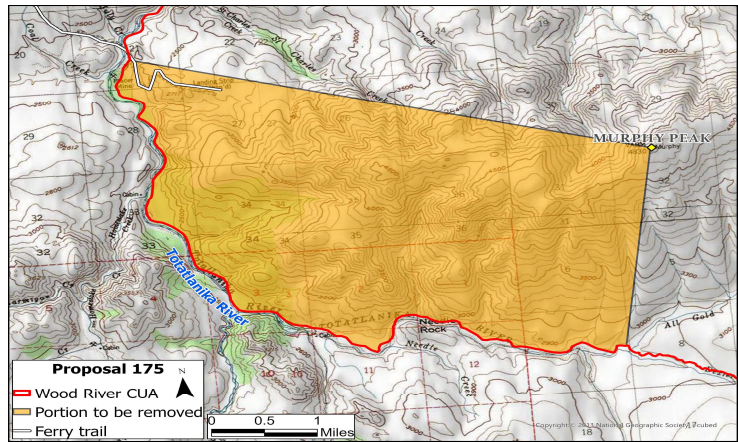
Other Considerations

- Proposal 175 is looking to address the same issues in the same area
- Proposal 175 has a different proposed boundary
- Would reduce the WRCUA by 12 square miles

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Proposal 175 boundary change



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Proposal 174

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Proposed by: Middle Nenana Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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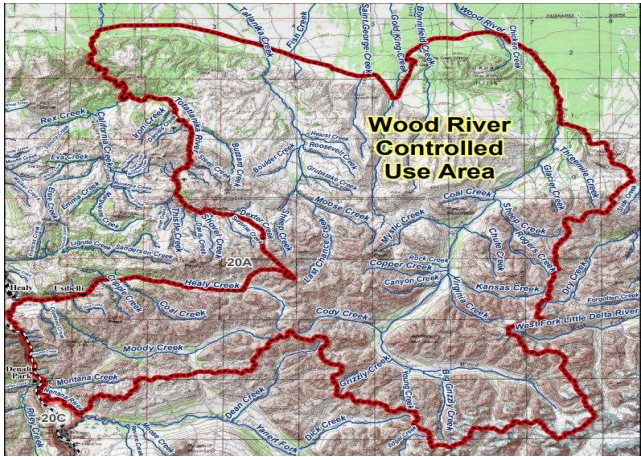
Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Wood River Control Use Area (1,172 Sq. Mi.)



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Proposal 175

20A/Controlled use area

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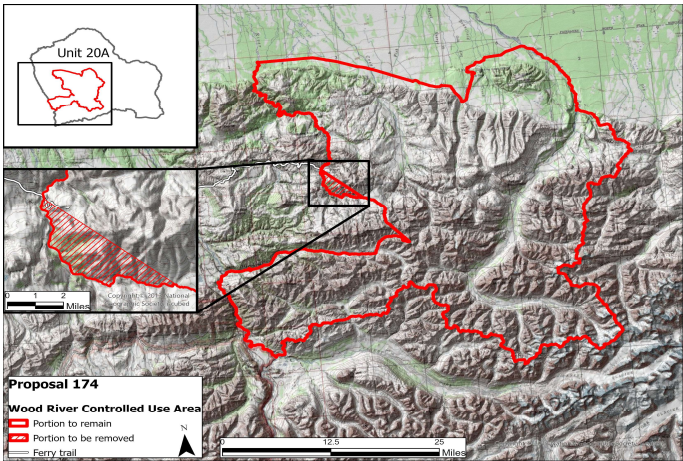
- Established in 1976
- Created to reduce conflicts amongst hunters that use ATV's, aircraft, and pack animals
- No ATV's allowed during August and September

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Proposal 175

20A/Controlled use area



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Proposal 175

20A/Controlled use area

Issue

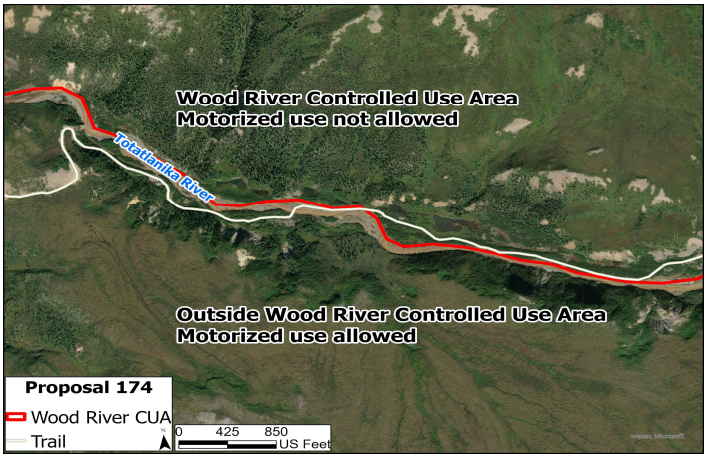
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- Hunters accessing the area via ATV from the Ferry trail area (popular hunting area)
- Totatlanika River has mining trails (roads) along it
- In the area of concern hunters are forced to leave a trail to comply with the rules of the WRCUA and travel cross country over tundra and difficult terrain when traveling up and down the river.

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Proposal 175

Moose/20A

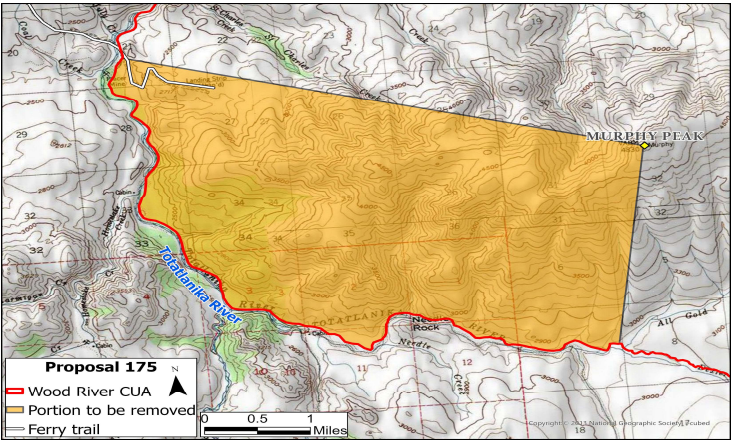


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Proposal 175

Proposes Change



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Proposal 175

What would the proposal do? Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 176

What would the proposal do? Change the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B

Proposed by: Resident Hunters of Alaska

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

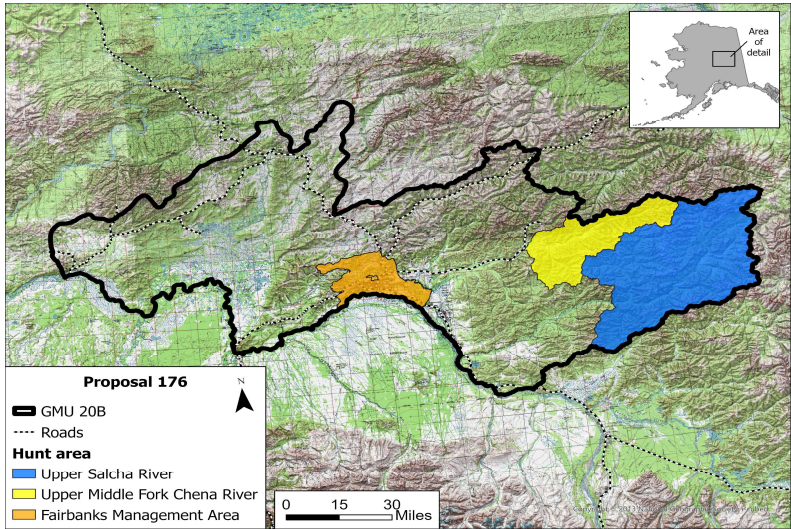
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Effect of the proposal

This proposal has 2 components

- It would reduce the bag limit for nonresident in a portion of 20B from one bull to one bull with 50 inch antlers or 4 brow tines on one side
- It would also eliminate nonresident from hunting in 3 drawing permits for antlerless moose in the Fairbanks Management Area.



Current Regulations for bulls

- Unit 20B, that portion within the Fairbanks Management Area (including Creamer’s Refuge):
- Residents and nonresidents, by harvest ticket, September 1–30 and November 21–27, **one bull with spike-fork or greater antlers by bow and arrow**

- Unit 20B, the drainage of the Middle Fork of the Chena River
- Residents and nonresidents, by harvest ticket, September 1–25, **one bull**
- Residents and nonresidents, by harvest ticket, September 26–30, **one bull** by bow and arrow only

- Unit 20B, that portion of the Salcha River drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek
- Residents and nonresidents, by harvest ticket, September 1–25, **one bull**
- Residents and nonresidents, by harvest ticket, September 26–30, **one bull** by bow and arrow only

*The remainder of the harvest ticket hunts in Unit 20B require nonresidents to harvest 50inch/4 browtine bulls

➤ This proposal would change all nonresident bag limits in these areas to 50 inch or 4 brow tines

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Proposal 176

20B/Moose

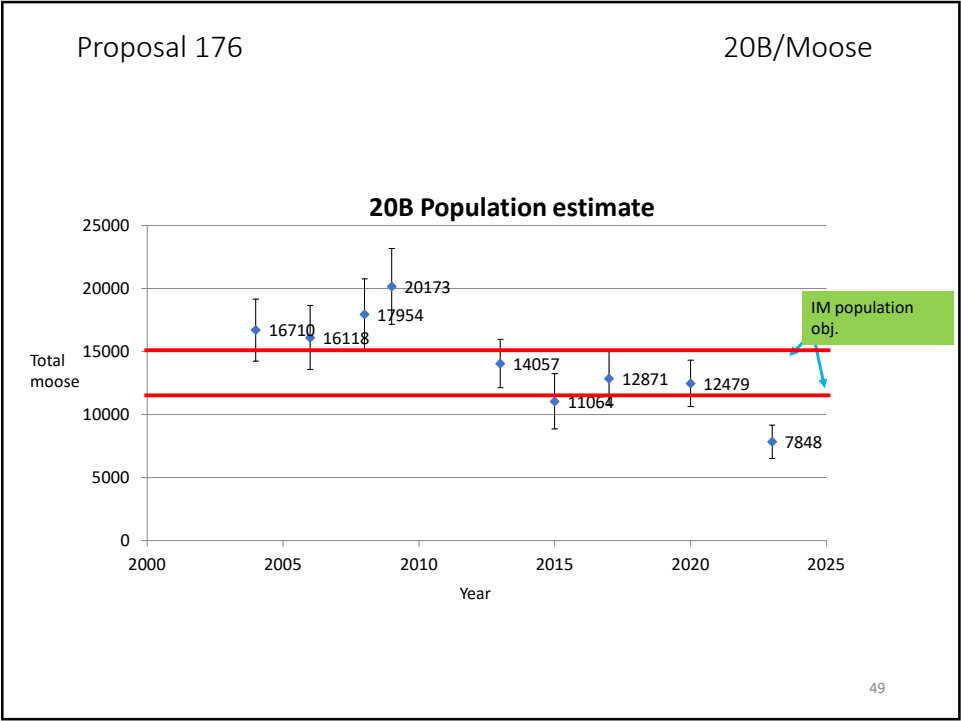
Current regulations for Antlerless

- Unit 20B, that portion within Creamer’s Refuge:
- Residents and nonresidents, by drawing permit (DM789), December 1–January 31, one antlerless moose by muzzleloader only

- Unit 20B, that portion within the Fairbanks Management Area (including Creamer’s Refuge):
- Residents and nonresidents, by drawing permit (DM786 and DM788), September 1–November 27, one antlerless moose by bow and arrow only

➤ This proposal would eliminate nonresidents from these hunts

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Proposal 176

20B/Moose

Bull:Cow Ratio

Management objective for the proposed portion of 20B

- = ≥ 20 bulls:100 cows in each count area
- = 30 bulls:100 cows for all of Unit 20B

The 2023 bull:cow ratio

- = 26 bulls:100 cows for Unit 20B (2023)
- = 36 bulls:100 cows for the proposed area (2023)
- = 28 bulls: 100 cows for the proposed area (2020)

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Proposal 176		20B/Moose		
Area	Average annual hunters	% Nonresident hunters	Average annual harvest	% Nonresident harvest
Middle Fork Chena River	48	15%	10	18%
Upper Salcha River	42	27%	17	29%
FMA ¹ bull hunt	200	1%	17	1%
FMA ¹ antlerless draw hunt	81	3%	28	4%
FMA ¹ antlerless disabled draw hunt	26	2%	7	3%
Creamer's Refuge muzzleloader antlerless draw hunt	6	0%	2	0%

Proposal 176		20B/Moose		
Additional information				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In 2020, The BOG added antler restriction for nonresidents in the “remainder of Unit 20B”• Not many “any bull” moose hunts for nonresidents remain in Alaska• Not many antlerless moose hunts are available for nonresidents in Alaska				

Proposal 176

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Proposed by: Resident Hunters of Alaska

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 177

What would the proposal do? Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters

Proposed by: Alaska Bowhunters Association

Department Recommendation: **Oppose**

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Proposal 177

20B/Moose

Effects of proposal

- This proposal would create a 5 day bow season after the general season in the remainder of Unit 20B
- **Remainder of 20B Moose season**
 - = Residents Sept. 1-15, any bull
 - = Nonresidents Sept . 5-15, 50 in/4BT
- **Proposed Season-** in addition to general season
 - = Residents Sept. 16-20, by bow and arrow only, any bull
 - = Nonres. Sept. 16-20, by bow and arrow only, one bull with 50 in/4 BT.

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Proposal 177

20B/Moose

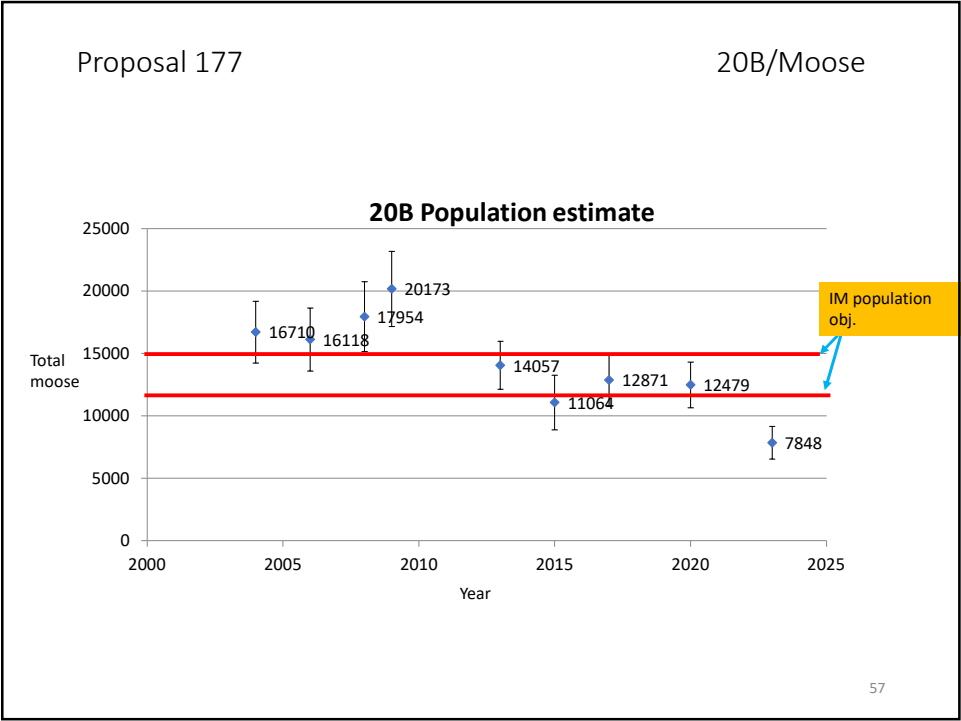
Remainder of 20B Moose season

- = Residents Sept. 1-15, any bull
- = Nonresidents Sept . 5-15, 50 in/4BT

The map displays the geographical layout of Unit 20B, divided into four distinct management areas. The 'Remainder 20B' area is highlighted in light blue and occupies the central portion of the unit. To its west is the 'MFMA' (Minto Flats Management Area), shown in dark blue. To its east is the 'Eastern 20B (Middle Fork Chena & upper Salcha)' area, also in dark blue. A small 'FMA' (Fairbanks Management Area) is located just south of the 'Remainder 20B' area. The map includes topographical features like rivers and mountains, with orange lines indicating boundaries or roads.

MFMA = Minto Flats Management Area
FMA = Fairbanks Management Area

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Proposal 177

20B/Moose

Issues with proposal

- 2023 bull:cow ratio = 26:100
 - Below objective of 30:100
- In 2018 ADF&G reduced the season by 5 days to address bull:cow ratio
- Winter of 2021 was difficult and reduced the 20B population by 37%
- As a result, it is not good time to add additional opportunity

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Proposed by: Alaska Bowhunters Association

Department Recommendation: **Oppose**

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Proposal 178

What would the proposal do? Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B

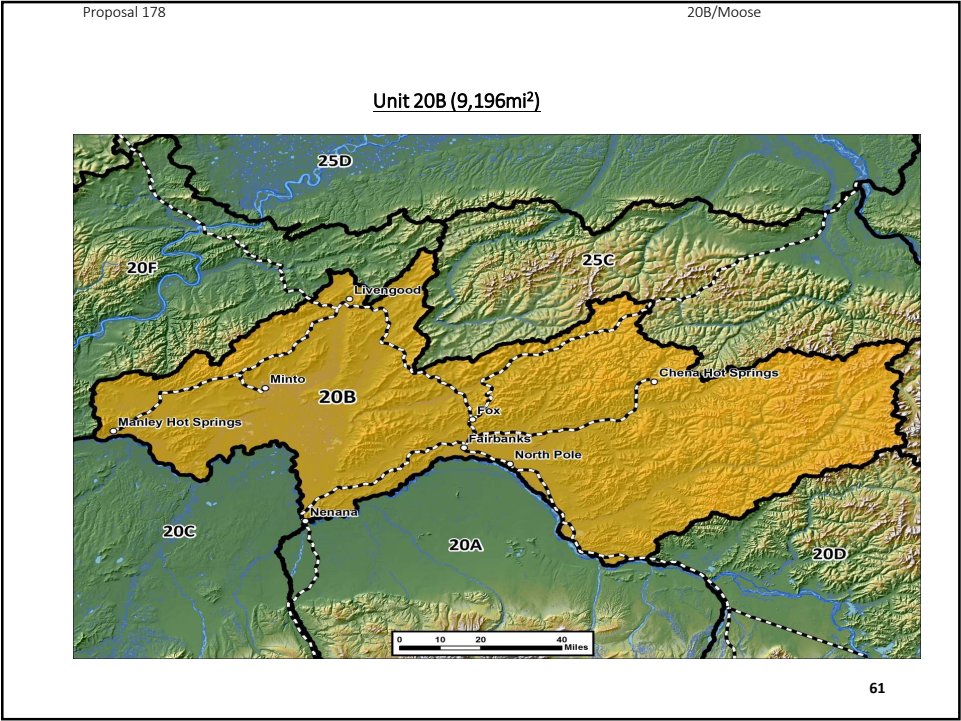
Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**

AC votes: Fairbanks AC = Support, 15-0
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Delta AC = Support, 11-0
Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC = Oppose, 0-7
Middle Nenana AC = Support, 9-0

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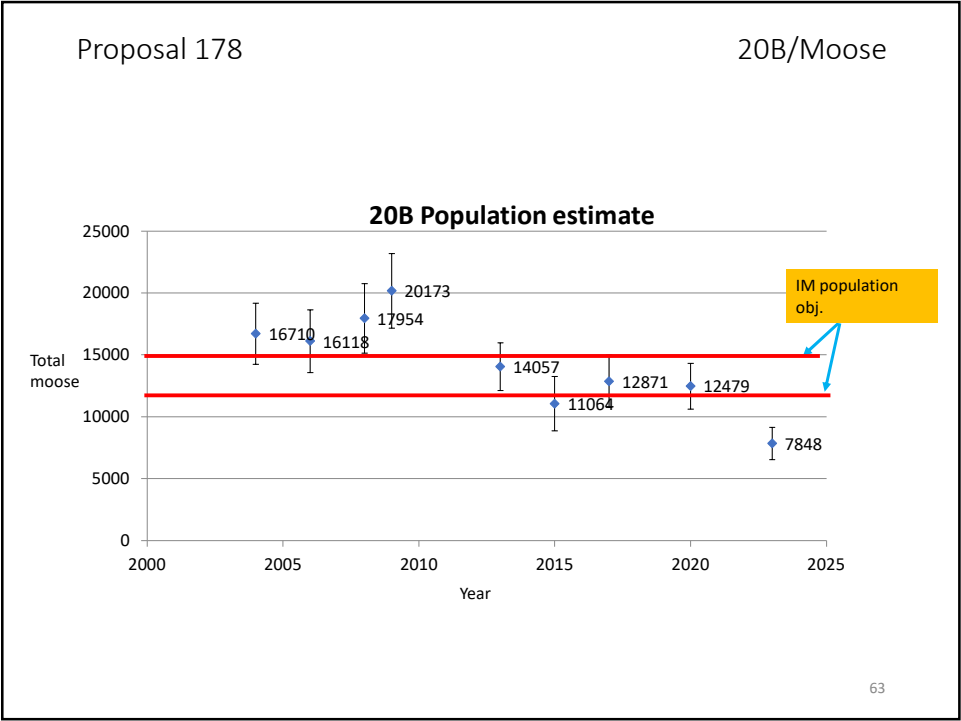
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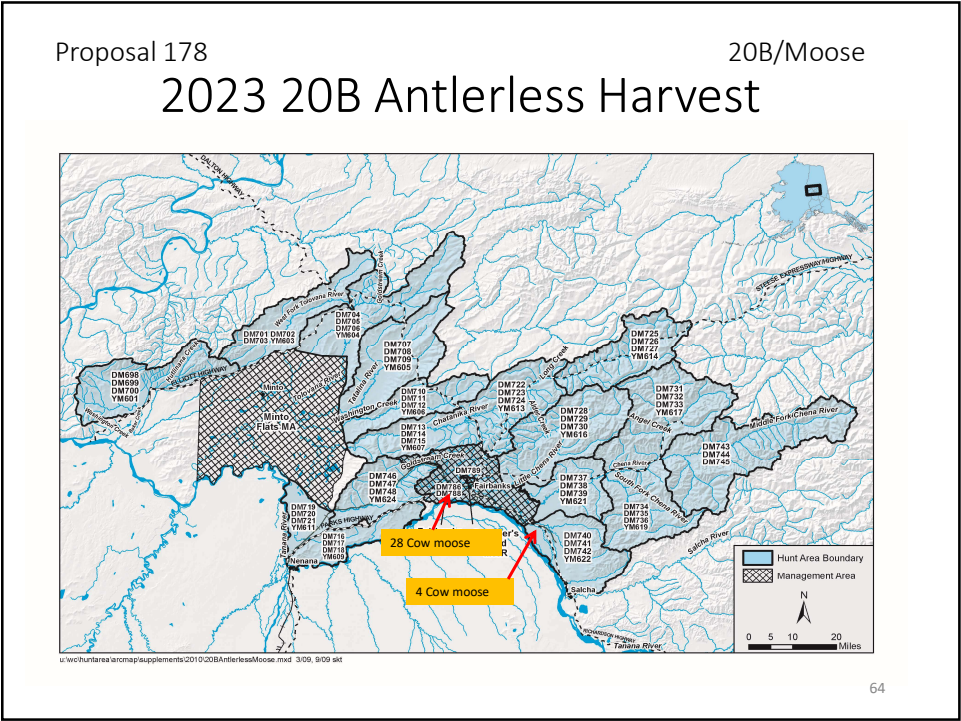
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Proposal 178	20B/Moose
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IM Population Objective = 12,000-15,000• IM Harvest Objective = 600-1,500• 2019-2023 = 2,161 hunters annually• 2019-2023 = 327 bulls and 49 cows harvested annually• 2023 Unit wide bull:cow ratio = 26:100• 2023 Unit wide calf:cow ratio = 40:100	
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Proposal 178

20B/Moose

2024 Antlerless plan

- Harvest antlerless moose conservatively.
- Unit 20B does not have a harvestable surplus of antlerless moose at this time.
- Only FMA and Richardson highway hunts.
- FMA and Richardson highway hunts are only used to lower the number of moose hit by vehicles and nuisance moose in town.

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Proposal 178

What would the proposal do? Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**

AC votes: Fairbanks AC = Support, 15-0
Minto/Nenana = Oppose, 0-7
Delta AC = Support, 11-0
Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC = Oppose, 0-7
Middle Nenana AC = Support, 9-0

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Proposal 179

What would the proposal do? Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Oppose**

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Proposal 17920B/Moose

Effects of this proposal

Current moose season for resident hunters in the remainder of Unit 20B

- September 1-15

Proposed change to season

- **September 15-30**
- The proponent wants to address warm temperatures in early September

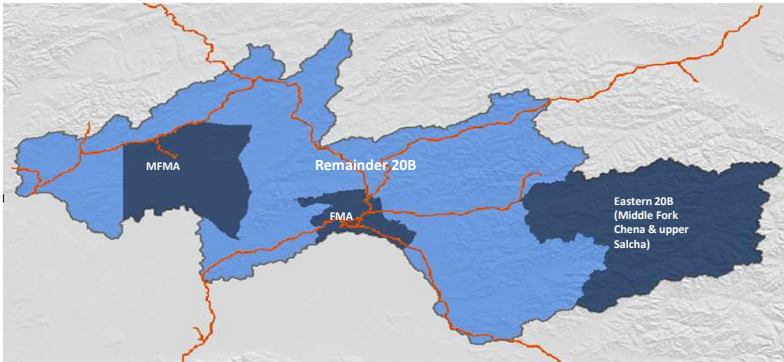
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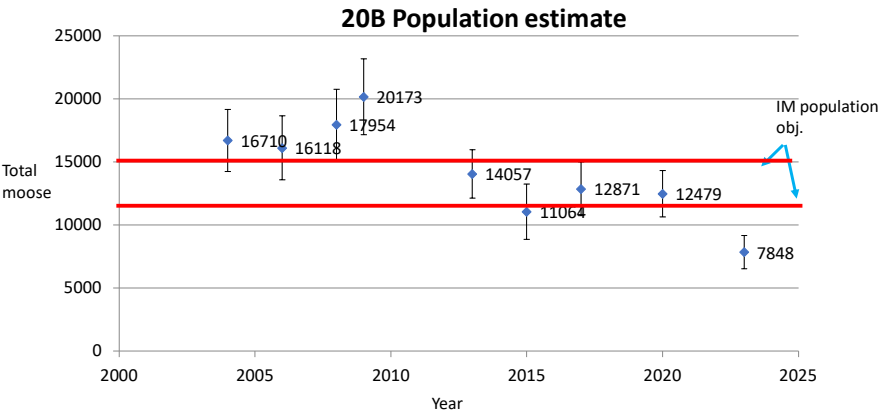
Remainder of 20B Moose season
= Residents Sept. 1-15, any bull
= Nonresidents Sept . 5-15, 50"/4BT BULL



MFMA = Minto Flats Management Area
FMA = Fairbanks Management Area

Proposal 179

20B/Moose



Proposal 179

20B/Moose

Unit 20B

- 2023 bull:cow ratio = 26:100
 - 20B objective = 30:100
- 5-yr average 20B hunters = 2,141 hunters per year
- 5-yr average 20B harvest = 338 bulls per year

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Proposal 179

20B/Moose

ADF&G Concerns

- Harvest would increase due to bulls being more susceptible during rut.
- Unit 20B remainder is a very accessible. All the main roads systems in 20B exist in this area.
- This would create one of the only moose seasons on the road system that would go to Sept. 30.
- Number of hunters would increase.
- Moose population is recovering from the difficult winter of 2021.

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Proposal 179

What would the proposal do? Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Oppose**

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Proposal 180

What would the proposal do? Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A

Proposed by: Resident Hunters of Alaska

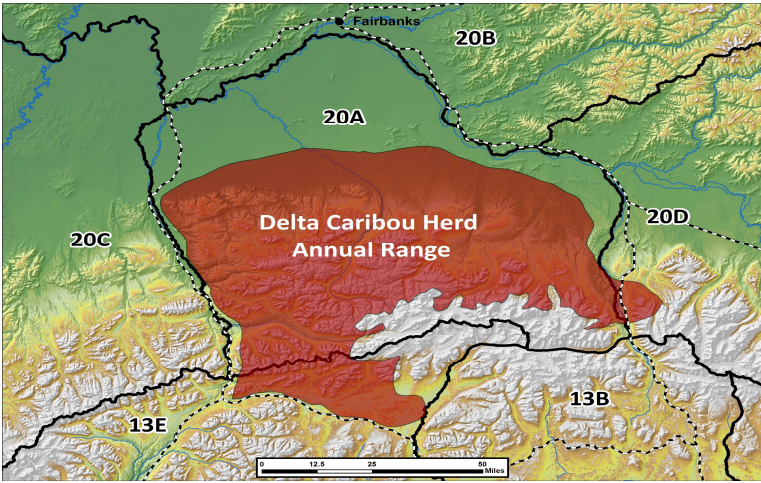
Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Intent of Proposal

- Rescind action on proposal 146 from 2020 BOG meeting that guarantees 25% of drawing permits go to nonresidents
- OR
- Establish an allocation where residents receive 90% of permits and nonresidents receive 10%



Proposal 180

20A/Caribou

Delta Caribou

- No recent populations estimates = likely between 2,500-3,500 caribou
- Not an IM caribou herd
- Issue 150 drawing permits annually for bulls only
 - 8,142 applicants in 2022
- Average harvest = 65 bulls per year
- Average harvest by residents = 45 per year
- Average harvest by non-residents = 20 per year

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Proposal 180

20A/Caribou

- Proposal 146 at 2020 BOG meeting asked for 90% of permits to go to residents and 10% to nonresidents.
- At the time about 21% of the permits were going to nonresidents.
- The BOG amended the proposal to allocate 25% of permits to nonresidents.
- Currently 25% of permits are allocated to nonresidents.

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Proposal 180

20A/Caribou

DC827 Drawing permits (data used in 2020 meeting)

Year	Total permits	Nonresidents permits	Percent of permits to nonresidents	Nonresident Harvest	Nonresident percent of harvest
2015	150	14	9%	9	20%
2016	150	9	6%	5	9%
2017	150	33	22%	21	31%
2018	150	32	21%	23	40%
2019	150	31	21%	23	33%

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Proposal 180

What would the proposal do?

Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A

Proposed by:

Resident Hunters of Alaska

Department Recommendation:

Neutral

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Proposal 181

What would the proposal do? Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only

Proposed by: Resident Hunters of Alaska

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 181	20A/Sheep
Current 20A Nonresident Sheep Season	Proposed 20A nonresident sheep season
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 10 –September 20• 1 ram with full curl or greater horns, at least age 8 or broken on both sides every 4 years• Harvest ticket	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 10 –September 20• 1 ram with full curl or greater horns, at least age 8 or broken on both sides every 4 years• Drawing Permit, up to 20 permits
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20A/Sheep



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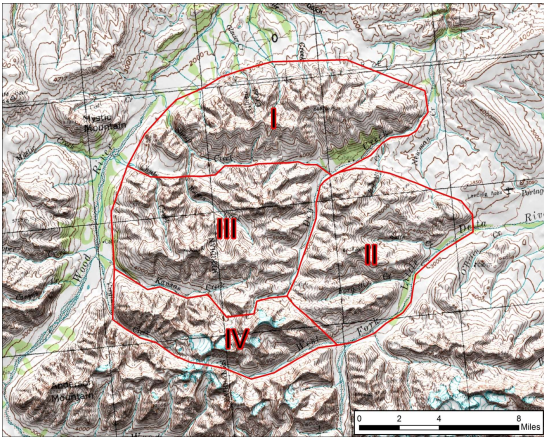
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20A/Sheep

20A Sheep Survey Area

- Surveyed Annually
- Area = 201 mi²
- Total sheep habitat in 20A = 1,520 mi²

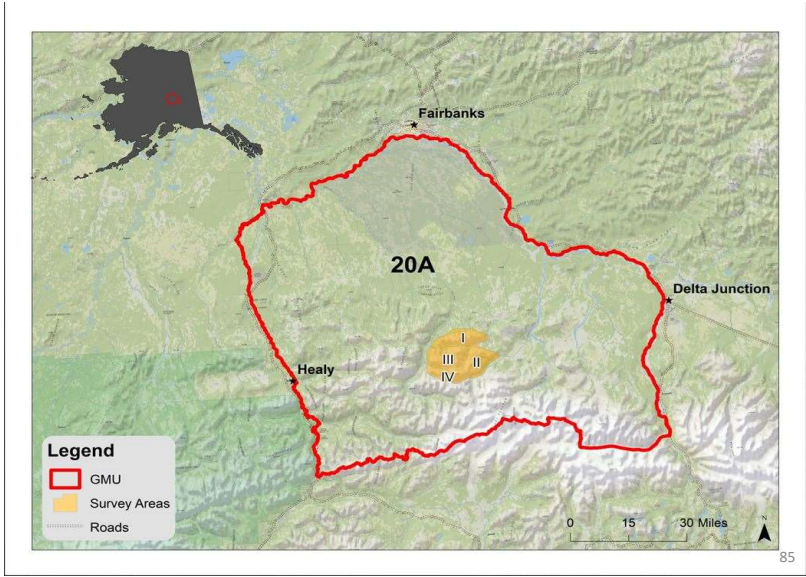


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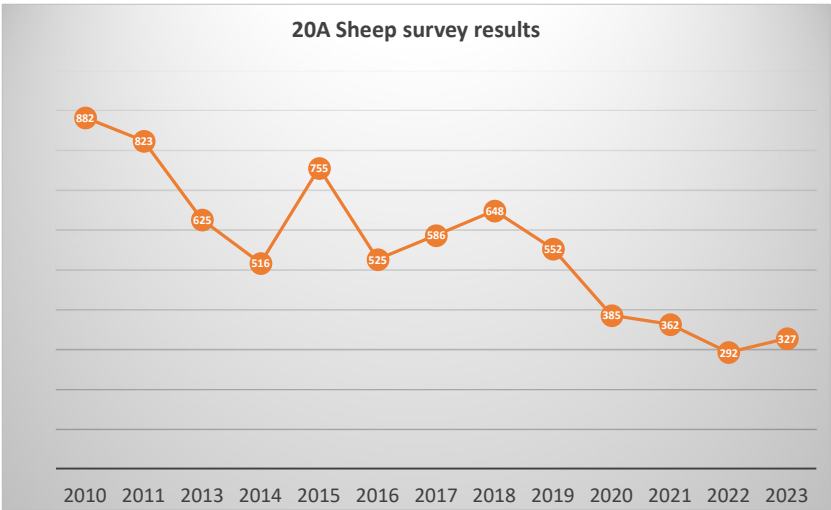
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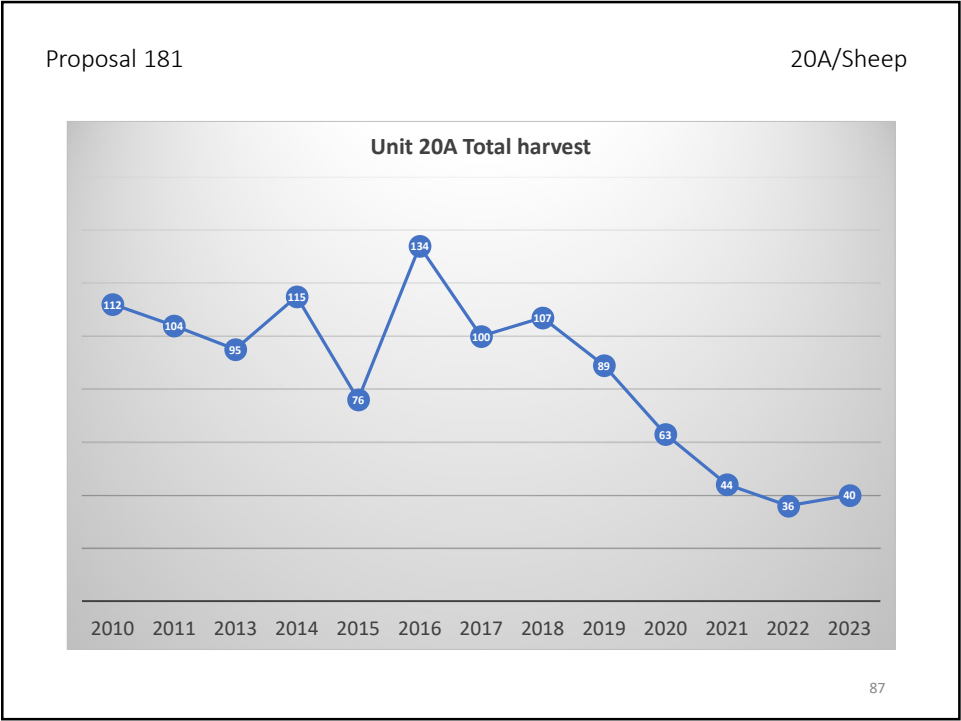
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20A/Sheep



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20A/Sheep

20A Harvest and Population info

- Sheep survey area (201 sq. mi)
 - 2020-2023 = average 342 sheep per year
 - 2007-2019 = average 673 sheep per year
- Harvest
 - 2020-2023 = 46 rams per year
 - 2007-2019 = 100 rams per year
 - 2010-2023 = nonresidents harvested 53% of sheep (residents 47%)

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Proposal 181

20A/Sheep

Year	Total hunters	Resident hunters	Nonresident hunters	Total harvest	Resident harvest	Nonresident harvest
2019-2023 average	191	140	49	54	24	30

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Proposal 181

20A/Sheep

- This proposal is an allocation issue
- Unit 20A is managed under the full curl strategy
 - Conservative harvest

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Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 182

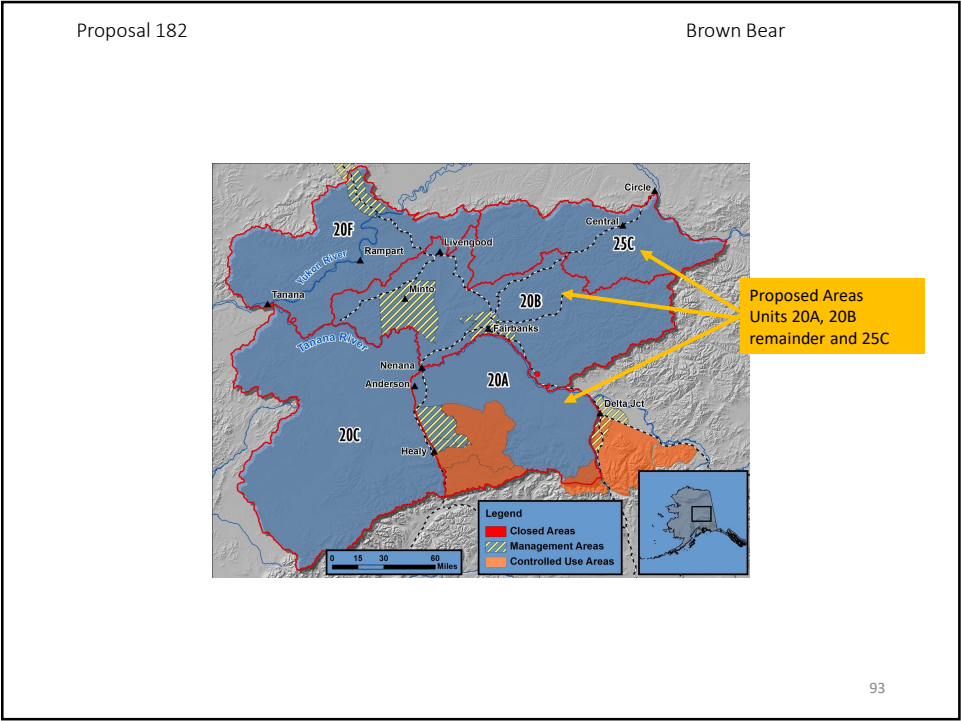
What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15

Proposed by: Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 182	Brown Bear
<u>Current Season 20A, 20B remainder, 25C</u>	<u>Proposed Season 20A, 20B remainder, 25C</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresident	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresidents
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept. 1 – May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sept. 1 – June 15
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bears may be taken over bait Apr. 15 – May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bears may be taken over bait April 15-June 15

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Board Considerations

- The next several proposals look at liberalizing Brown Bear regulations
- Proposal 183 – Lengthens 20A Brown Bear season by 2 weeks in the spring
- Proposal 184 – Lengthens 20A Brown Bear season by 3 weeks in the fall
- Proposal 185 – Lengthens 20A and 20B Brown Bear season by 4 weeks in the spring.
- The department prefers the board support one of the proposals if they wish, but not all of them, for consistency.

- Units 20A, 20B and 25C = Have no Brown Bear population estimates
- Management activities consist of monitoring harvest
- Brown Bear seasons and bag limits have slowly been liberalized over the years
 - Tag fee exemptions
 - Increased bag limits
 - Longer seasons
 - Allowing the use of bait

Proposal 182

Brown Bear

2018-2022 Units 20A, 20B, and 25C Harvest and Registered Bait stations

	20A	20B	25C
Average Harvest	24	12	3
Harvest over Bait	5	6	1
Registered Bait stations	84	339	10

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Proposal 182	Brown Bear
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of bear hunters is high around the Fairbanks area• No biological concern lengthening the season by 15 days• The department prefers this proposal over proposal 183, 184 or 185 to slowly increase bear harvest	

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What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15

Proposed by: Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 183

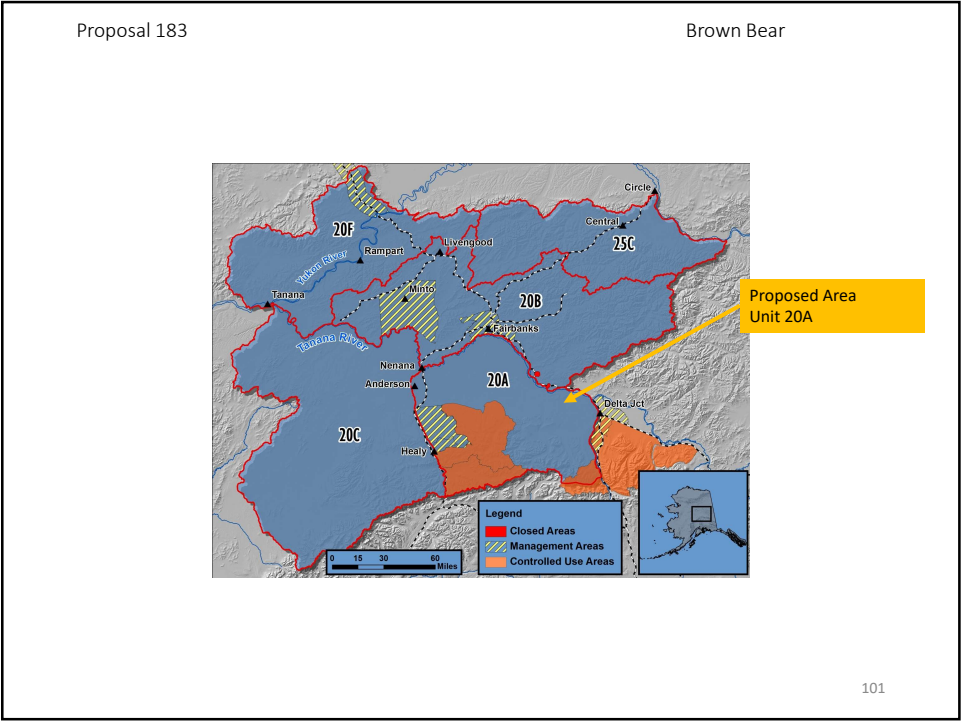
What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A by two weeks to close on June 15

Proposed by: Middle Nenana River Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 183	Brown Bear
<u>Current Season Unit 20A</u>	<u>Proposed Season Unit 20A</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresident• Sept. 1 – May 31• Bears may be taken over bait April 15 – May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresidents• Sept. 1 – June 15• Bears may be taken over bait April 15 – June 15

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Proposal 183

Brown Bear

- Units 20A = Has no Brown Bear population estimates
- Management activities consist of monitoring harvest
- Brown Bear seasons and bag limits have slowly been liberalized over the years
 - Tag fee exemptions
 - Increased bag limits
 - Longer seasons
 - Allowing the use of bait

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Proposal 183

Brown Bear

2018-2022 Brown Bear Harvest for 20A, 20B, 25C

Average number of bear bait stations during 2018-2022 in Units 20A, 20B and 25C

	20A	20B	25C
Average Harvest	24	12	3
Harvest over Bait	5	6	12

	20A	20B	25C
Bait stations	84	339	10

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Proposal 183

Brown Bear

- The number of bear hunters is high around the Fairbanks area
- No biological concern lengthening the season by 15 days
- The department prefers proposal 182 over proposal 183, 184 or 185 to slowly increase bear harvest

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Proposal 183

What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A by two weeks to close on June 15

Proposed by: Middle Nenana River Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 184

What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A by three weeks to open on August 10

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 184

Brown Bear

The map displays several brown bear management units in Alaska. Unit 20A is highlighted in orange and labeled 'Proposed Area Unit 20A'. Other units shown include 20B, 20C, 20F, and 25C. The map includes a legend for Closed Areas (red), Management Areas (yellow), and Controlled Use Areas (orange). It also shows major rivers like the Tanana and Yukon, and cities like Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Delta Junction. An inset map shows the location of the study area within Alaska.

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Proposal 184	Brown Bear
<u>Current Season Unit 20A</u>	<u>Proposed Season Unit 20A</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresident• Sept. 1 – May 31• Bears may be taken over bait April 15 – May 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresidents• Aug. 10 – May 31• Bears may be taken over bait April 15 – May 31

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Proposal 184	Brown Bear
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unit 20A = Has no Brown Bear population estimates• Management activities consist of monitoring harvest• Brown Bear seasons and bag limits have slowly been liberalized over the years<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tag fee exemptions• Increased bag limits• Longer seasons• Allowing the use of bait	

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Proposal 184

What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A by three weeks to open on August 10

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 185

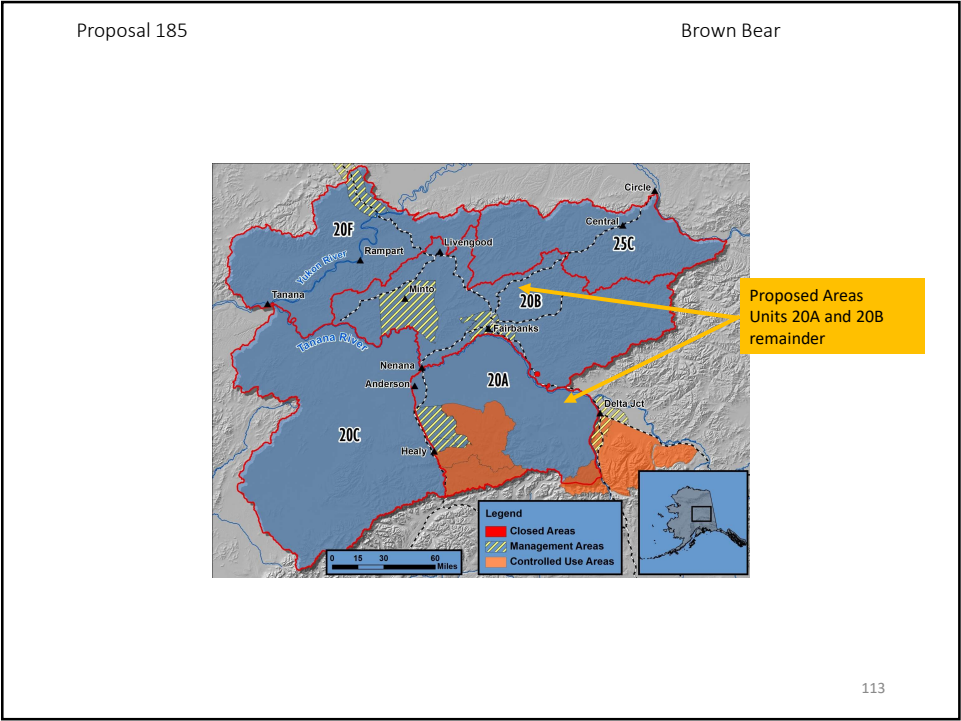
What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A and 20B remainder to close on June 30

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 185		Brown Bear	
<u>Current Season 20A, 20B remainder</u>		<u>Proposed Season 20A, 20B remainder</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresident• Sept. 1 – May 31• Bears may be taken over bait April 15 – May 31		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents and Nonresidents• Sept. 1 – June 30• Bears may be taken over bait April 15 – June 30	

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Proposal 185				Brown Bear			
2018-2022 Brown Bear Harvest for 20A, 20B, 25C				Average number of bear bait stations during 2018-2022 in Units 20A, 20B and 25C			
	20A	20B	25C		20A	20B	25C
Average Harvest	24	12	3	Bait stations	84	339	10
Harvest over Bait	5	6	12				

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Proposal 185				Brown Bear			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Units 20A and 20B = Have no Brown Bear population estimates• Management activities consist of monitoring harvest• Brown Bear seasons and bag limits have slowly been liberalized over the years<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tag fee exemptions• Increased bag limits• Longer seasons• Allowing the use of bait							

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Proposal 185

What would the proposal do? Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A and 20B remainder to close on June 30

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 186

What would the proposal do? Establish a closed area for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C.

Proposed by: Denali National Park and Preserve

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**

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Proposal 186

20C/Wolf

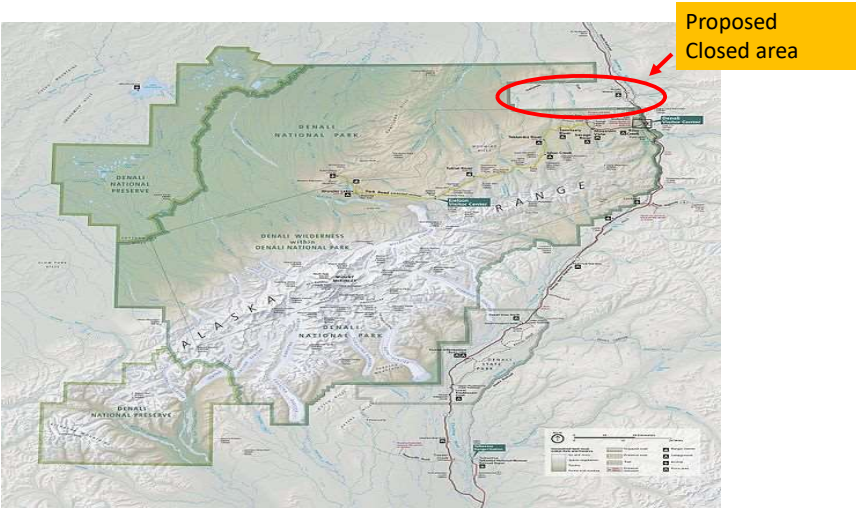
- This proposal would close wolf hunting and trapping season in a portion of Unit 20C
- The current hunting season is Aug. 10 – April 15
- The current trapping season is Nov. 1 – April 30

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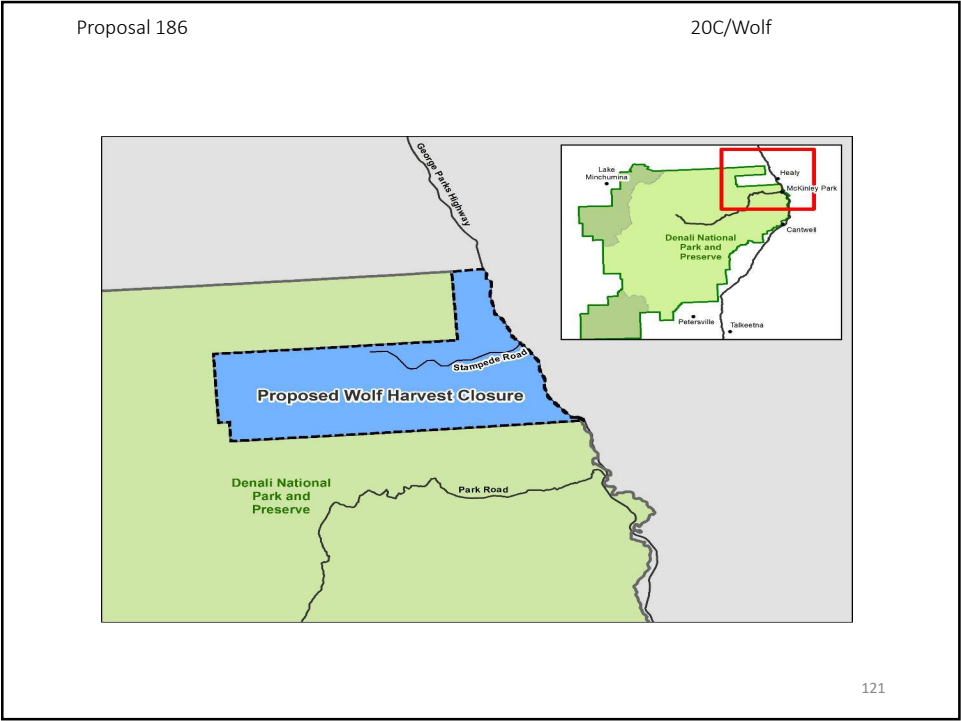
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20C/Wolf

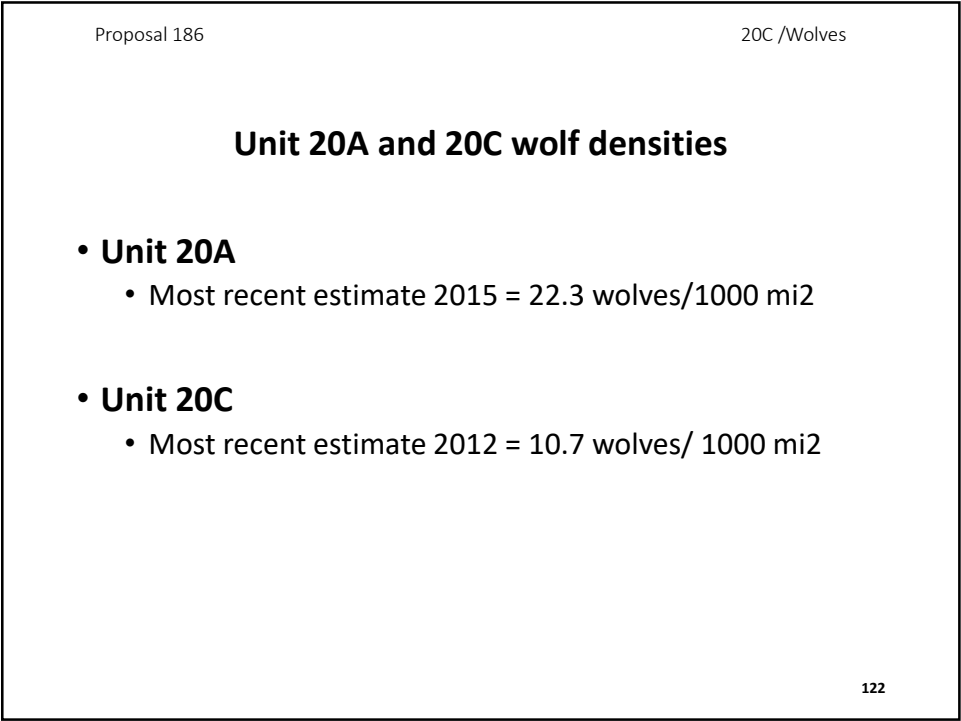


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Proposals 186

20C Wolves

- An average of **3 wolves** per year were harvested in this area during 2018-2022
- This would be a loss of opportunity for hunters and trappers
- The department does not manage at the ucu level like this proposal is asking
- The department has no biological concerns with wolf populations or harvest in this area.
- This area is adjacent to 7,406 sq. mi. area of refugia that is closed to hunting and trapping

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Proposal 186

What would the proposal do? Establish a closed area for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C.

Proposed by: Denali National Park and Preserve

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**

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Proposal 187

What would the proposal do? Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in a portion of Unit 20C by two weeks

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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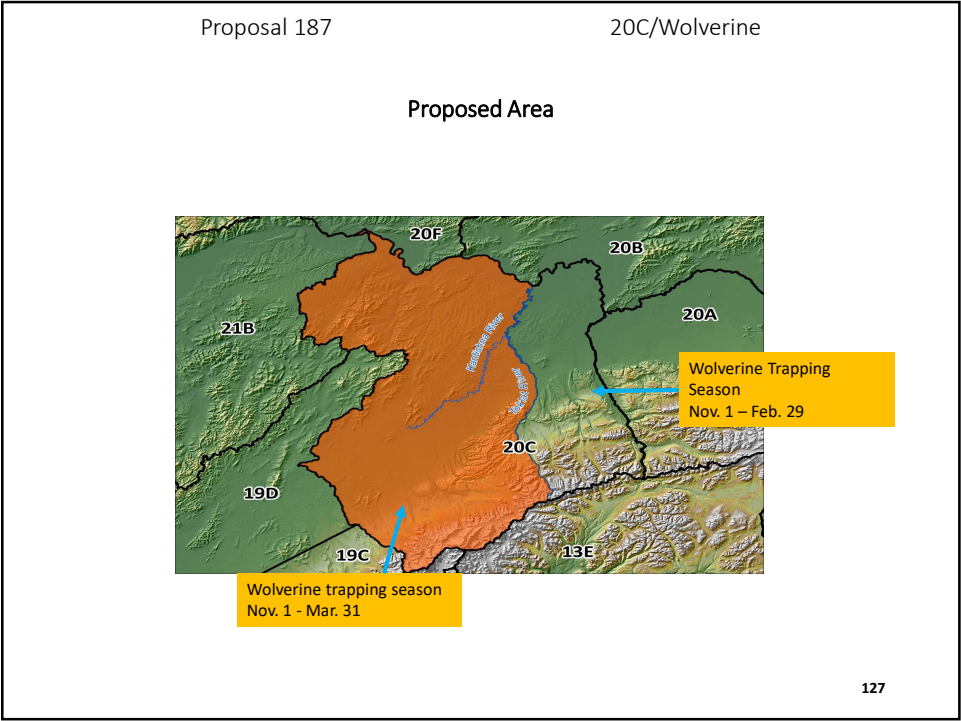
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20C/Wolverine

- The intent of this proposal is to align the wolverine trapping seasons in Unit 20C.
 - No other game management units are intended to be changed
- The current season is:
 - Unit 20C, west of the Toklat and Kantishna River = Nov. 1- Mar. 31
 - Unit 20C, Remainder = Nov. 1- Feb. 29

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Proposal 18720C/Wolverine

During 2018-2022

- Average harvest in Unit 20C = 11 wolverines
- Average harvest east of the Kantishna and Toklat Rivers = 7 wolverines
- Average harvest during month of March = 1 per year
- 70% of harvest during this time frame was male wolverines

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Proposal 187

20C/ Wolverine

Considerations

- Western 20C Wolverine season was extended at the 2017 BOG meeting
- Western 20C is remote and has less access
- Eastern 20C is accessible from the Parks Highway
- Southern 20C has Denali National Park as a large area of refugia
- Adjacent Units 20B and 20A, Wolverine trapping season ends February 29

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Proposal 187

What would the proposal do? Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in a portion of Unit 20C by two weeks

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: Support

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Proposal 188

What would the proposal do? Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 188

20B/Beaver

This proposal would open a portion of Unit 20B to the trapping of beaver.

Current regulations:

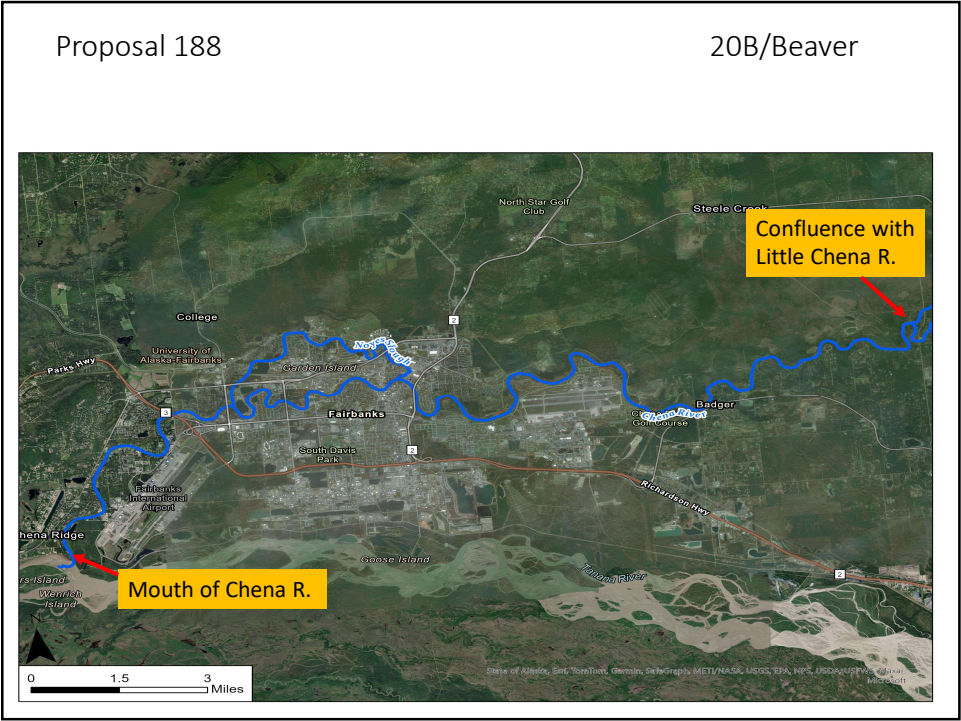
➤ Remainder of Unit 20B = Sept. 25 – May 31

➤ Unit 20B, that portion of the Chena River downstream from its confluence with the Little Chena River and Creamer’s Field Migratory Refuge = No Open Season

➤ This proposal is concerned with the Chena River portion of the closed area

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Proposal 18820B/Beaver

- That portion of the Chena River has been closed to trapping for over 25 years
- The Chena River has a high population of beavers
- That portion of the Chena River flows through populated areas and downtown Fairbanks.
- It was originally closed due to conflict amongst the public.
- Trapping does occur in the area under nuisance beaver permits (5 AAC 92.041)

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Proposal 188

20B/ Beaver

The Main Issues

- The area is highly populated by Fairbanks residents
- That section of river has a high population of beavers
- Some residents along the river like the beavers, other do not.
 - Beavers come into yards and chew down trees
- Lot of recreation activities on and along the river
- Lots of private property along the river

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Proposal 188

20B/Beaver

5 AAC 92.041 – Permit to take beavers to control damage or property

- **This has worked well for beaver harvest**
- Allows the department to strategically take problem beavers
- Allow the department to prevent trapping in high traffic areas
- Specifies specific beaver lodges to trap.
- Easier for ADF&G to mitigate conflicts

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Proposal 188

What would the proposal do? Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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Proposal 210

What would the proposal do? Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel of the Nenana River

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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Proposal 210

Moose/ 20A, 20C

- This proposal addresses an issue in the hunting regulations with regards to the Units 20A and 20C boundary
- This proposal was an ACR submitted and accepted by the BOG
- In the Alaska Hunting regulations, the boundary description and the line on the map showing the boundary do not match

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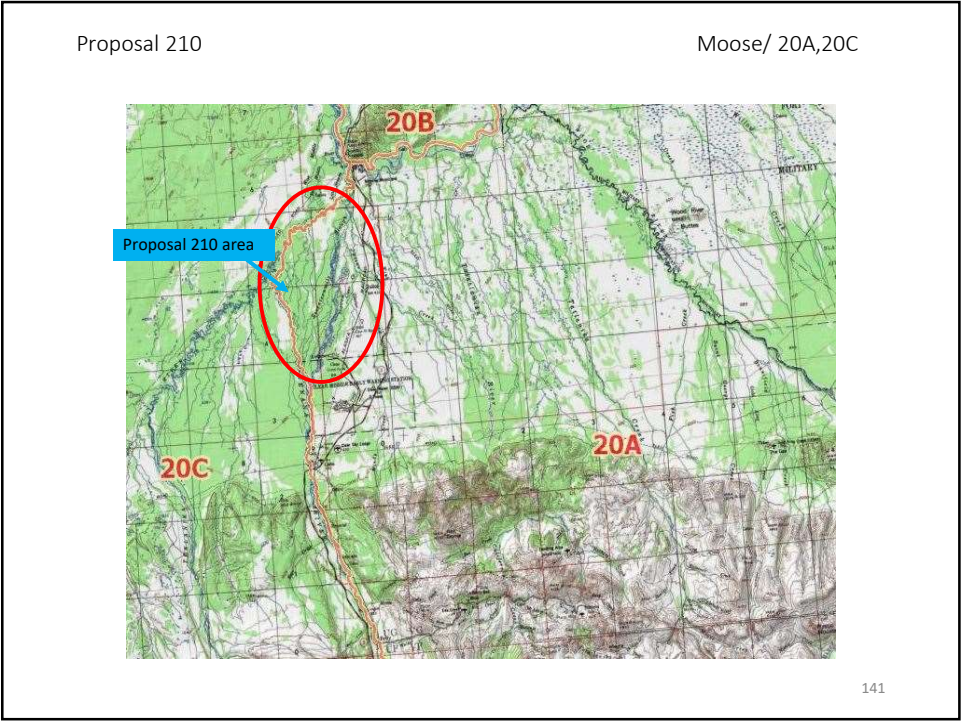
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Moose/ 20A, 20C

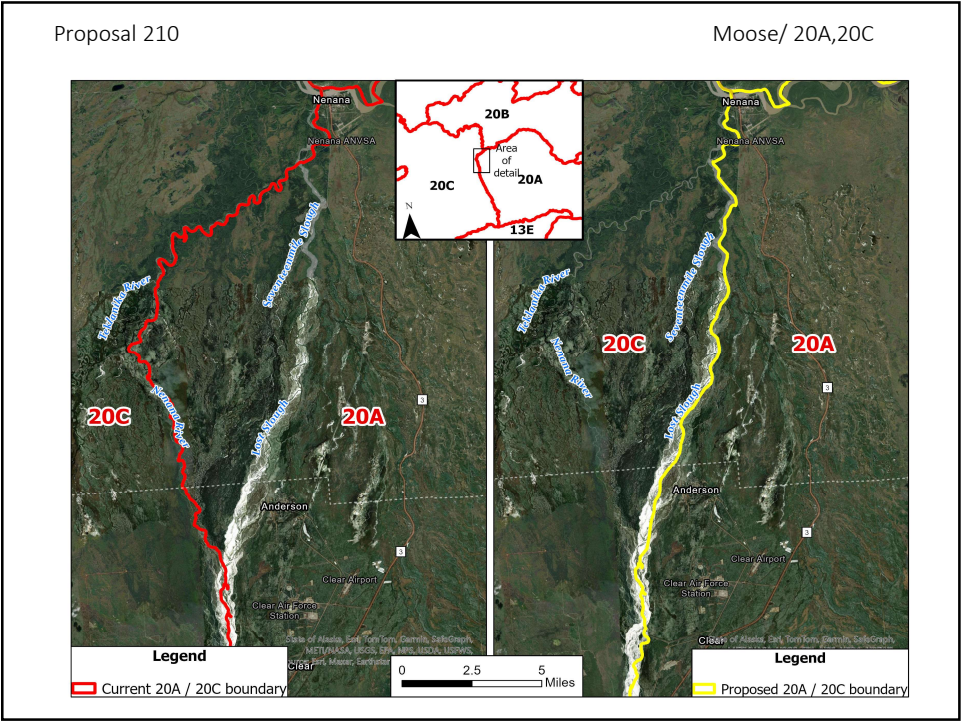
- The Unit descriptions below show the existing definition with the proposed language in bold and underlined
- Unit 20(A) consists of that portion of Unit 20 bounded on the south by the Unit 13 boundary, bounded on the east by the west bank of the Delta River, bounded on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River from its confluence with the Delta River downstream to its confluence with the Nenana River, and **bounded on the west by the east bank of the Nenana River including Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough**
- Unit 20(C) consists of that portion of Unit 20 **bounded on the east by the east bank of the Nenana River including Seventeen Mile Slough and Lost Slough** and on the north by the north bank of the Tanana River downstream from the Nenana River;

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Proposal 210

Moose/ 20A,20C

- This proposal would fix an issue in the hunting regulations
- This proposal would eliminate confusion for hunters
- Creates an enforceable GMU boundary

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Proposal 210

What would the proposal do? Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel of the Nenana River

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Department Recommendation: **Support**

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