

GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS 9 & 10
PROPOSALS

Region IV - Central and Southwest
Proposals 5–24



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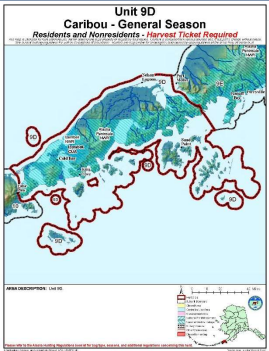
Proposal 5

Caribou/Unit 9D

Reduce the nonresident caribou bag limit in Unit 9D to
1 bull

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**



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Proposal 5

Caribou/Unit 9D

Current Regulations

- Residents: 3 caribou
- Nonresidents: 2 bull caribou
- Positive Customary & Traditional Use finding
- ANS: 100–150

Effects of the Proposal

- Decreased harvest and hunting opportunity for nonresidents

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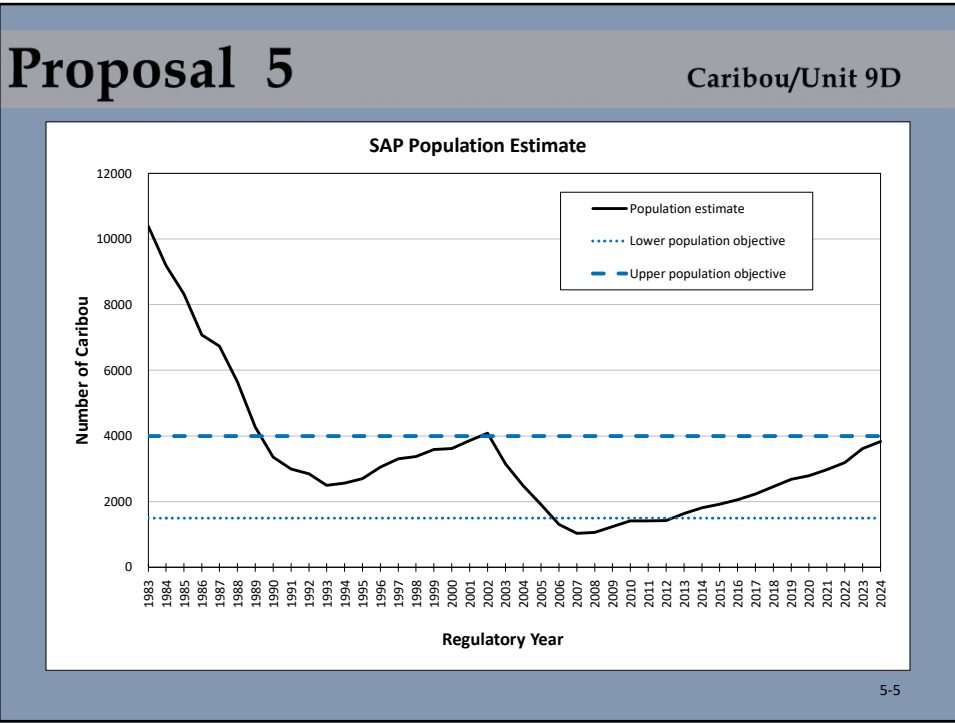
Caribou/Unit 9D

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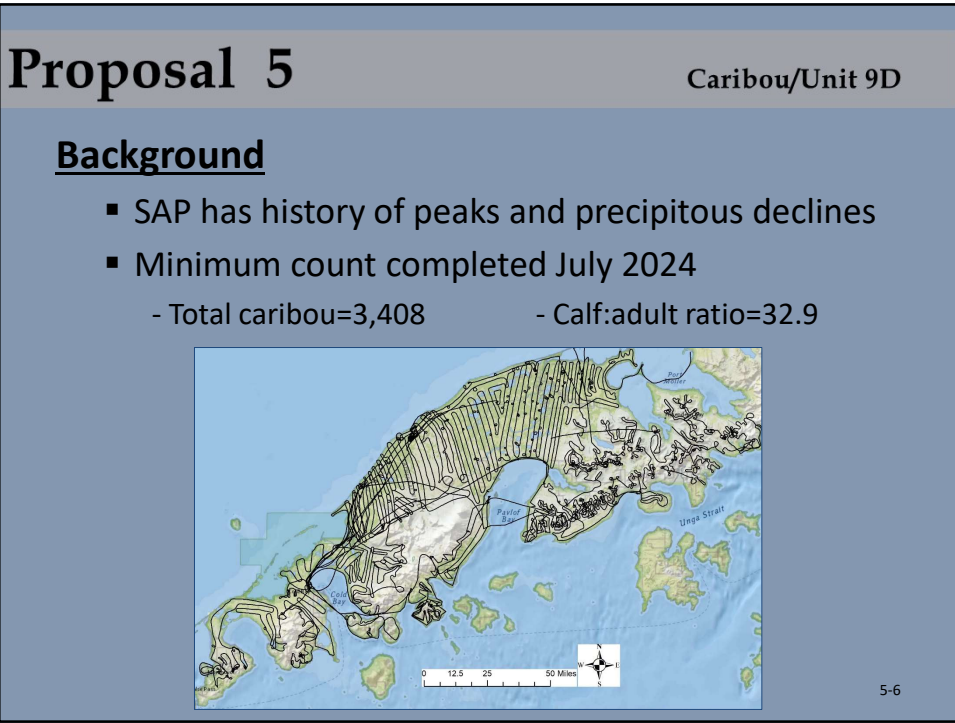
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- Population estimate: 3,800–4,000
- Hunts closed 2007–2012
 - Predator control of wolves increased calf survival from 1% to 64%

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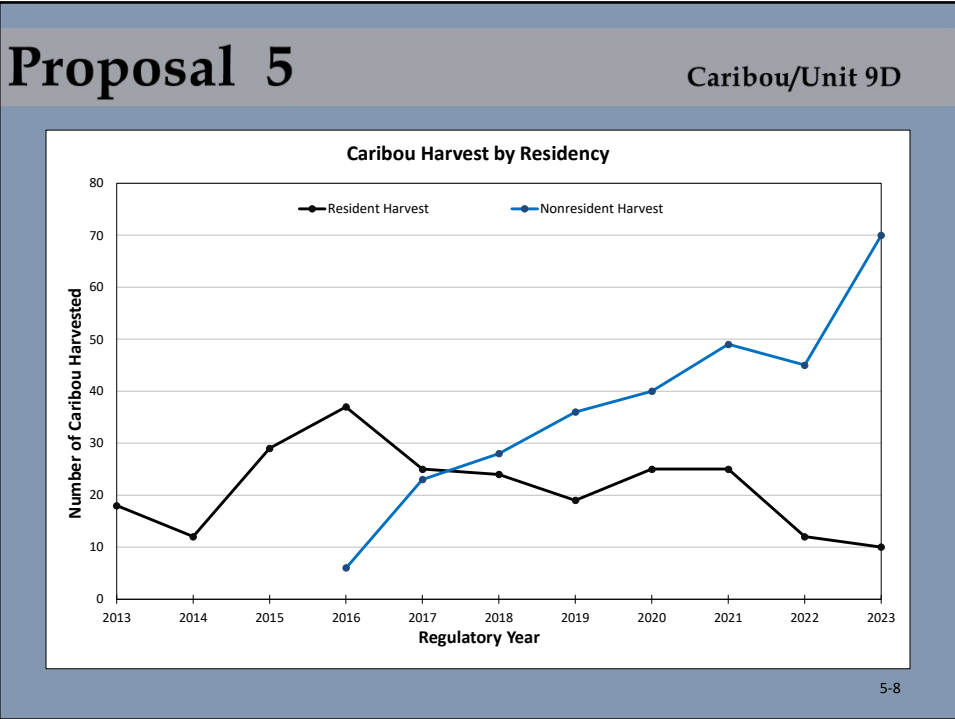
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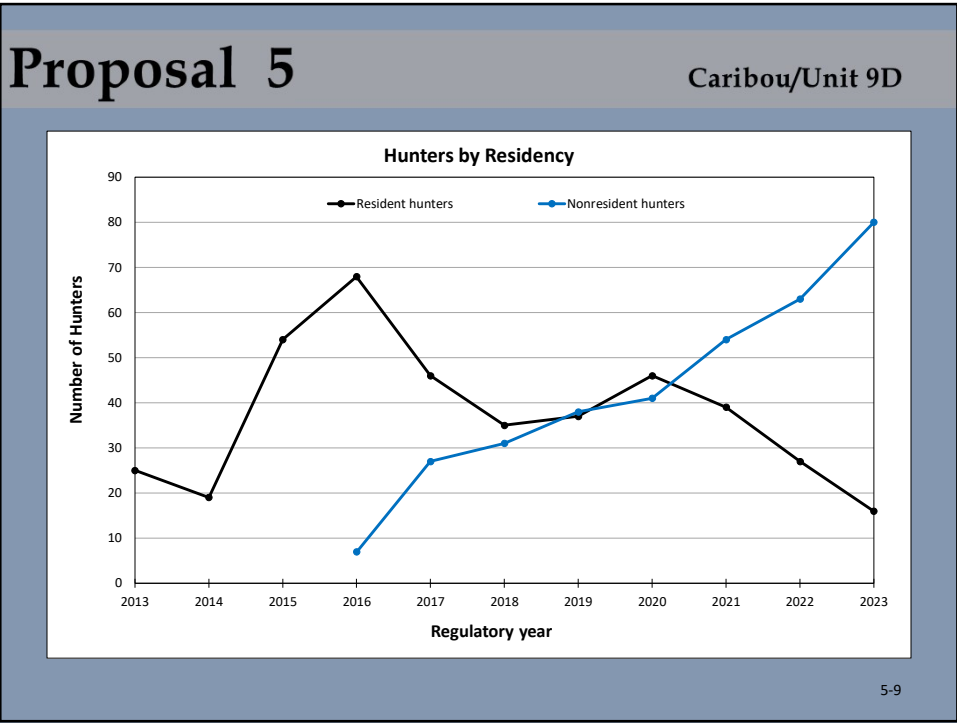
- Surveys indicate harvestable surplus of ~300 caribou per year to maintain current size
- 80 bulls harvested 2023; 65 bulls in 2024
- Only 11 of 366 nonresident hunters have harvested 2 bulls in the same year since 2018

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Proposal 5

Caribou/Unit 9D

Reduce the nonresident caribou bag limit in Unit 9D to 1 bull

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**

Unit 9D
Caribou - General Season
Residents and Nonresidents - Harvest Ticket Required

Area Descriptions (1:64,000)

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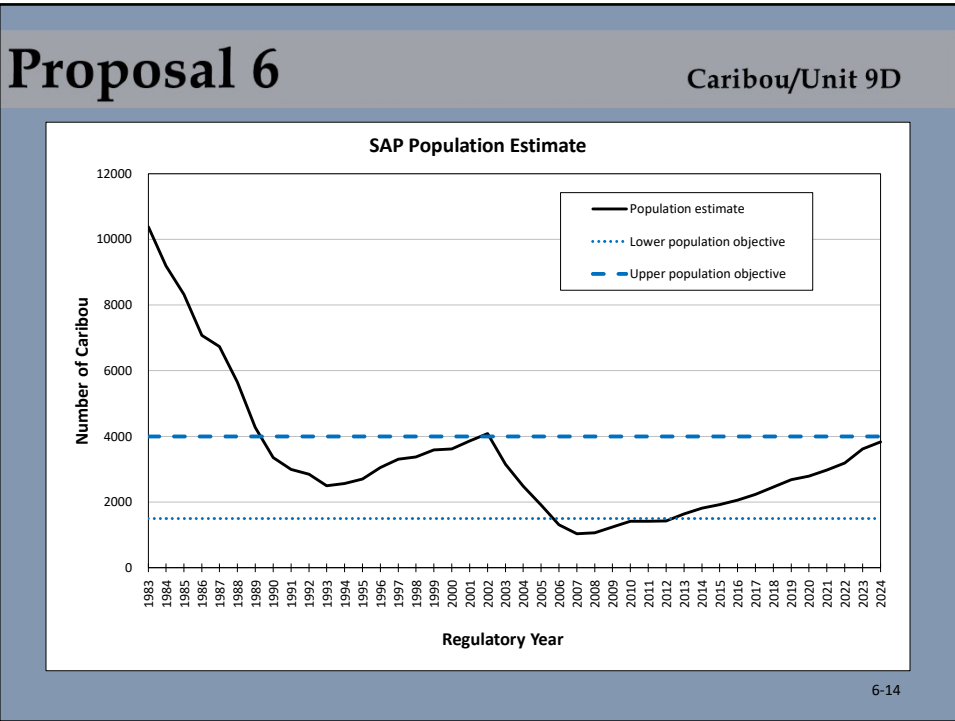
Caribou/Unit 9D

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Proposal 6

Caribou/Unit 9D

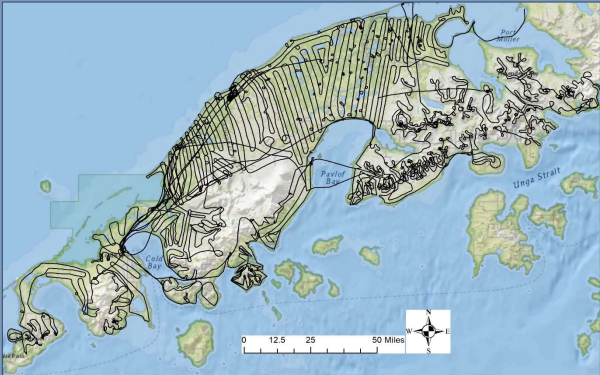
Background

▪ SAP has history of peaks and precipitous declines

▪ Minimum count completed July 2024

- Total caribou=3,408

- Calf:adult ratio=32.9



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Caribou/Unit 9D

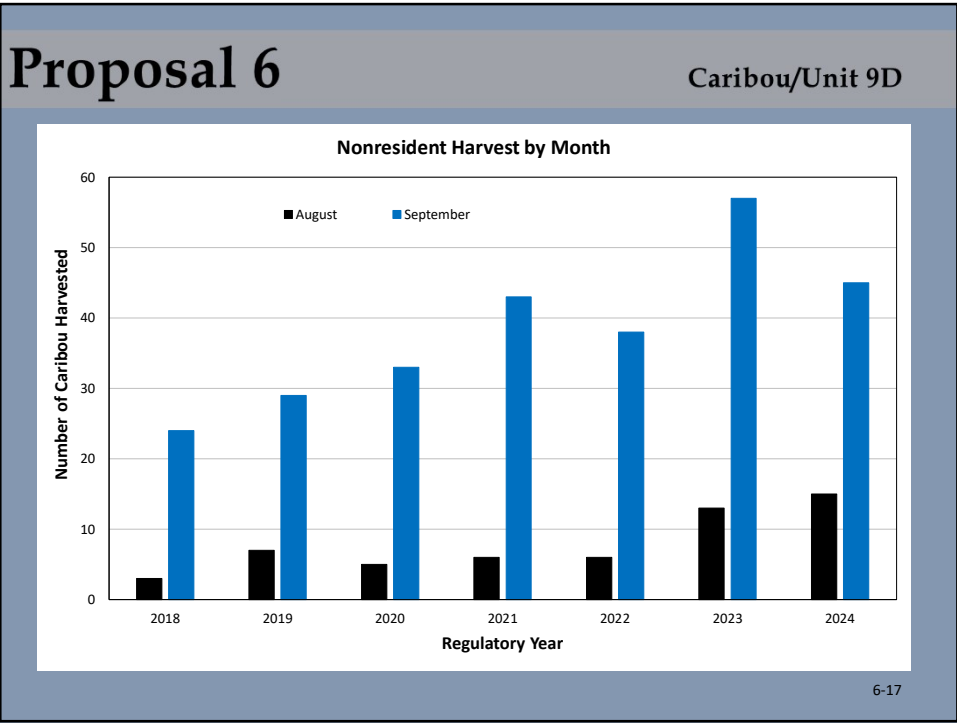
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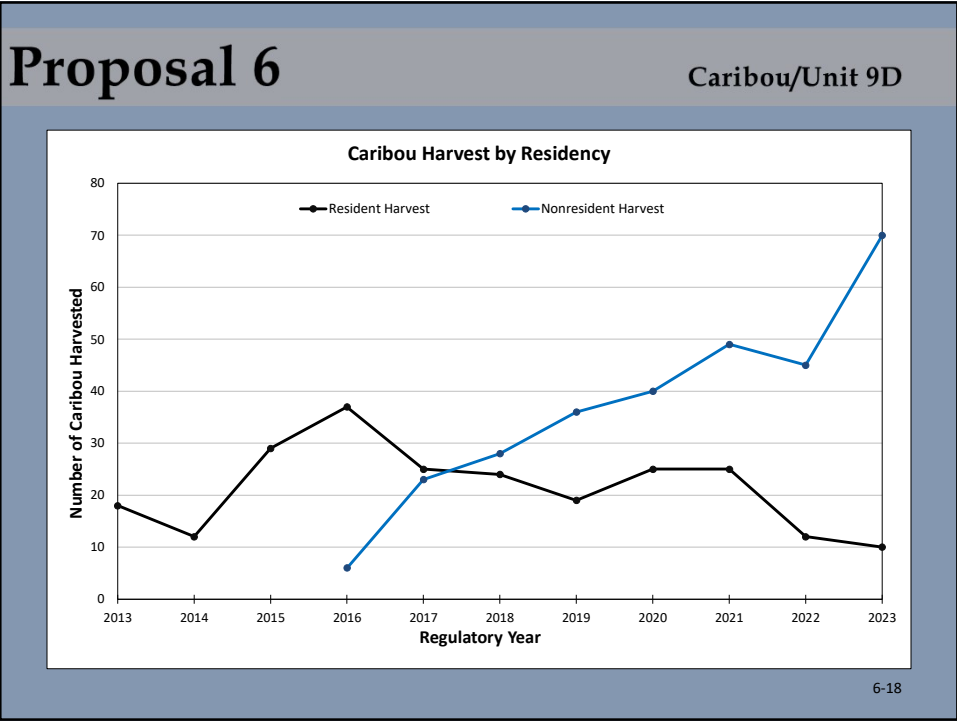
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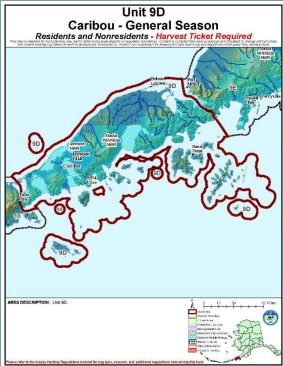
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Caribou/Unit 9D

Shorten the nonresident caribou season dates for Unit 9D to September 1–September 30

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**



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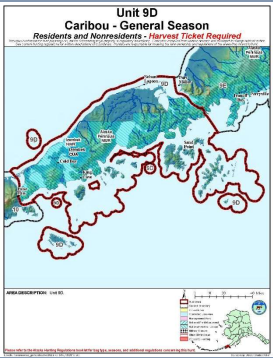
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Caribou/Unit 9D

Extend caribou season dates in Unit 9D for residents & nonresidents to August 1–October 21

ADFG Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**



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Proposal 7

Caribou/Unit 9D

Current Regulations

▪ Residents:

• August 1–September 30

• November 15–March 31

▪ Nonresidents:

• August 1–September 30

▪ Positive Customary & Traditional Use finding

▪ ANS: 100–150

Effects of the Proposal

▪ Increased hunting opportunity and harvest during open fall bear seasons.

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Proposal 7

Caribou/Unit 9D

Background

▪ SAP Population objective: 1,500–4,000

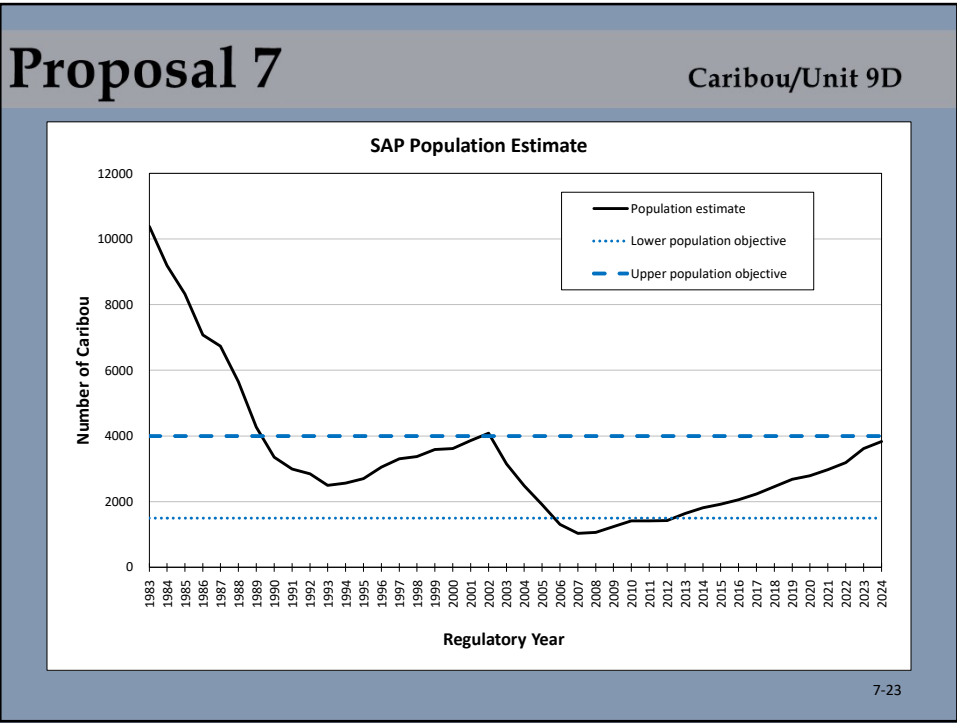
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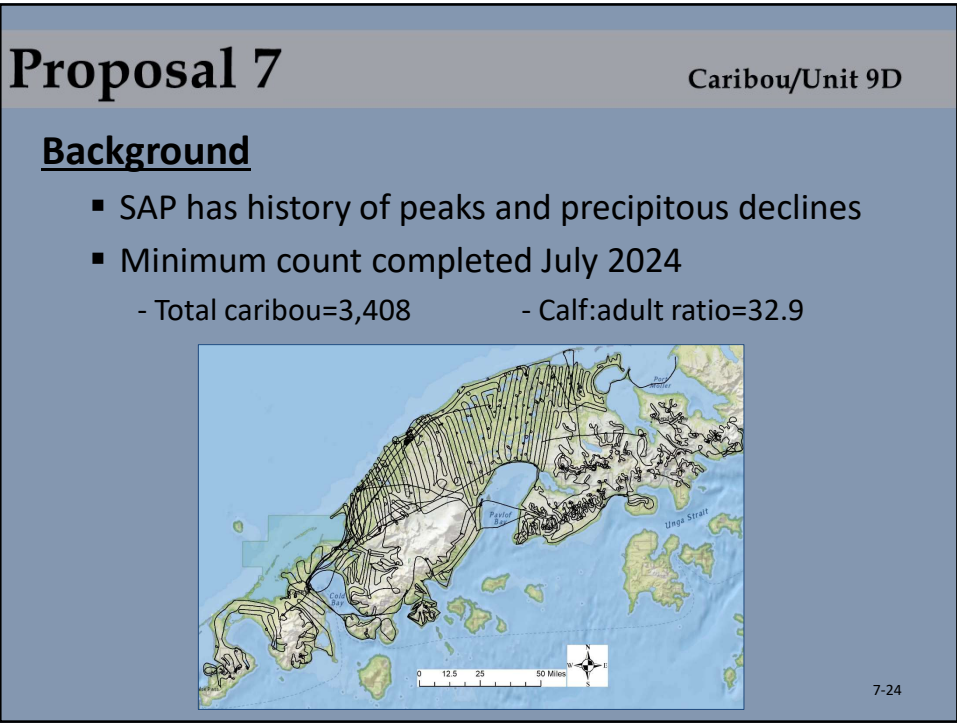
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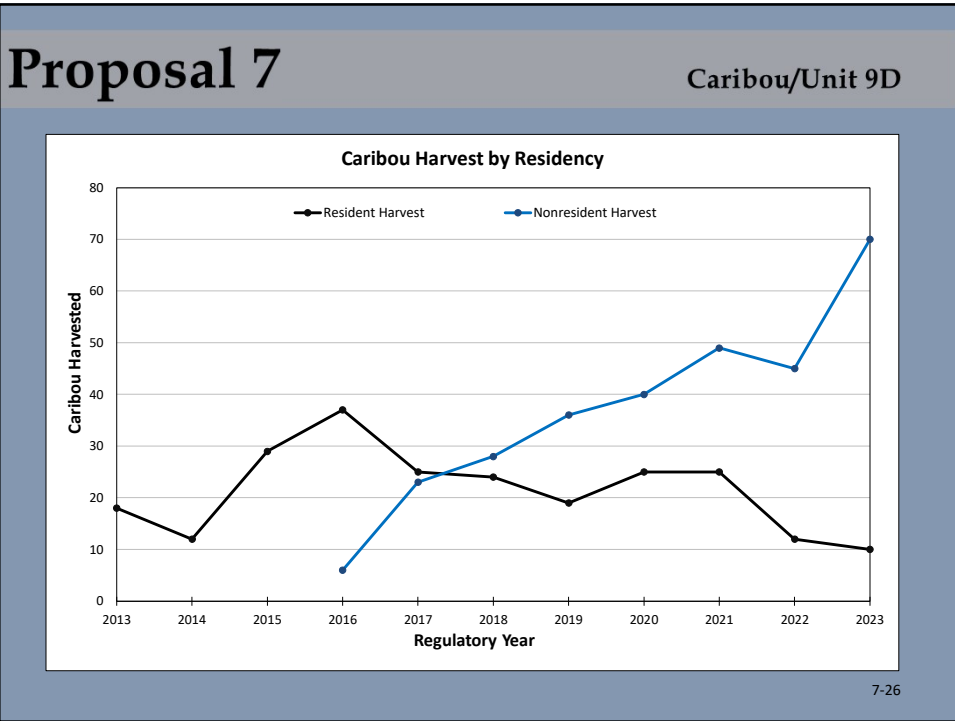
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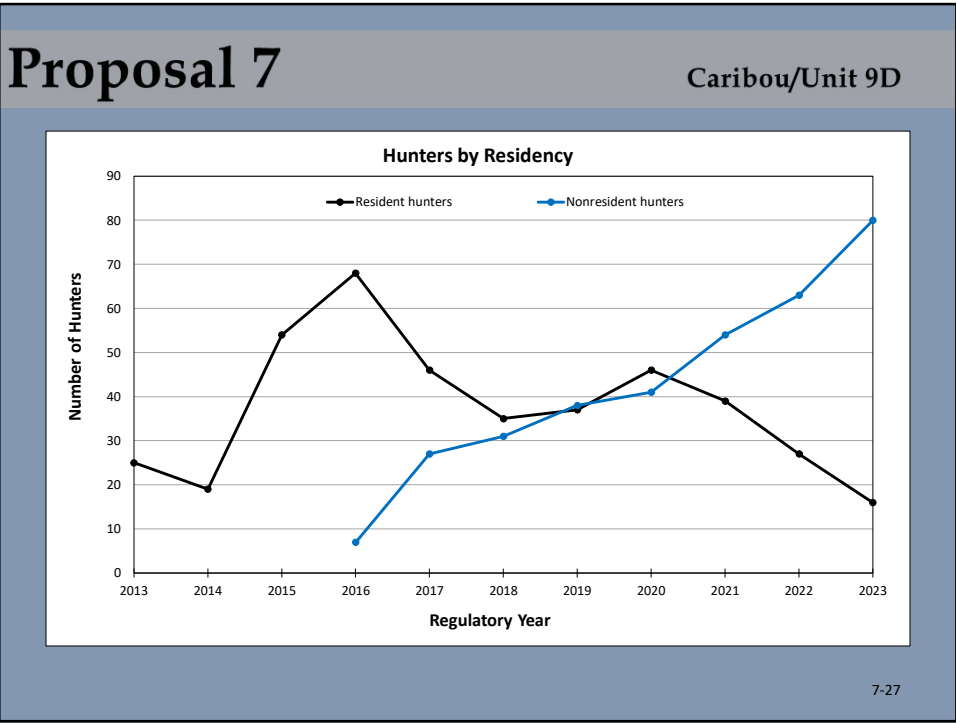
- Survey data indicate harvestable surplus of ~300 caribou per year to maintain current size
- 80 bulls harvested 2023; 65 bulls in 2024
- 60 brown bear hunters last 2 fall bear seasons

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Proposal 7

Caribou/Unit 9D

Extend caribou season dates in Unit 9D for residents & nonresidents to August 1–October 21

ADFG Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**


Unit 9D Caribou - General Season

Residents and Nonresidents - Harvest Ticket Required

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Proposal 8

Reindeer

Add reindeer under definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” OR
Create a hunting season for free-ranging reindeer under 5AAC 85.025 on Umnak Island, in Unit 10




Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**

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Proposal 8


Reindeer

Current Regulations

- No regulation defining reindeer as deleterious exotic wildlife
- No state hunting season for free-ranging reindeer as game on Umnak Island
- No open caribou season on Umnak Island

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Proposal 8

Reindeer

Current Regulations

5 AAC 92.990. Definitions.

(a) In addition to the definitions in AS 16.05.940, in 5 AAC 84–5 AAC 92, unless the context requires otherwise,


...

(21) “deleterious exotic wildlife” includes

- (A) English Sparrow;
- (B) raccoon;
- (C) starling;
- (D) unconfined or unrestrained
 - (i) Belgian hare;
 - (ii) Muridae rodent;
 - (iii) rockdove;
- (E) feral
 - (i) ferret;
 - (ii) swine;
- (F) Eurasian collared dove;

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Proposal 8

Reindeer

Current Regulations

5 AAC 92.029. Permit for possessing live game (except feral reindeer).

(d) Under this section, and in accordance with the definition of “game” in AS 16.05.940 (which includes feral domestic animals), a

(1) game animal defined as deleterious exotic wildlife ...is feral if the animal is not under direct control of an owner...commissioner may capture, destroy, or dispose of any feral deleterious exotic wildlife ...in an appropriate manner;

(2) musk oxen, bison, or reindeer that is lawfully owned, ... that is not confined or is not under positive control is feral unless the animal is a free-ranging animal under a state or federal grazing lease; however,

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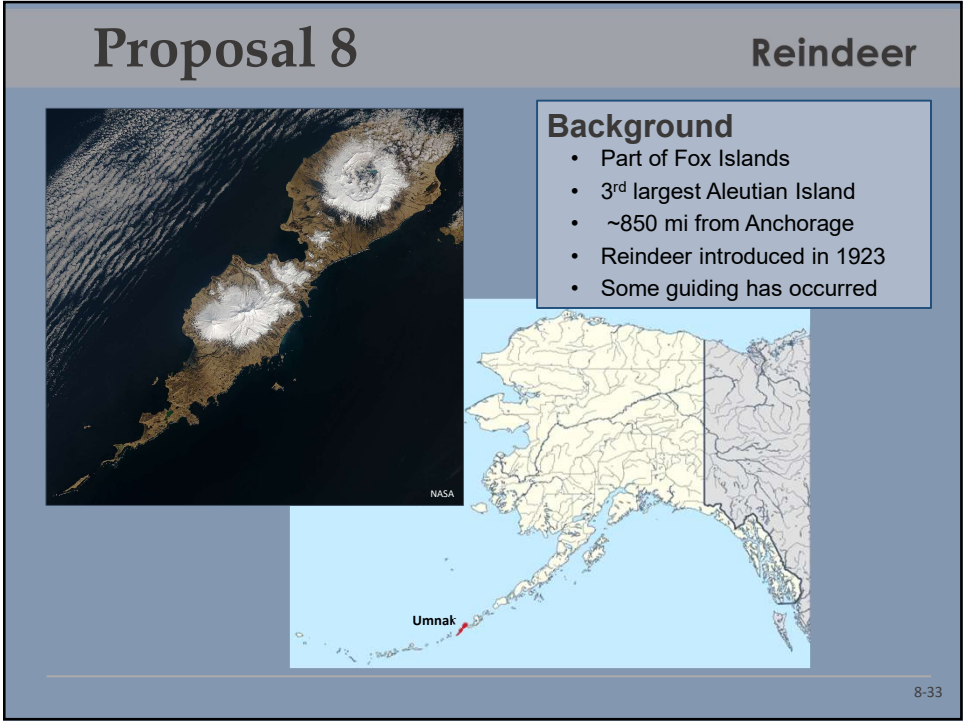
(B) ...person who can demonstrate ownership of the animal may pursue and capture the animal more than 48 hours after the animal escapes from confinement only if the person obtains a permit from the department;

(C) any free-ranging...reindeer,...for which ownership cannot be demonstrated is presumed to be game;

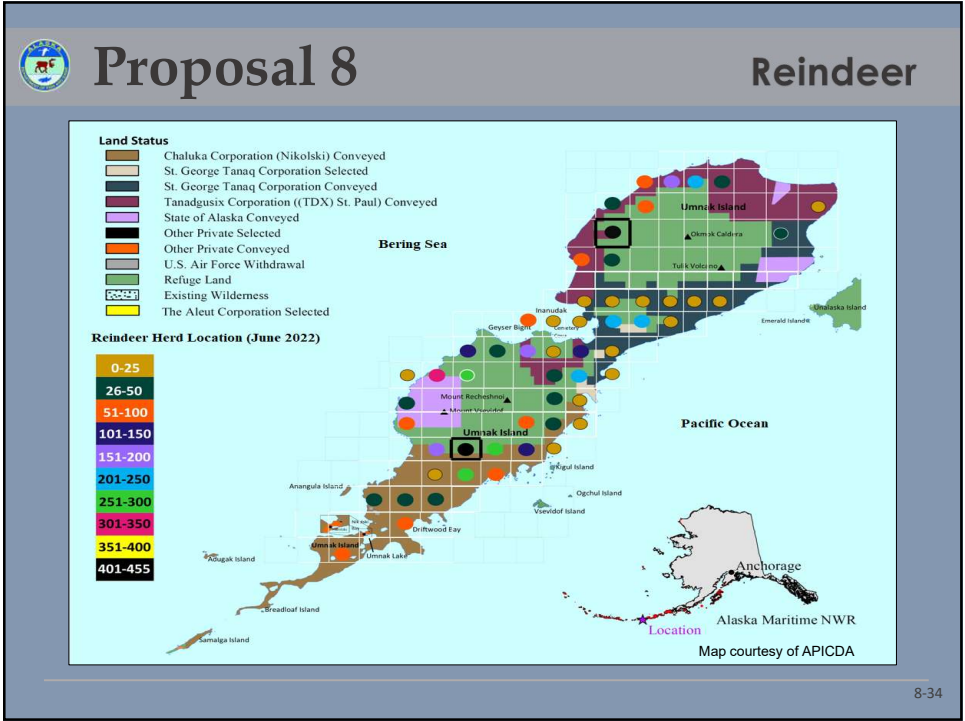
(D) ...ownership of an animal can be demonstrated only by means of a clearly visible permanent brand, ear tag, or owner’s mark on the body of the animal.

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Proposal 8

Reindeer

Effect of the Proposal


- Legal pathway for harvest of feral reindeer through hunting
 - Provides food source and economic opportunity
- Reduced reindeer population addressing nuisance issues and habitat degradation

Considerations

- State opened hunt on Kodiak in 1962 for feral reindeer with no closed season & no bag limit
- 2009 Board reclassified them as caribou & prohibited SDA
- No regulations exist for Umnak

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Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**

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Proposal 9

Brown Bear/Unit 9

Change brown bear season dates for Unit 9 to October 1–October 21 & May 10–May 31 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
SUPPORT w/amendment to keep Unit 9B fall season Sept 20–Oct 21



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Proposal 9

Brown Bear/Unit 9

Current Regulations

- Positive Customary & Traditional use for 9B&E
- ANS: 9B – 10-20 9E – 10-15
- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- Unit 9B: Sept 20–Oct 21; May 10–May 31(B)
- Units 9D & E: Oct 7–Oct 21(B);
 - May 10–May 31(R); May 10–May 25(NR)



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Proposal 9

Brown Bear/Unit 9

Effects of the Proposal

▪ Standardize brown bear season dates for Unit 9

▪ Increase season dates for Units 9D&E

▪ Decrease season dates for Unit 9B

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Proposal 9

Brown Bear/Unit 9

Background

▪ Season dates were Oct 1–21 (except 9B was Sept 20–Oct 21) & May 10–25

▪ 2013: lengthened to May 10–31

▪ 2019: 9C,D&E reduced Oct 7–21 & May 10–25

▪ 2022: 9C lengthened to Oct 1–21 & May 10–31; 9D&E lengthened May 10–31(R)

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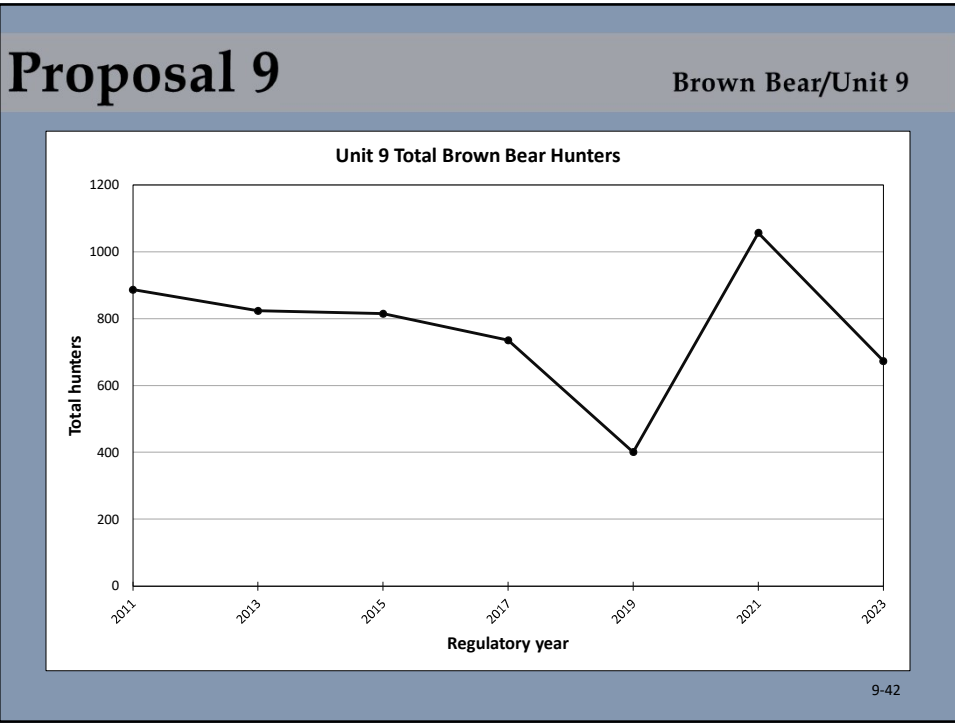
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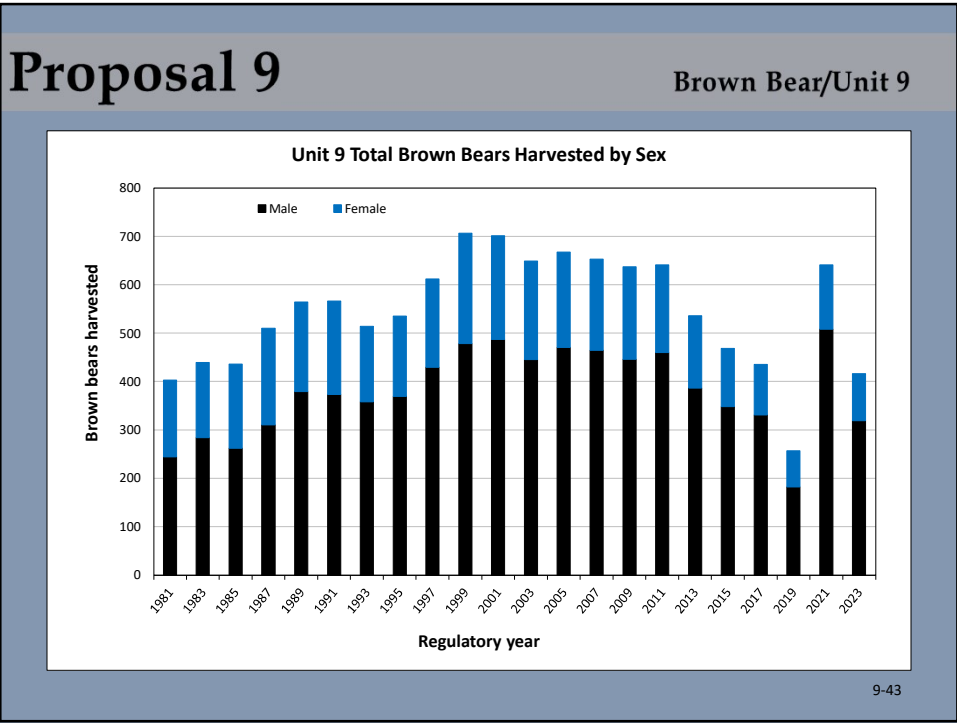
- Registration permits required in 2011
- Average days hunted has not changed
- % success remained stable 2011–2023; 56–62%

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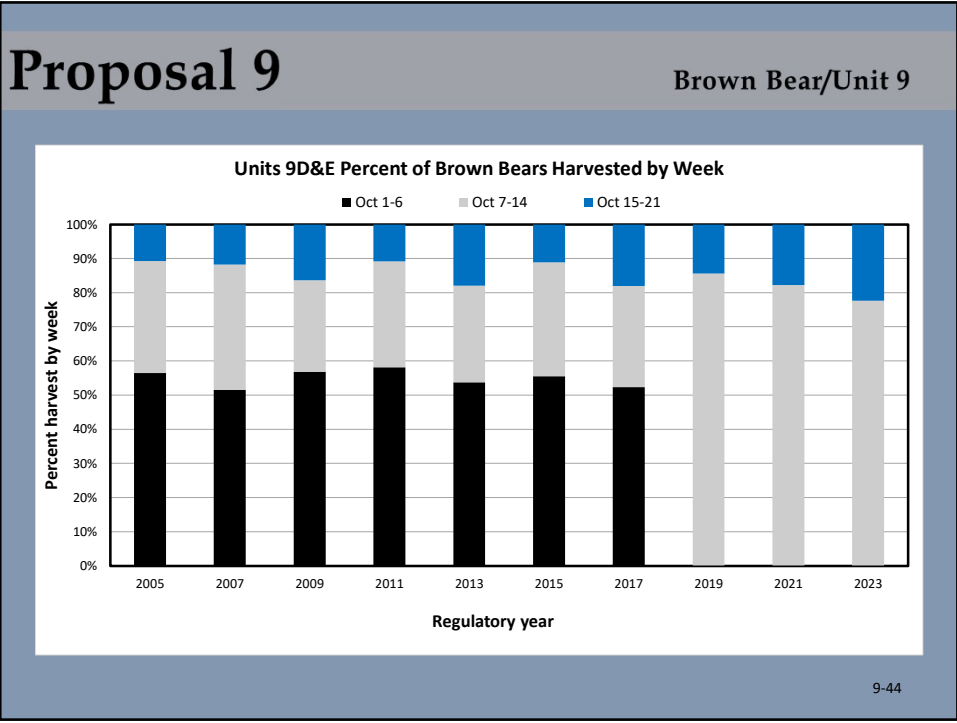
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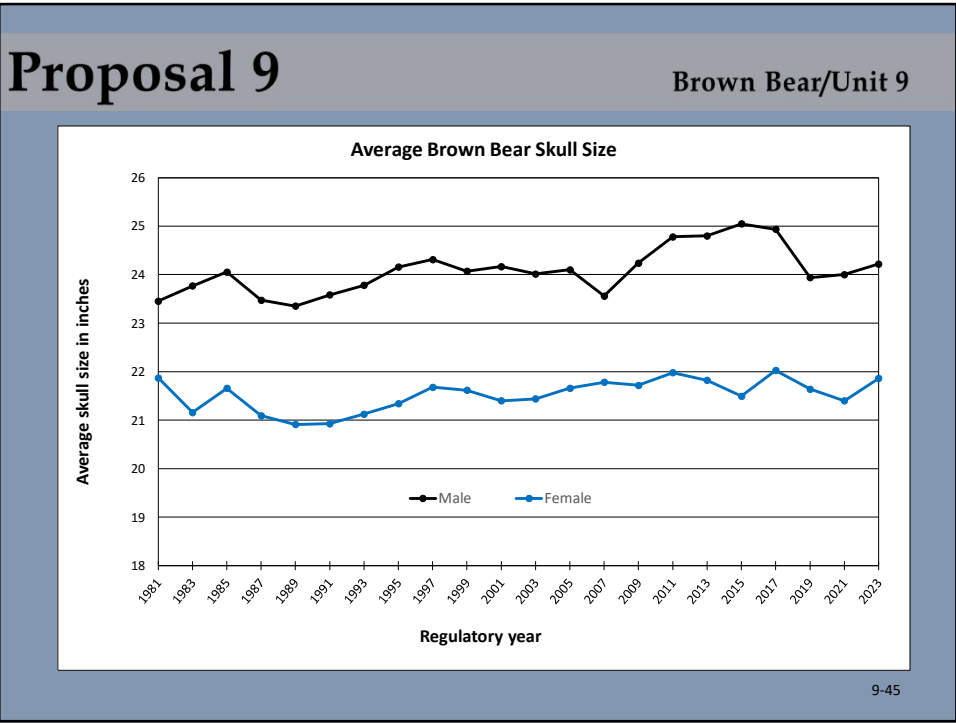
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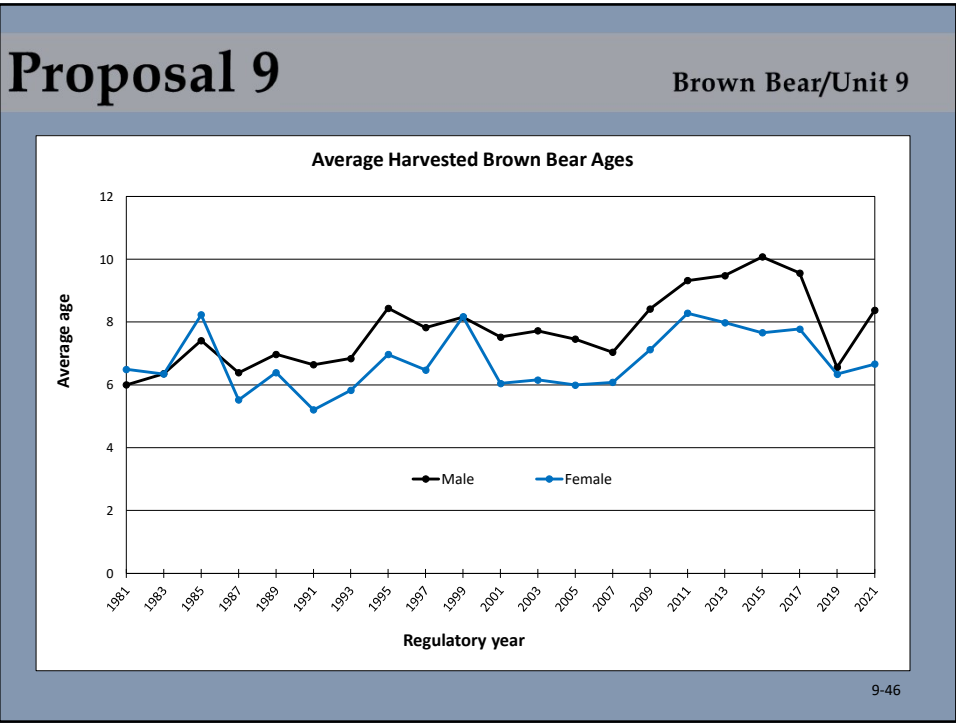
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Proposal 9

Brown Bear/Unit 9

Background

Management objectives are being met:

- Harvest composed of 60% males
- 50 males ≥8 yrs old during combined fall & spring seasons

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Proposal 9

Brown Bear/Unit 9

Change brown bear season dates for Unit 9 to October 1–October 21 & May 10–May 31 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
SUPPORT w/amendment to keep Unit 9B fall season Sept 20–Oct 21



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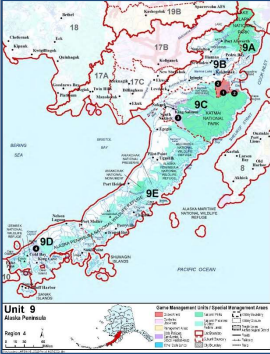
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Brown Bear/Unit 9A

Closes brown bear hunting in Unit 9A to nonresident hunters

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
OPPOSE closure
Neutral on allocation



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Proposal 10

Brown Bear/Unit 9A

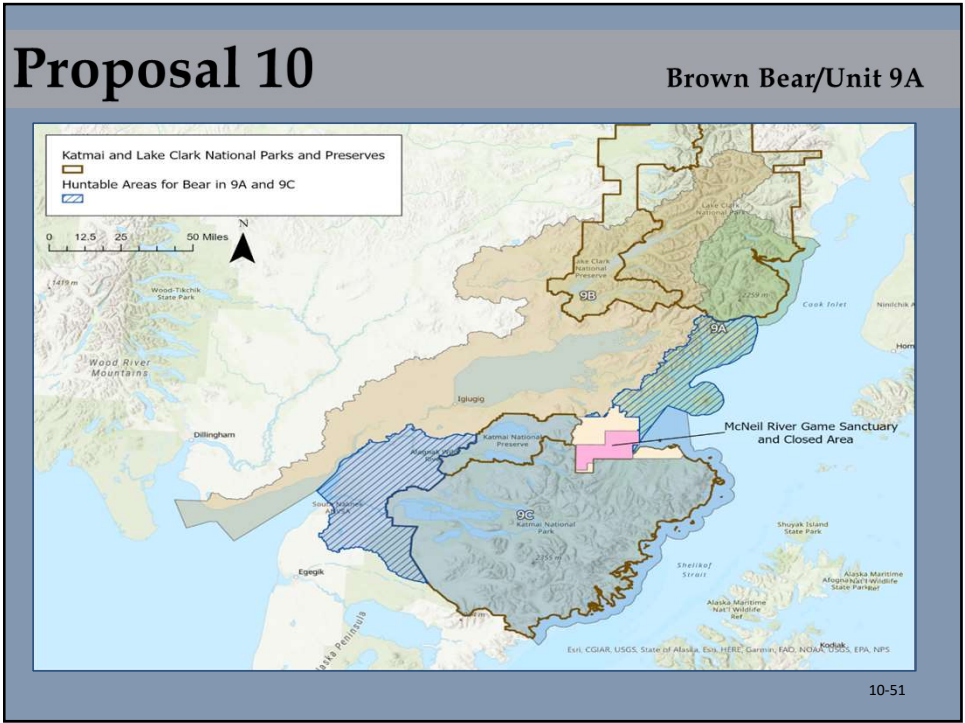
Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 1–21; May 10–31
- Negative Customary & Traditional use

Effects of the Proposal

- Decreased nonresident hunting opportunity

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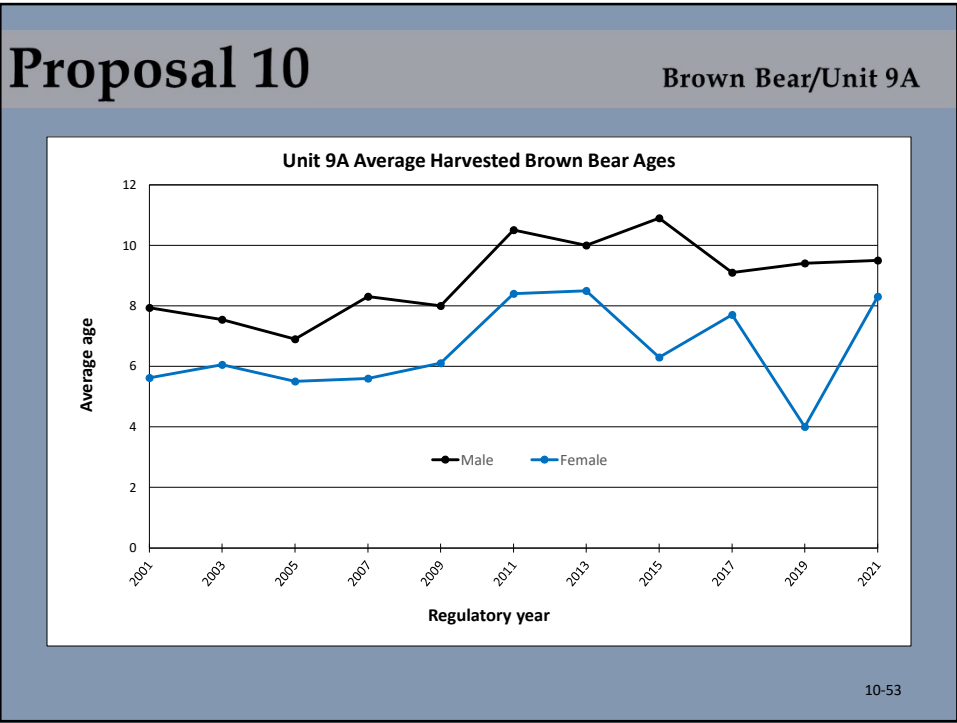
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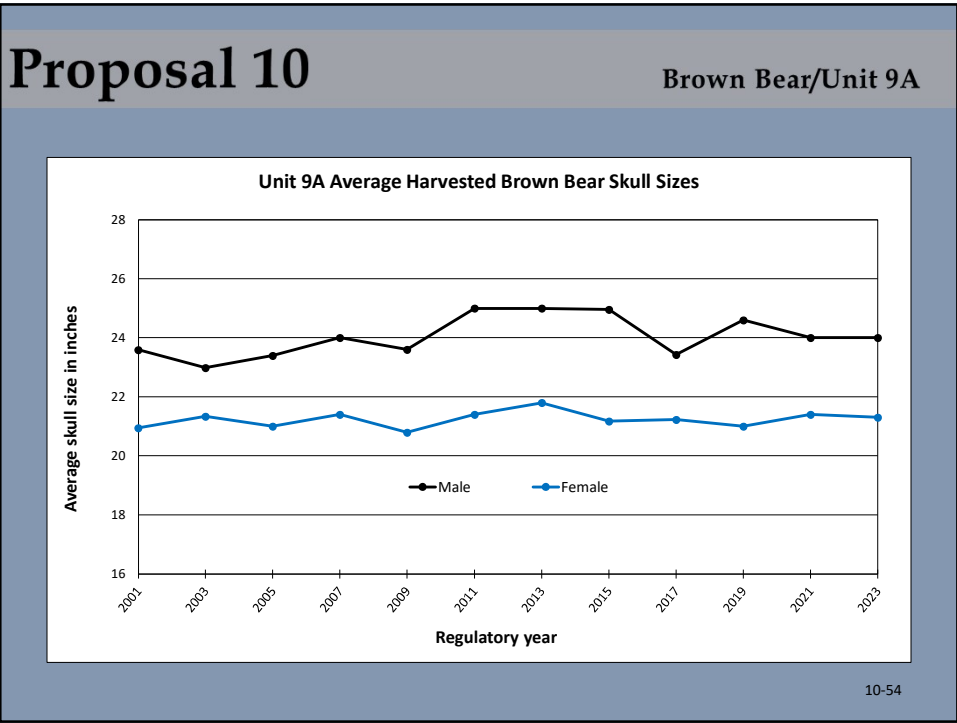
- Average annual harvest = <32 bears
- Lake Clark abundance estimate = 703 bears (SE ±134)
- Harvest rate = 3.8–5.6%
- Success rate = 56–71%
- 80 hunters on average

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Proposal 10

Brown Bear/Unit 9A

Closes brown bear hunting in Unit 9A to nonresident hunters

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:

OPPOSE closure

Neutral on allocation



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Proposal 11

Brown Bear/Unit 9C


Shorten brown bear season dates in Unit 9C to Oct 7–Oct 21 & May 10–May 25 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:

OPPOSE season reduction

Neutral on allocation



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Proposal 11

Brown Bear/Unit 9C

Current Regulations

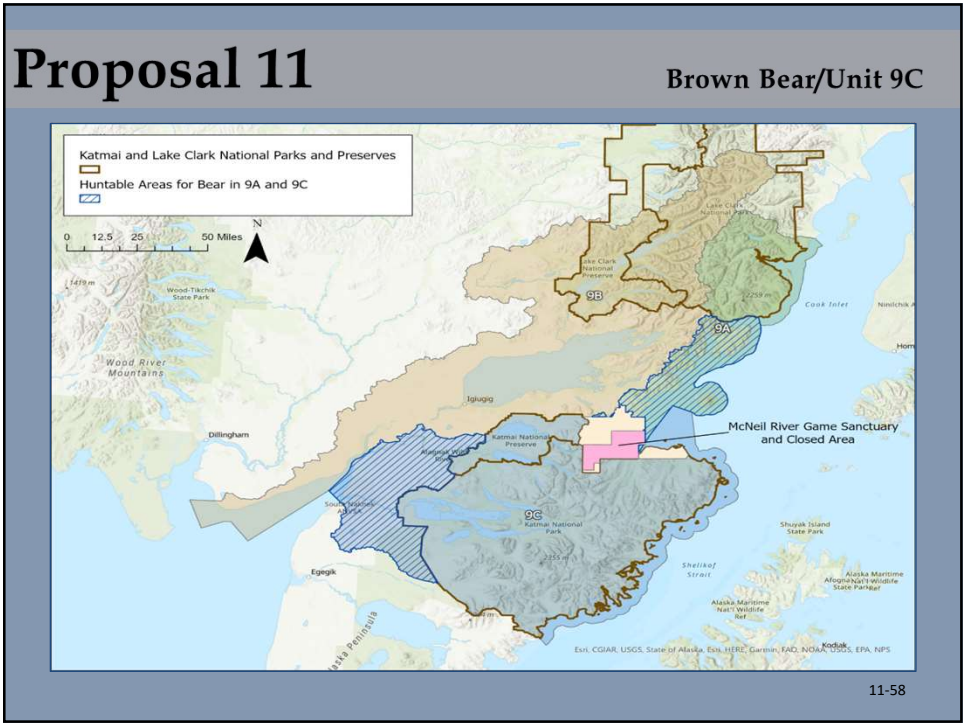
- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 1–21; May 10–31
- Negative Customary & Traditional use

Effects of the Proposal

- Decreased hunting opportunity
- Increased hunter crowding during first open week of fall hunting season

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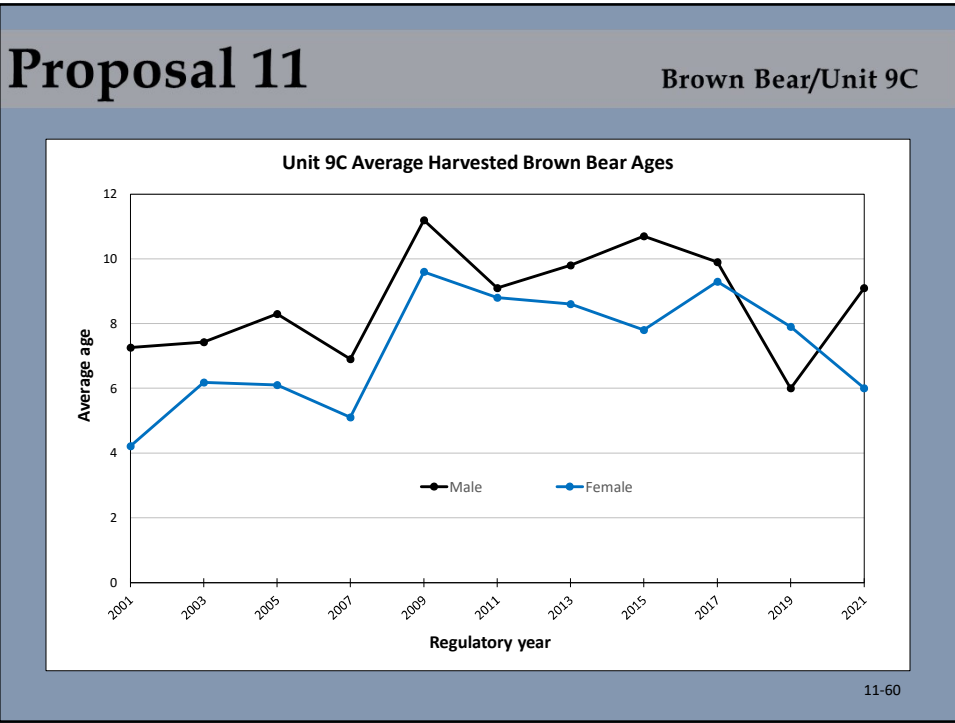
Brown Bear/Unit 9C

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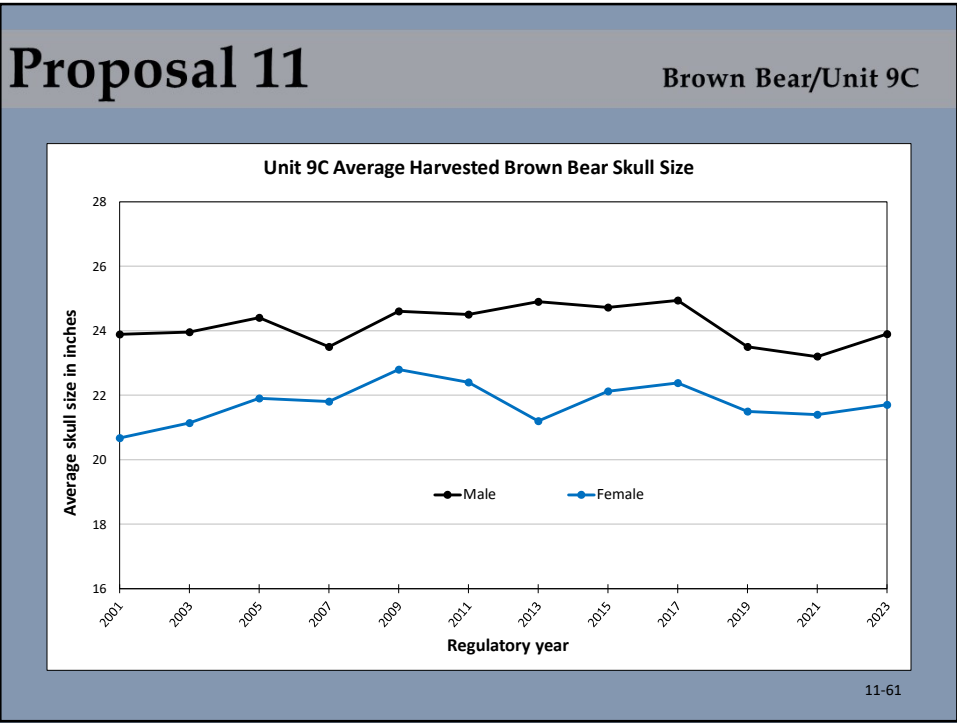
- Average annual harvest = 15–17 bears
- 2004 abundance estimate = 1,950 bears (SE ± 357)
- Harvest rate = <1%

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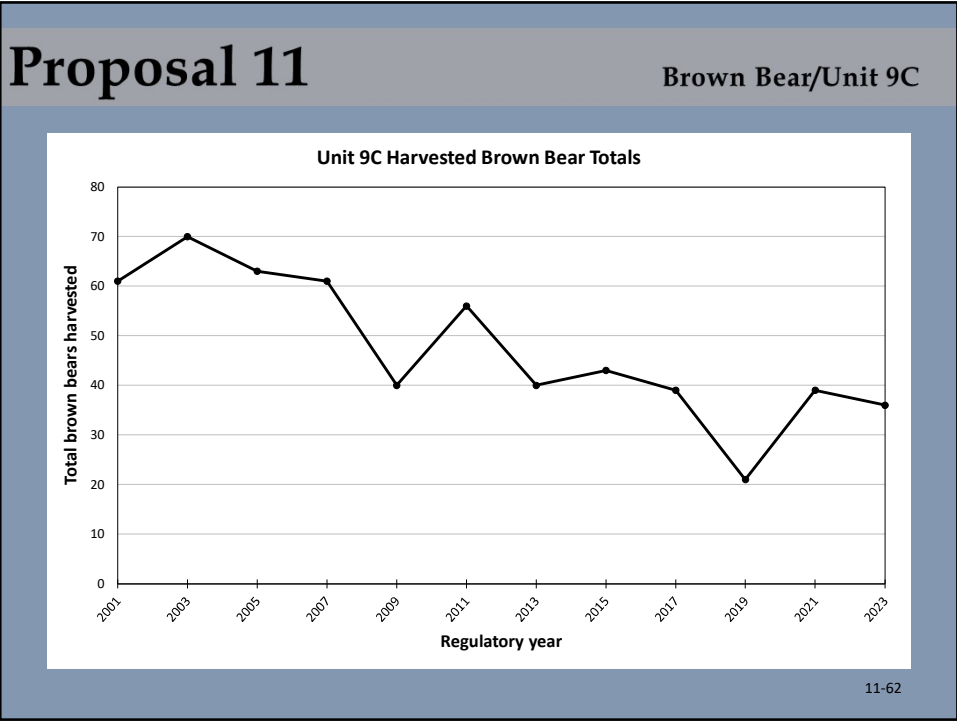
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Proposal 11

Brown Bear/Unit 9C

Shorten brown bear season dates in Unit 9C to Oct 7–Oct 21 & May 10–May 25 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
OPPOSE season reduction
Neutral on allocation



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Proposal 12

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 12

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 7–21(B); May 10–31(R); May 10–25(NR)
- Positive Customary & Traditional use for Unit 9E
- ANS: 9E – 10-15

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased hunter opportunity & possibly harvest
- Decreased hunter crowding

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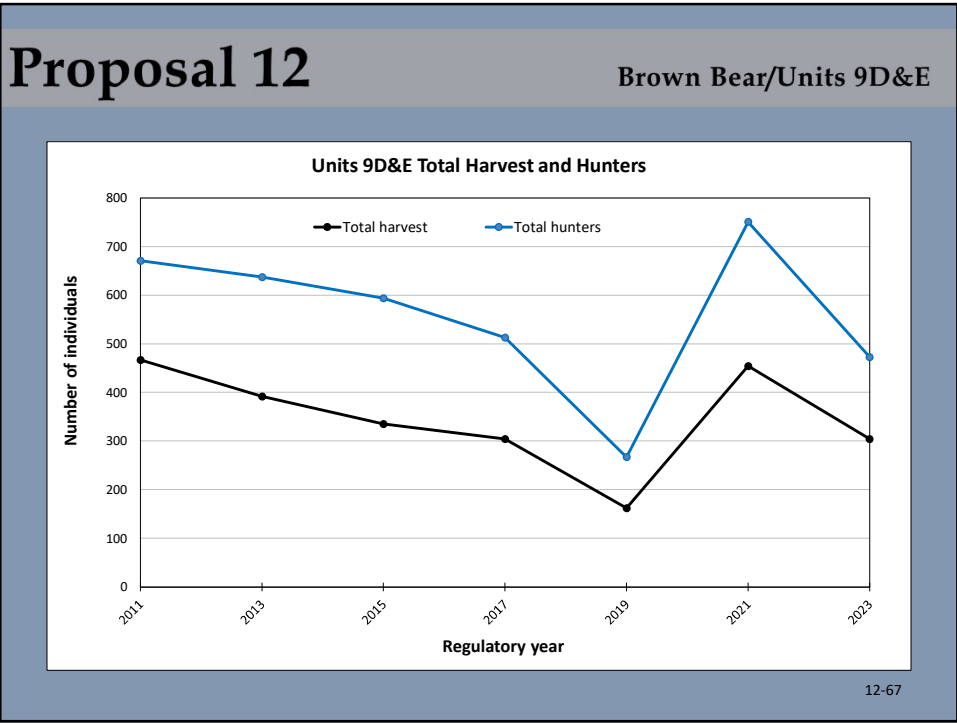
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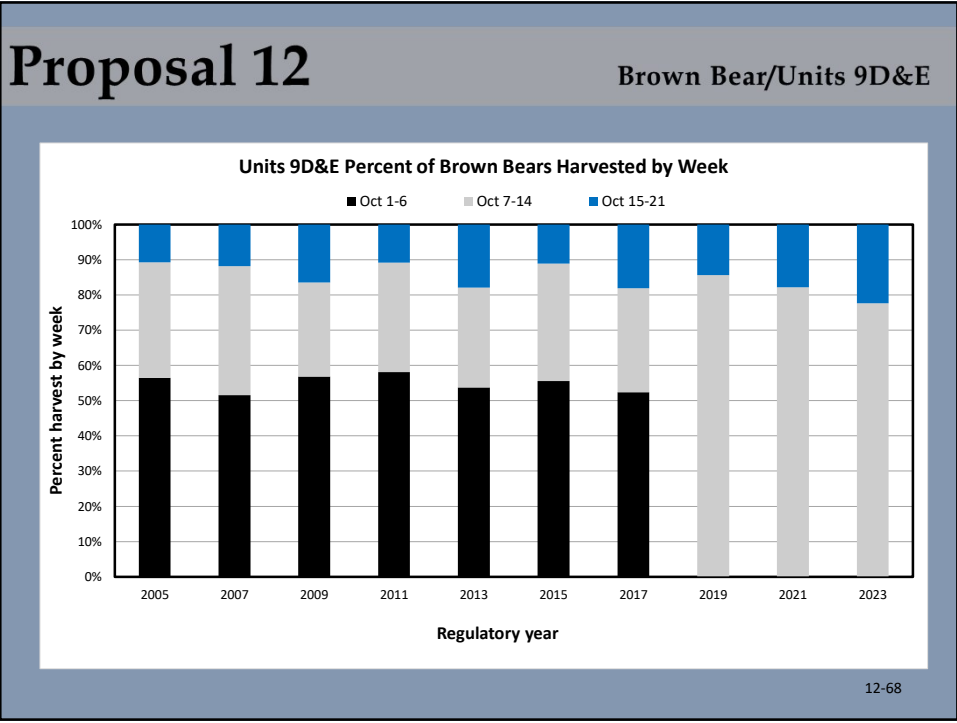
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- Majority of harvest by nonresidents
- Overall downward trend of hunters & harvest since 2011, stabilized in 2017
- Percent success is stable at ~60%

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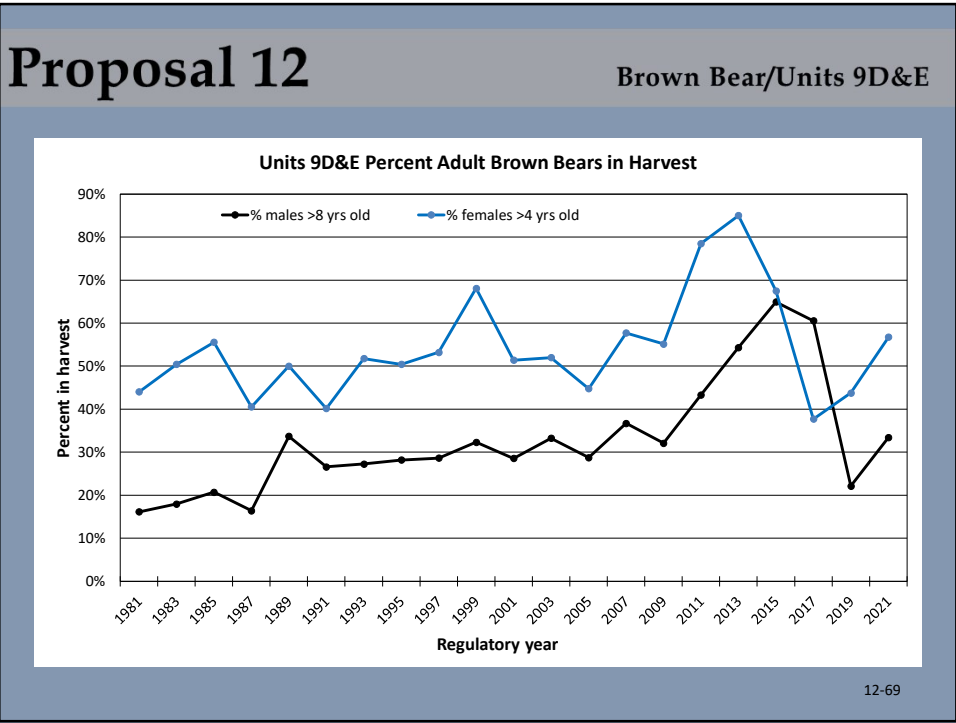
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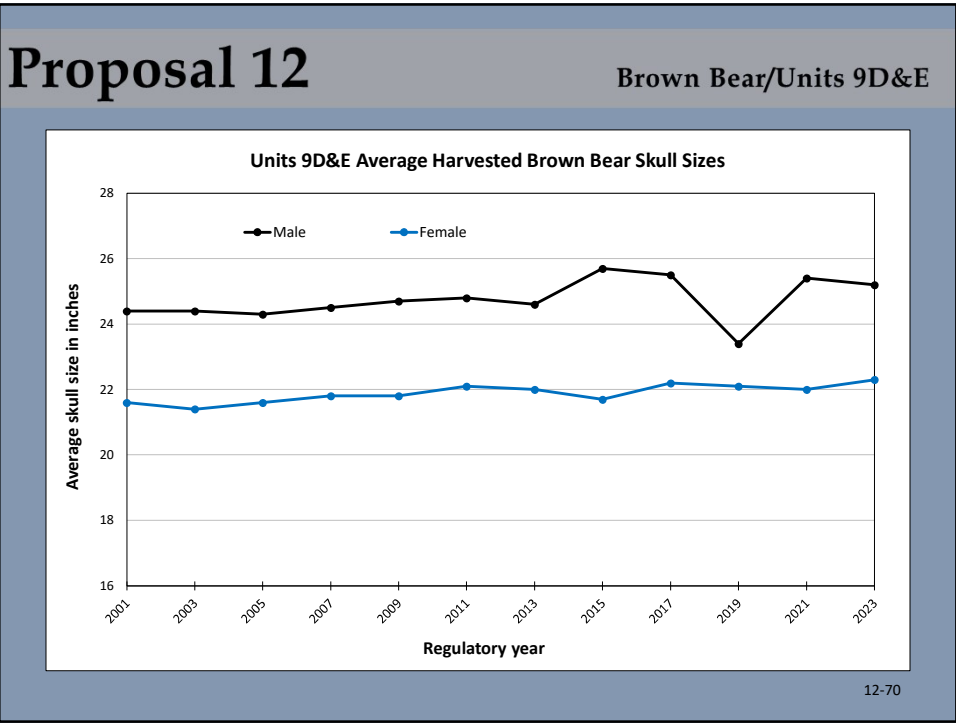
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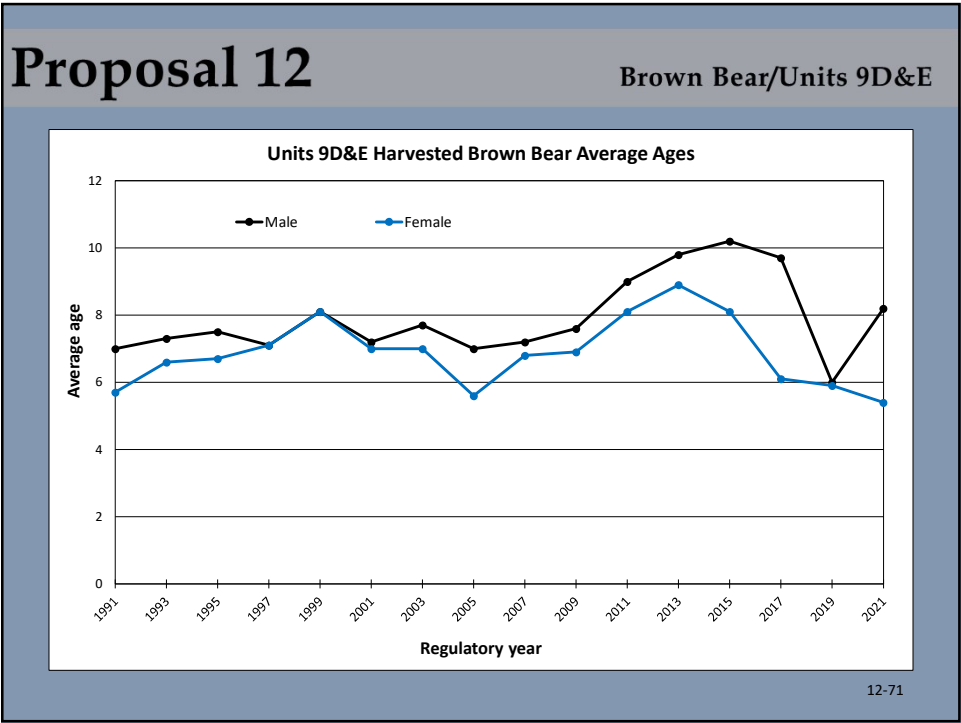
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Proposal 12

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Background

Management objectives for Unit 9 are being met

- Harvest composed of 60% males
- 50 males ≥ 8 yrs old during combined fall & spring seasons

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Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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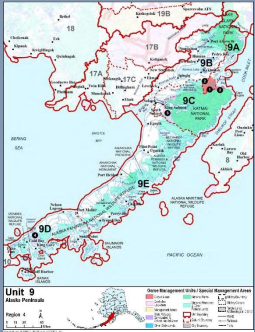
Proposal 13

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Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 & May 10–May 31 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 13

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 7–21(B); May 10–31(R); May 10–25(NR)
- Positive Customary & Traditional use for Unit 9E
- ANS: 9E – 10-15

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased hunter opportunity & possibly harvest
- Decreased hunter crowding

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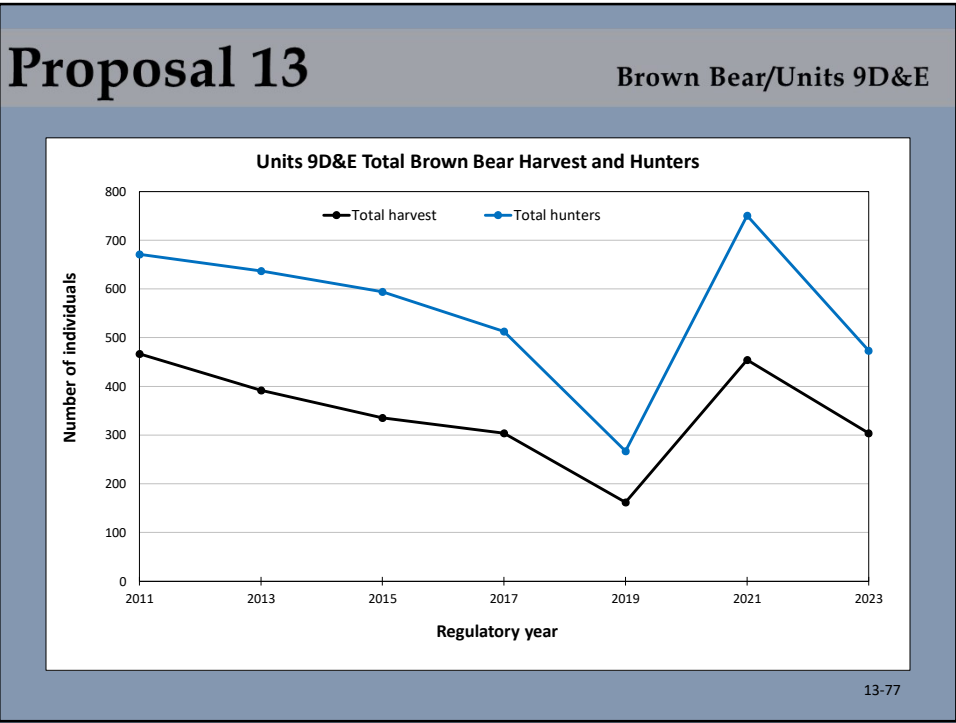
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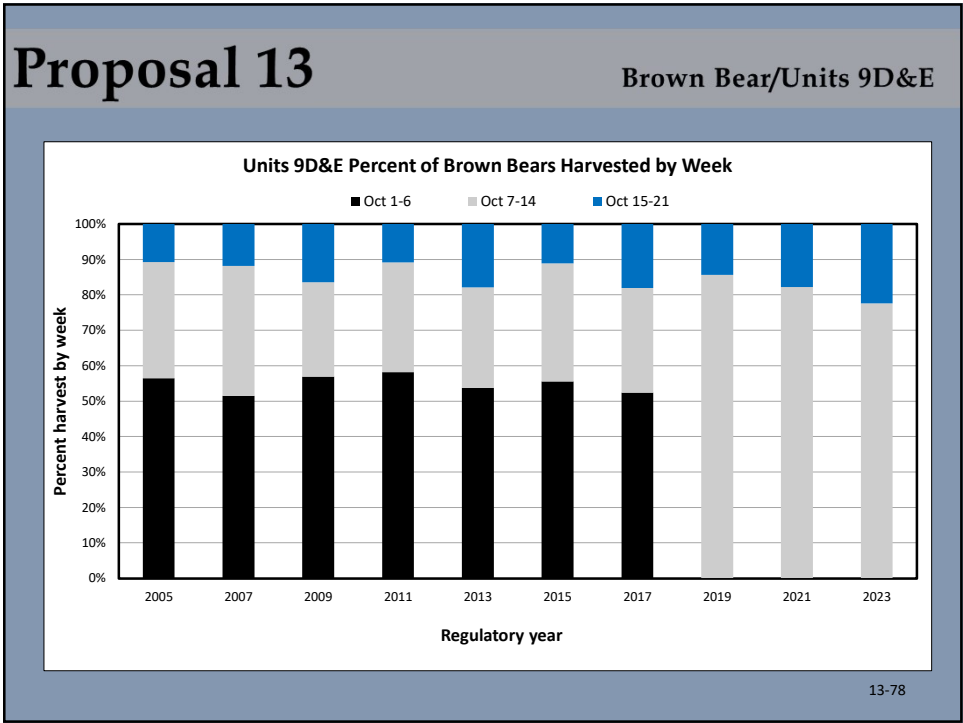
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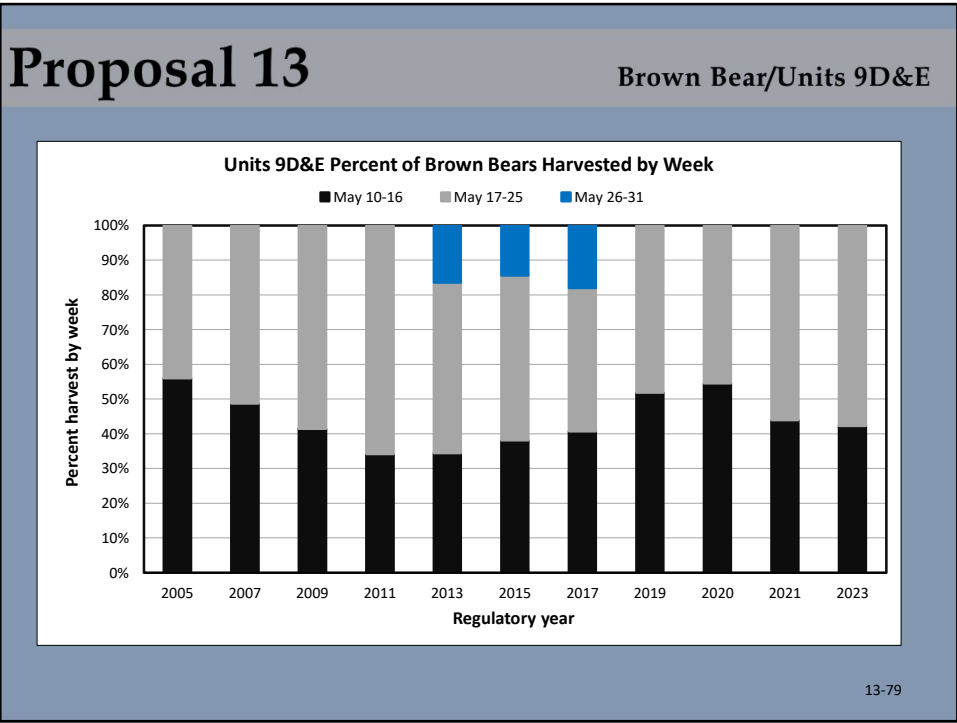
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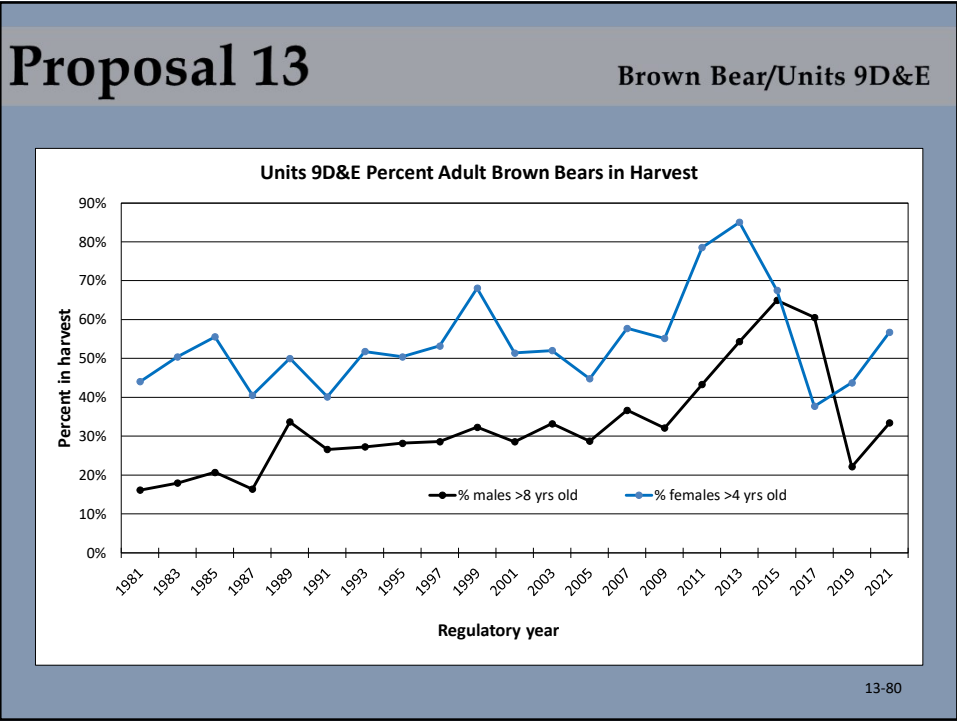
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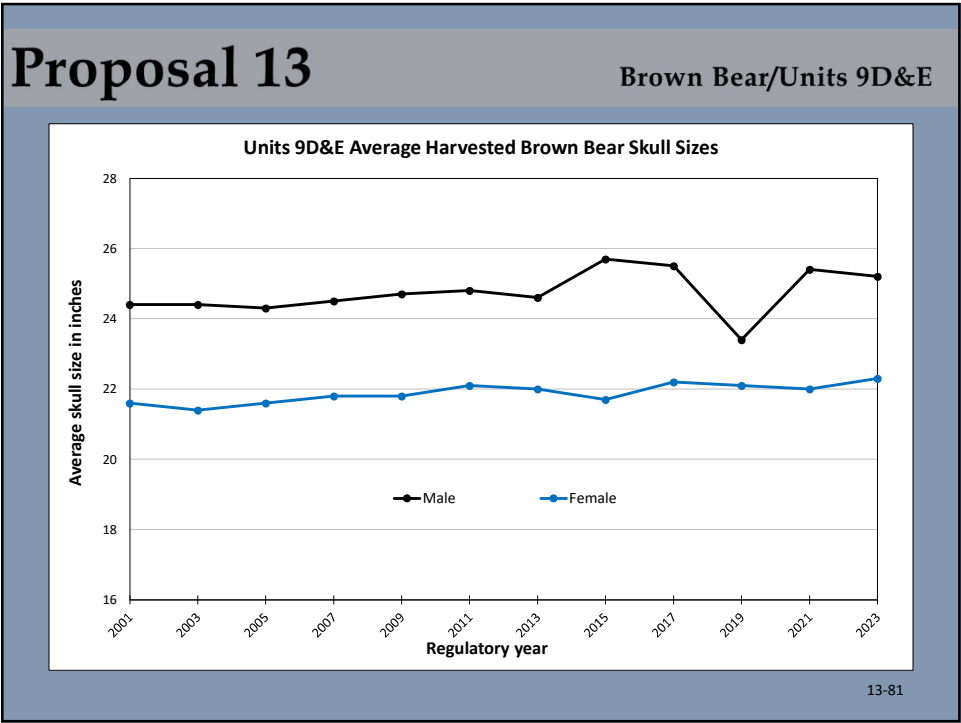
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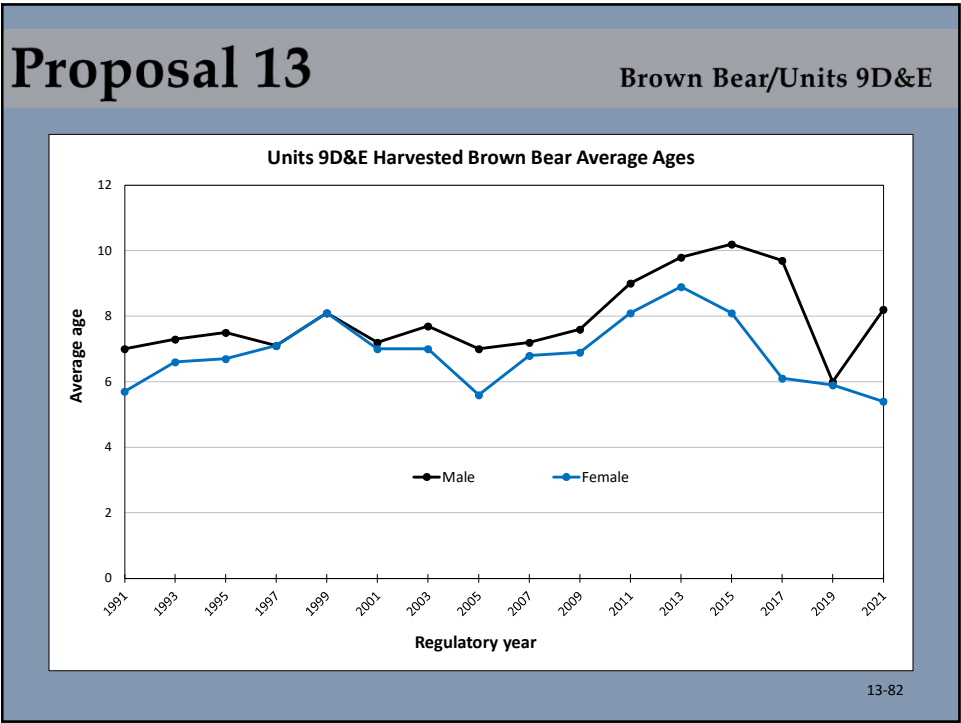
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Proposal 13

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Background

Management objectives for Unit 9 are being met

- Harvest composed of 60% males
- 50 males ≥8 yrs old during combined fall & spring seasons

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Proposal 13

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 & May 10–May 31 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL





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Proposal 14

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 14

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 7–21(B); May 10–31(R); May 10–25(NR)
- Positive Customary & Traditional use for Unit 9E
- ANS: 9E – 10-15

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased hunter opportunity & possibly harvest
- Decreased hunter crowding

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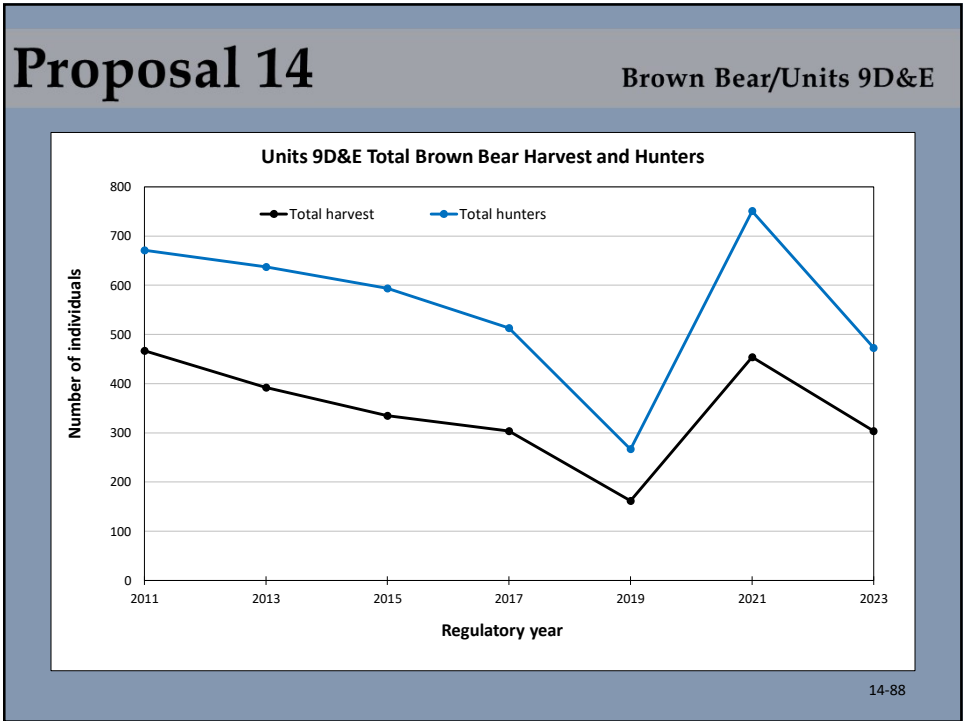
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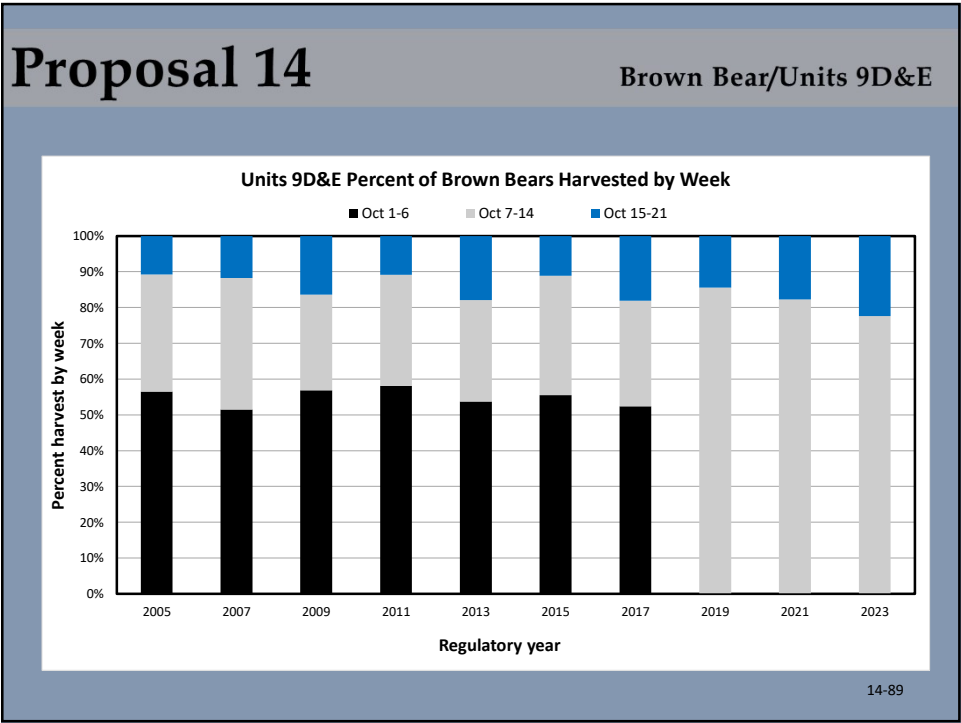
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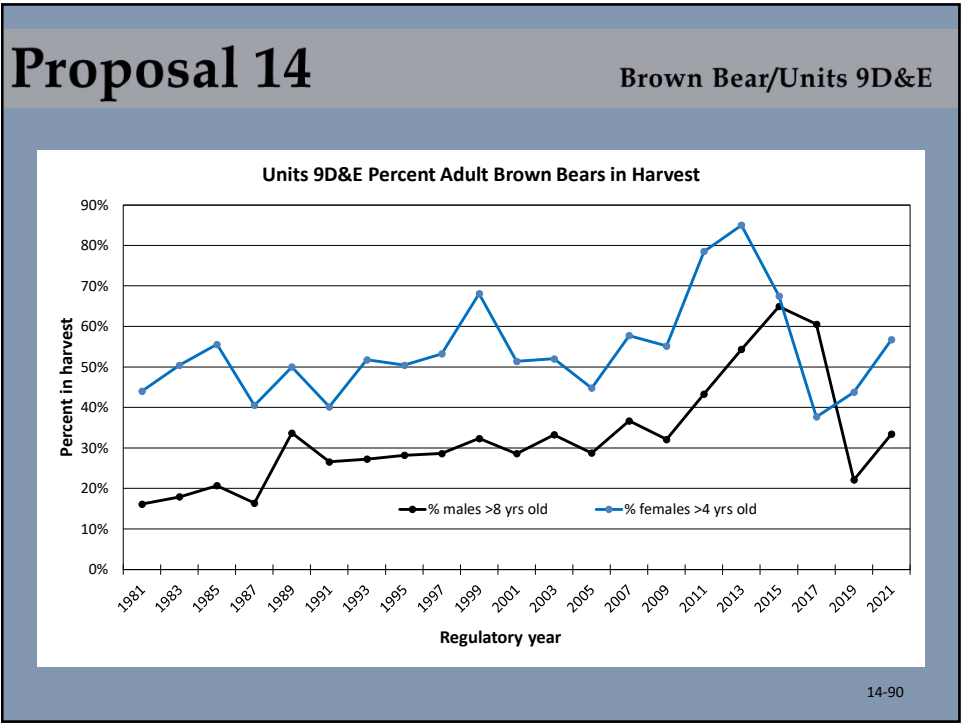
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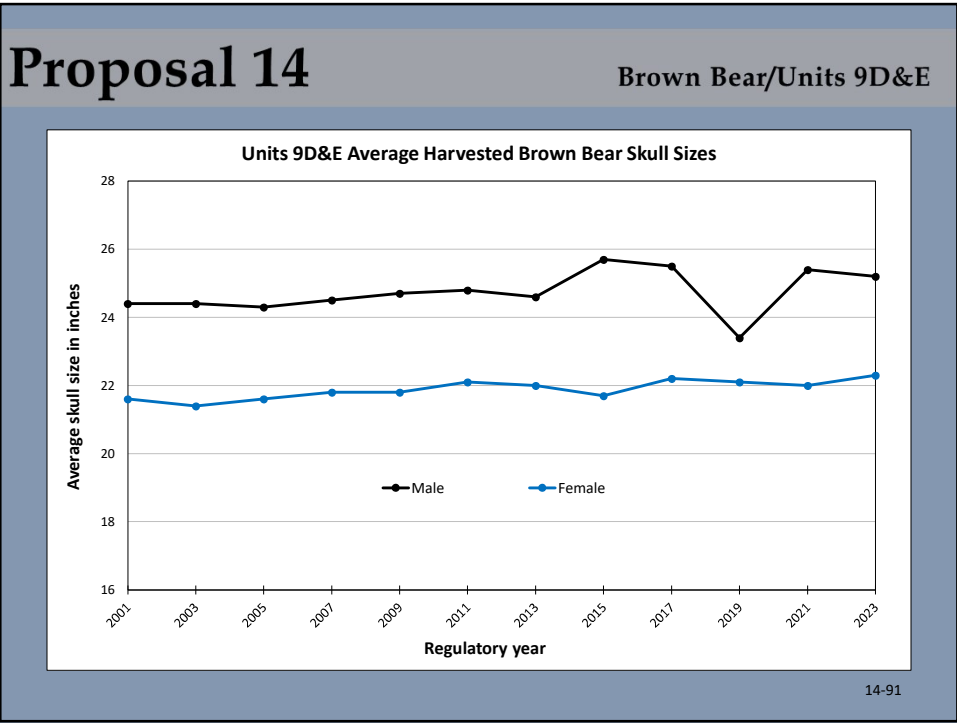
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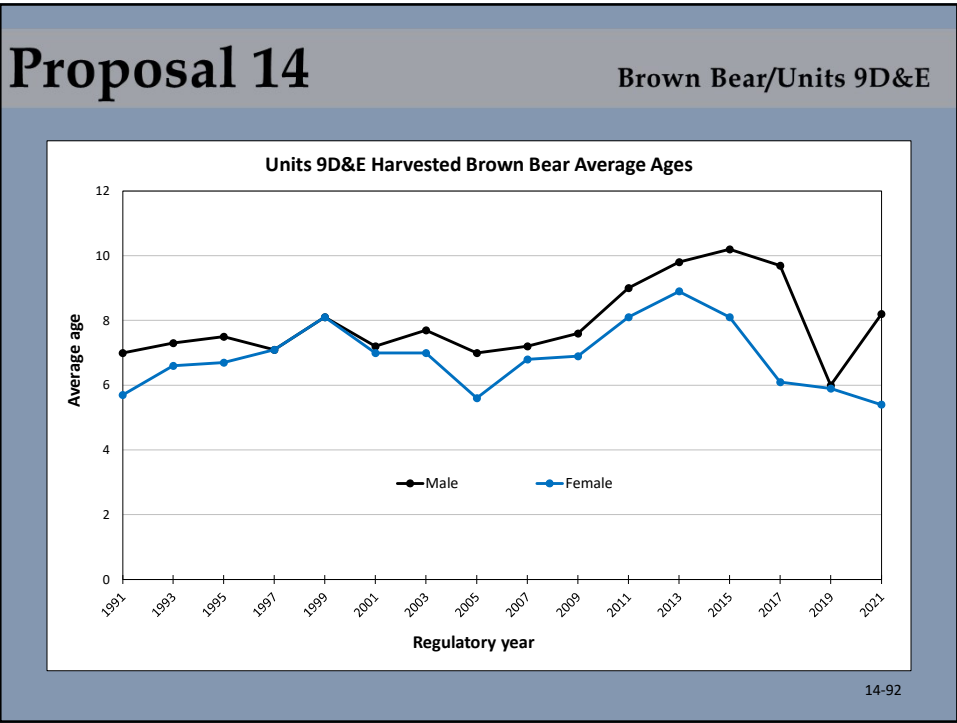
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Proposal 14

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Proposal 14


Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL





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Proposal 15

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to May 10–May 31 for nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 15

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 7–21(B); May 10–31(R); May 10–25(NR)
- Positive Customary & Traditional use for Unit 9E
- ANS: 9E – 10-15

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased hunter opportunity & possibly harvest
- Decreased hunter crowding

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Proposal 15

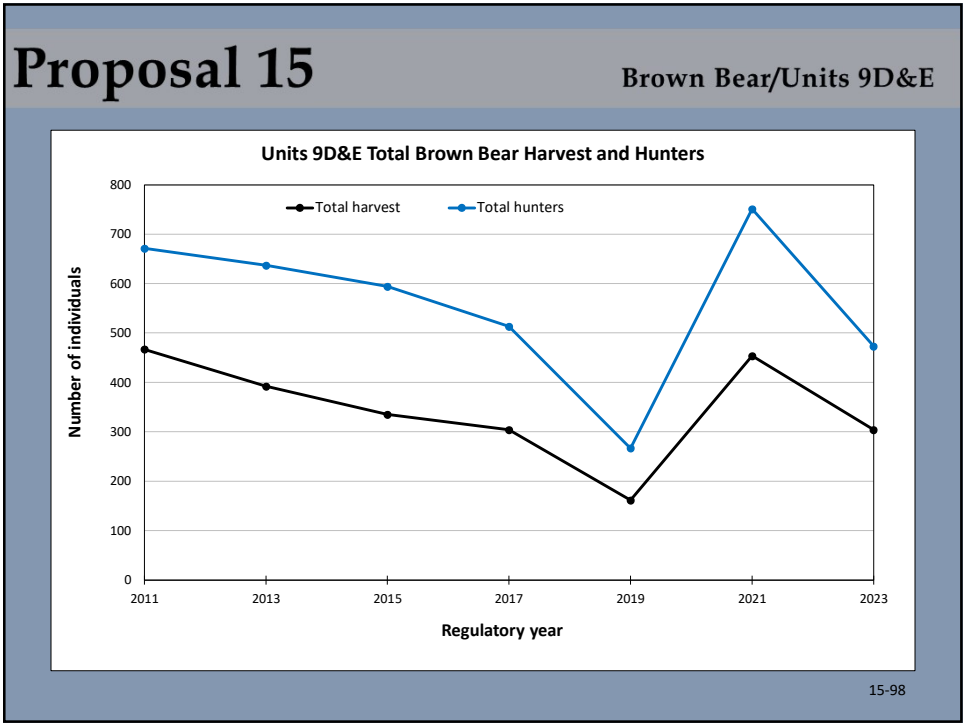
Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

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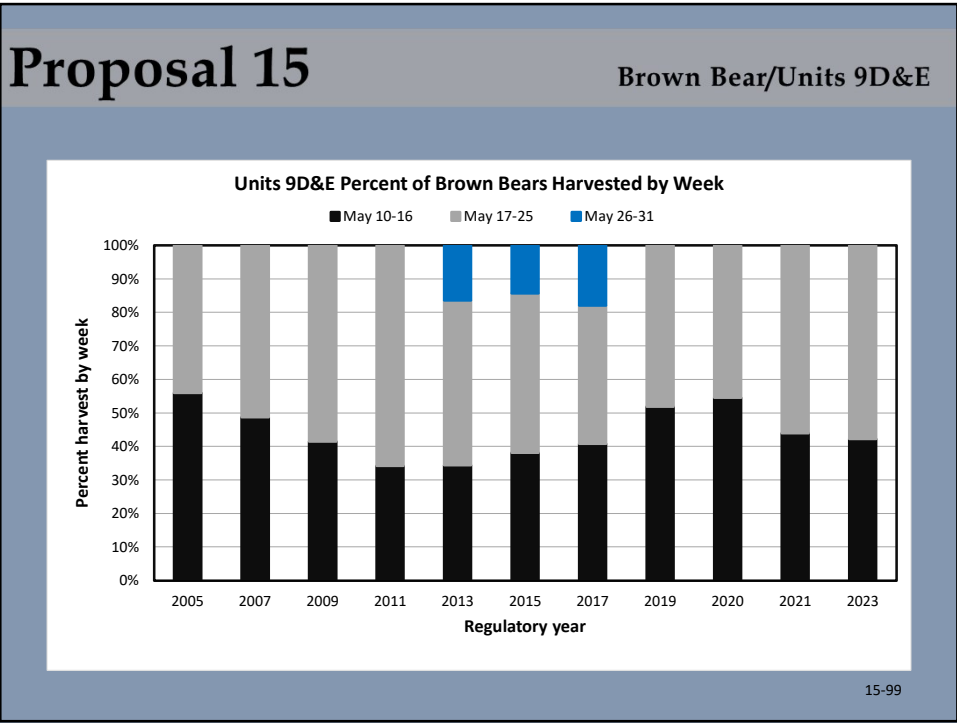
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- Majority of harvest by nonresidents
- Overall downward trend of hunters & harvest since 2011, stabilized in 2017
- % success is stable at ~60%

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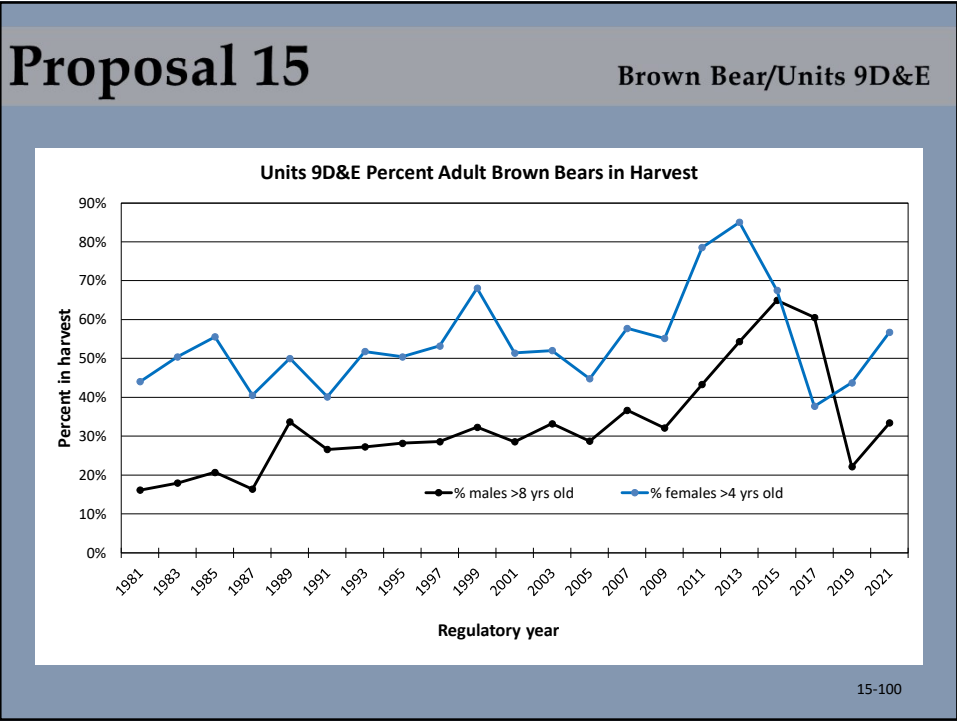
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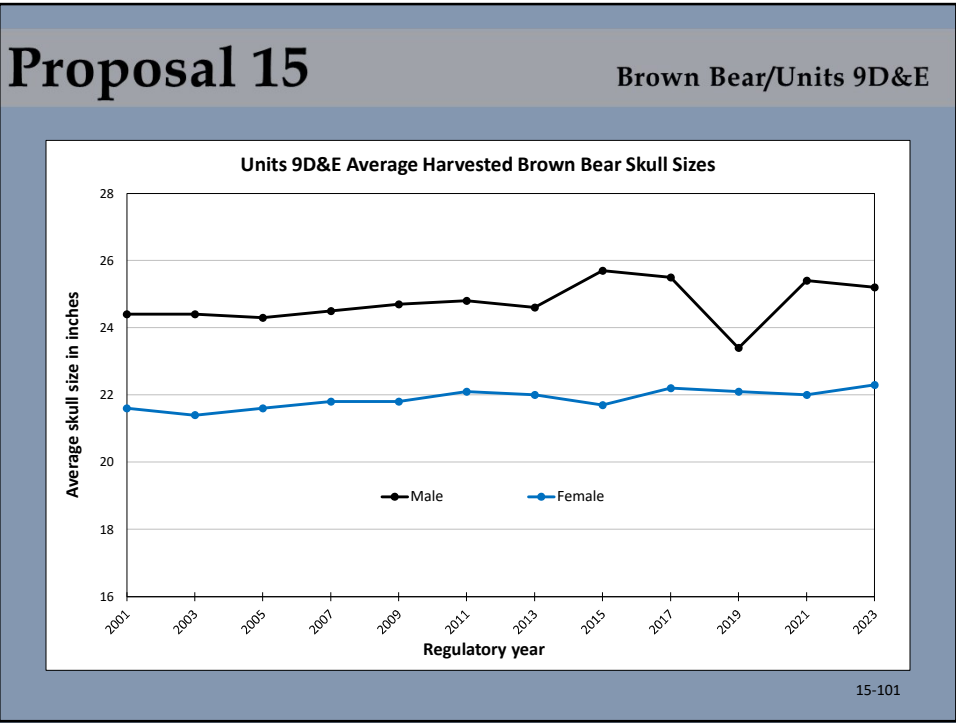
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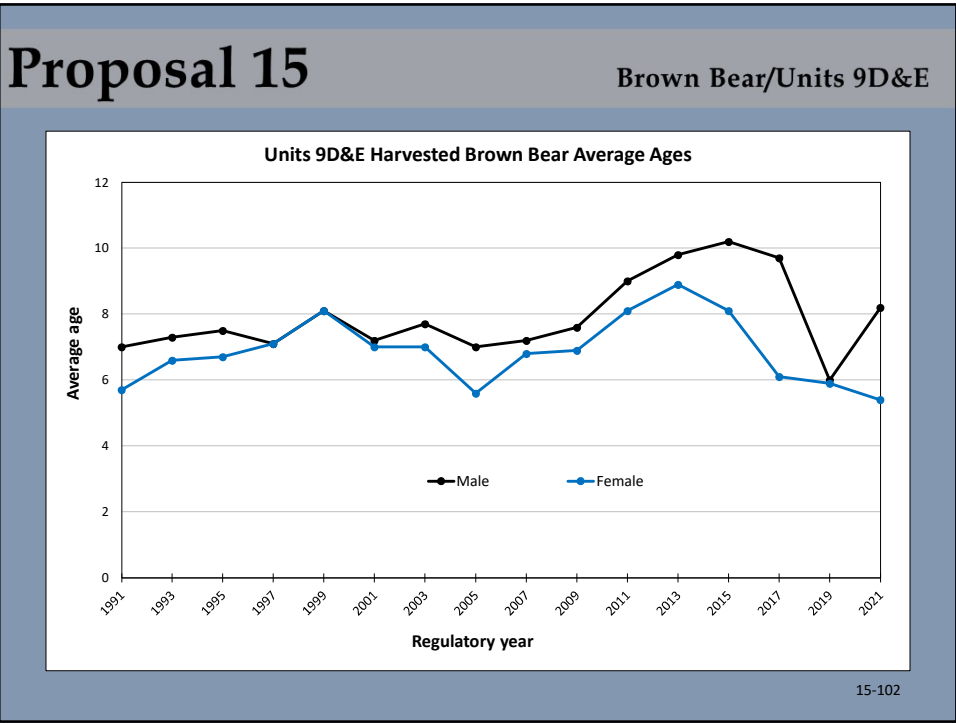
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Proposal 15

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Background

Management objectives for Unit 9 are being met

- Harvest composed of 60% males
- 50 males ≥8 yrs old during combined fall & spring seasons

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Proposal 15

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to May 10–May 31 for nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 16

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 16

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 7–21(B); May 10–31(R); May 10–25(NR)
- Positive Customary & Traditional use for Unit 9E
- ANS: Unit 9E 10– 15

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased hunter opportunity & possibly harvest
- Decreased hunter crowding

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Proposal 16

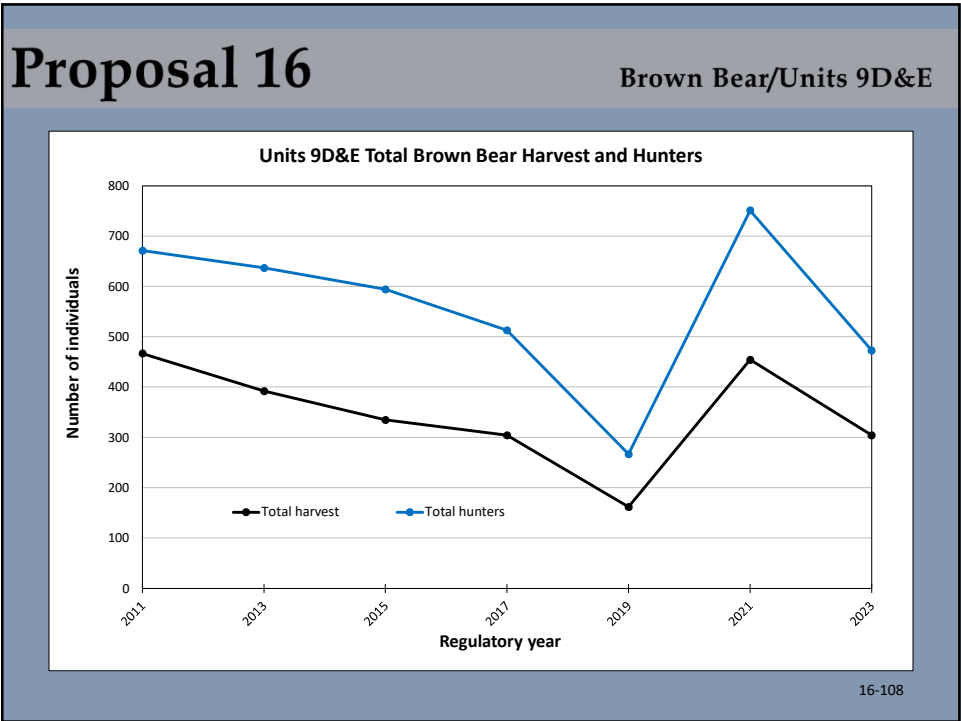
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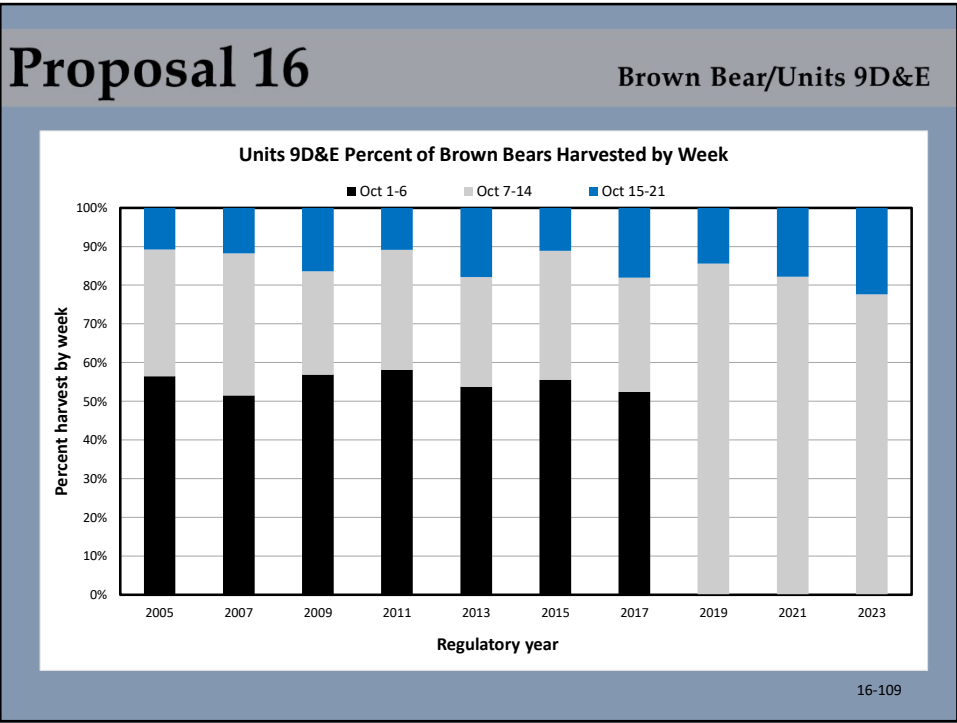
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- Overall downward trend hunters & harvest since 2011, stabilized in 2017
- Hunter success is stable at ~60%

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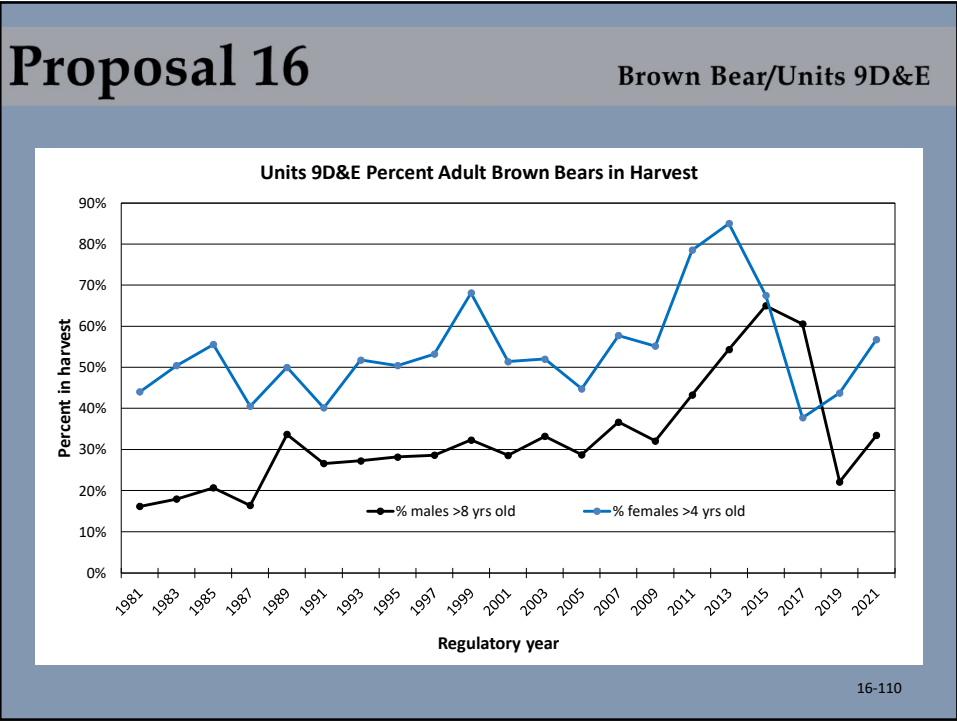
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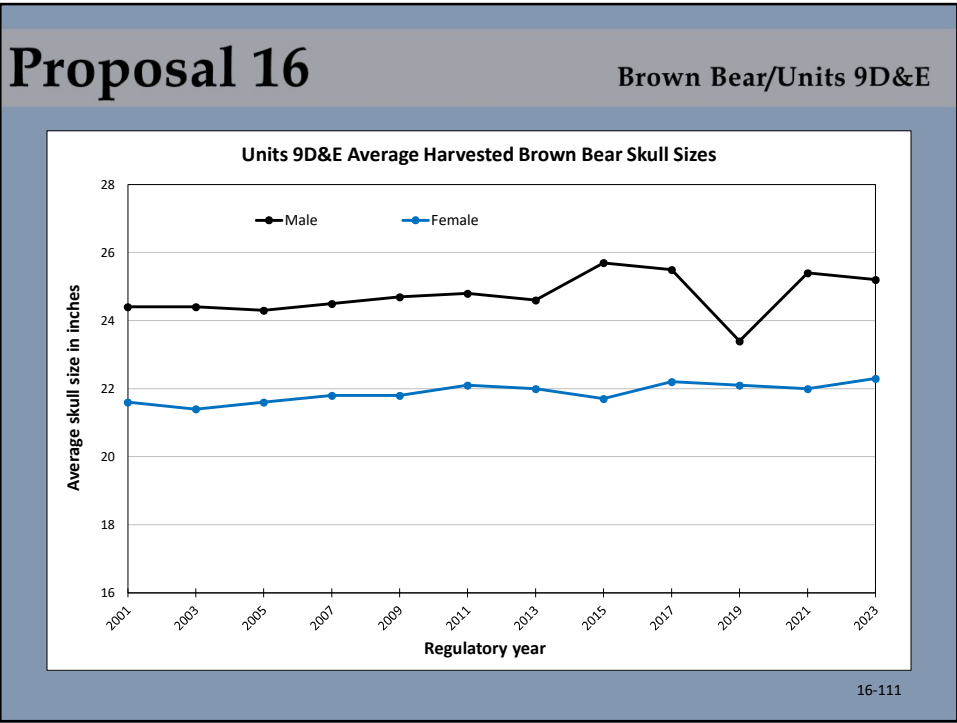
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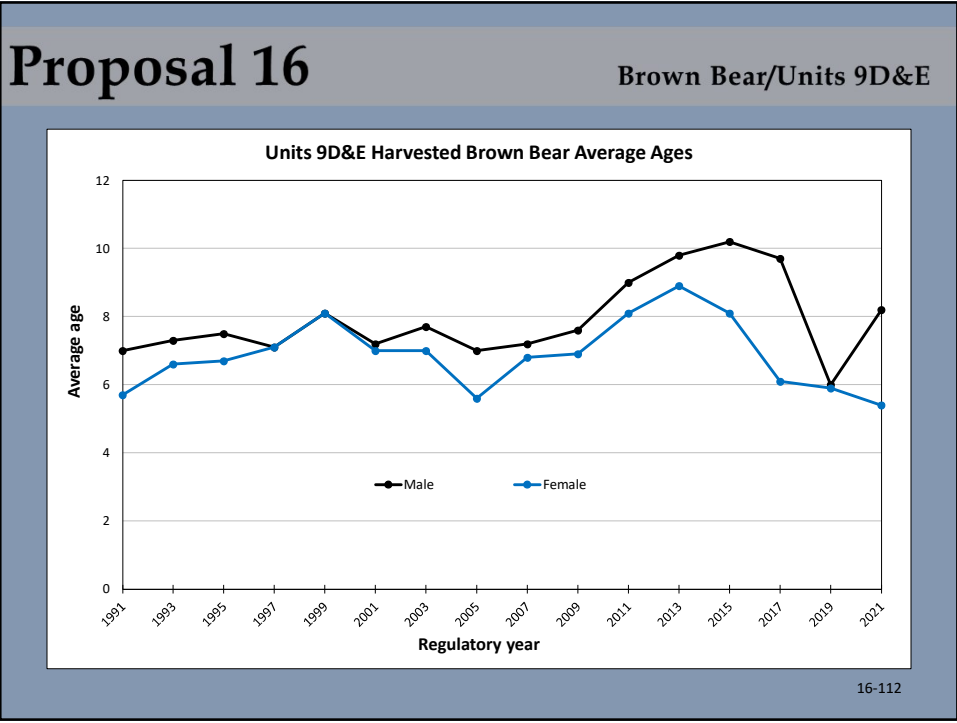
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Proposal 16

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Background

Management objectives for Unit 9 are being met

- Harvest composed of 60% males
- 50 males ≥8 yrs old during combined fall & spring seasons

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Proposal 16

Brown Bear/Units 9D&E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Units 9D&E to October 1–October 21 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL





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Proposal 17

Brown Bear/Unit 9E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Unit 9E to October 1–21 & May 10–31 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 17

Brown Bear/Unit 9E

Current Regulations

- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 7–21(B); May 10–31(R); May 10–25(NR)
- Positive Customary & Traditional use for Unit 9E
- ANS: Unit 9E 10–15

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased hunter opportunity & possibly harvest
- Decreased hunter crowding

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Proposal 17

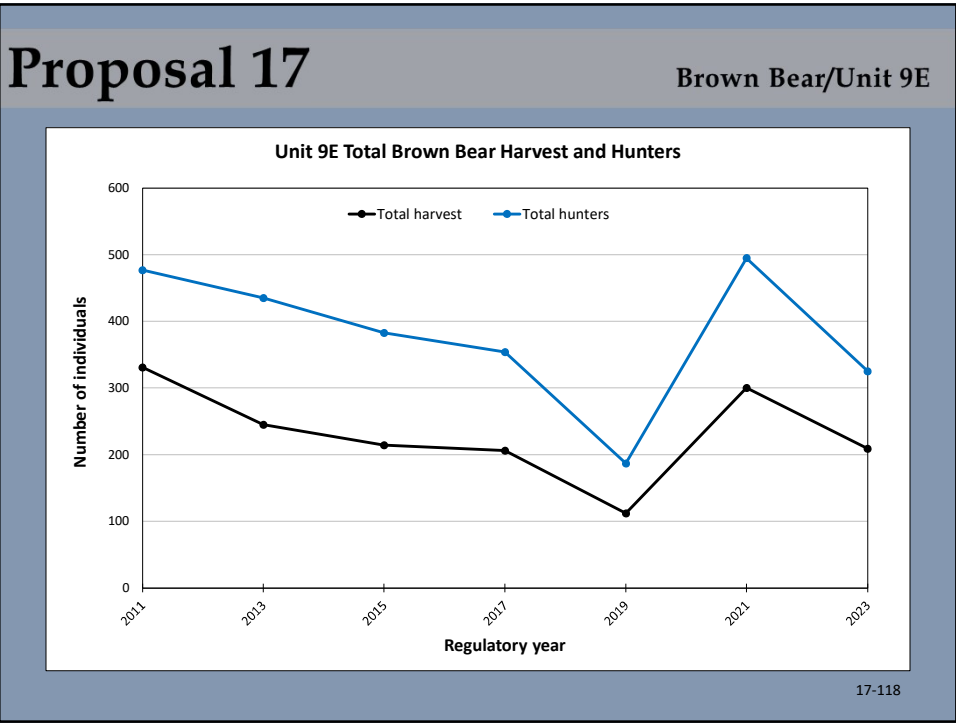
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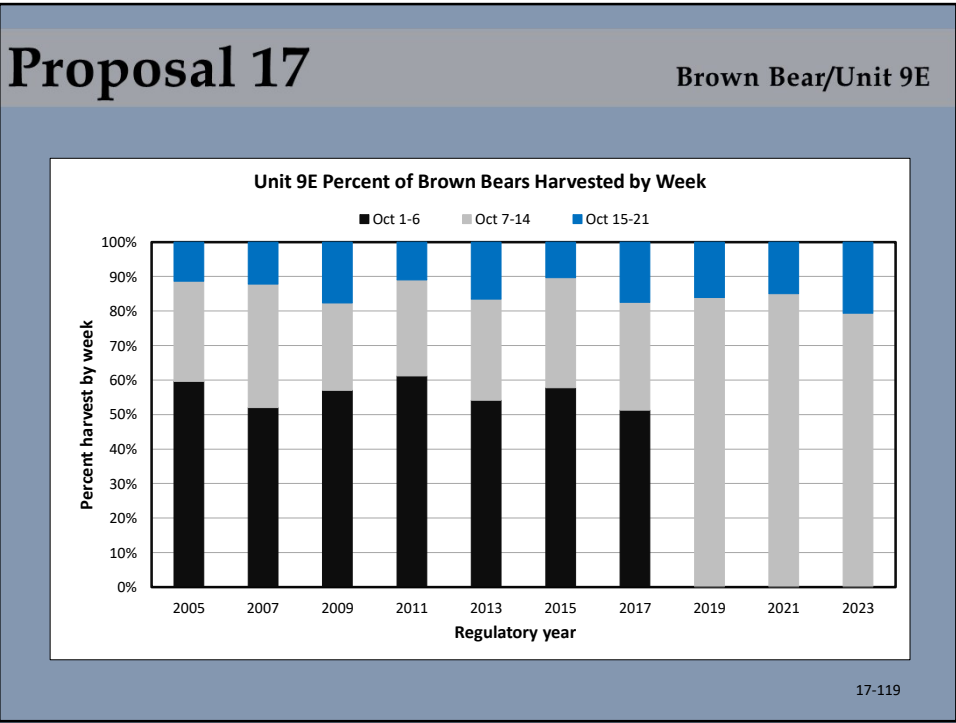
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- Majority of harvest by nonresidents
- Overall downward trend hunters & harvest since 2011, stabilized in 2017
- Percent success is stable at ~60%

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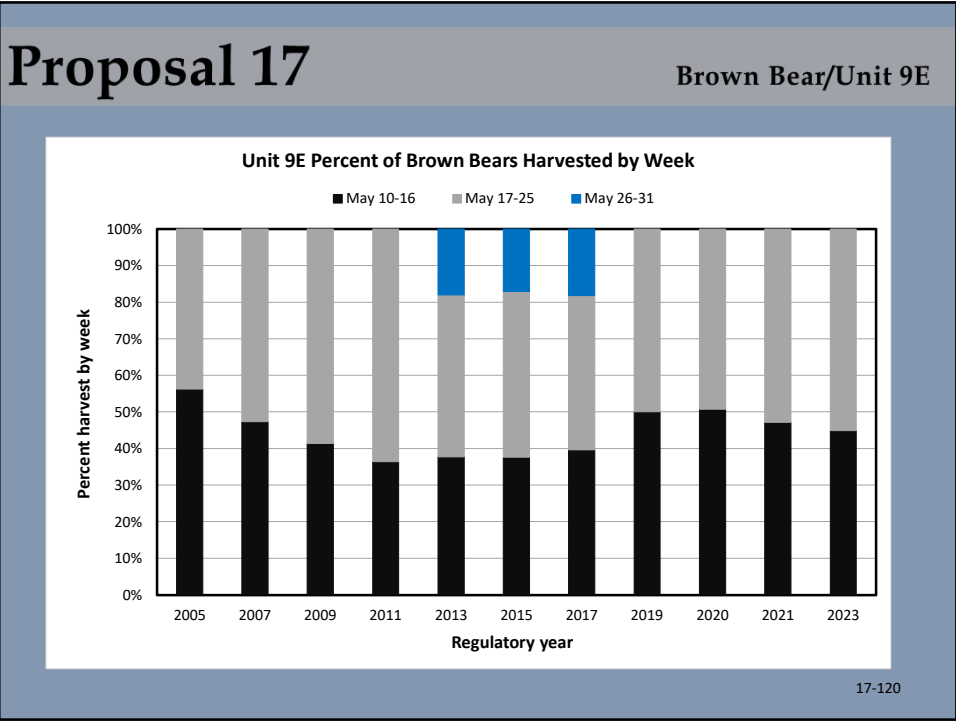
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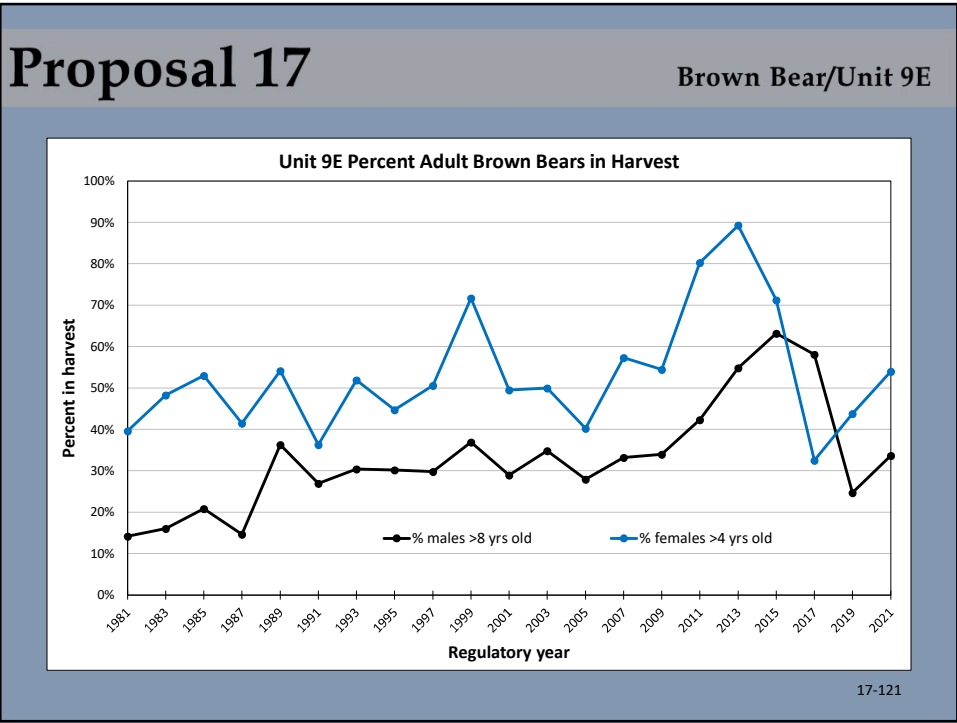
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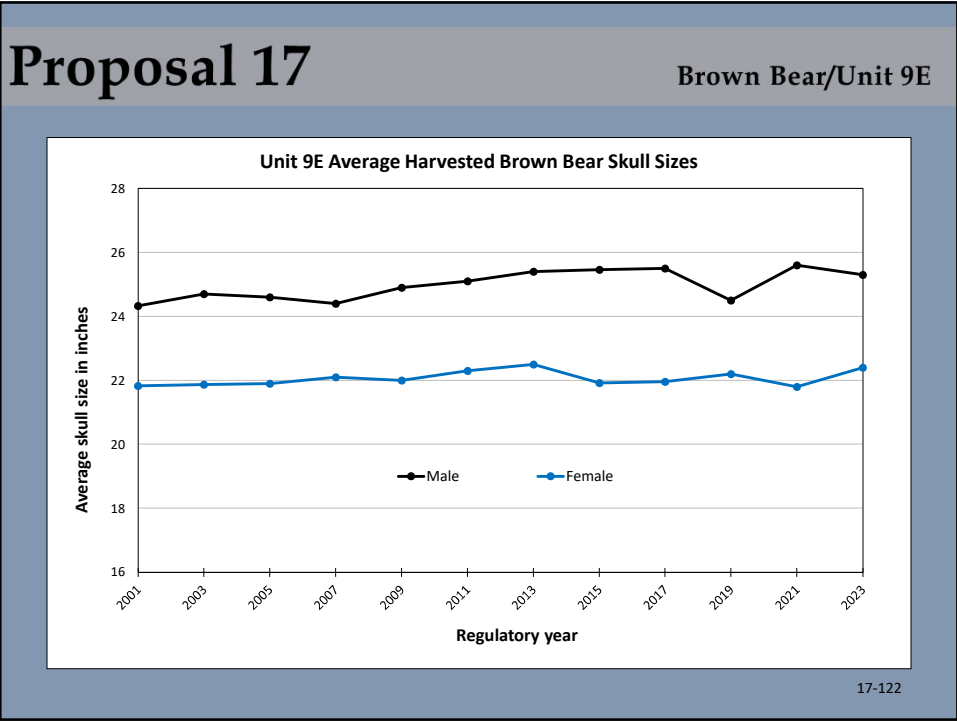
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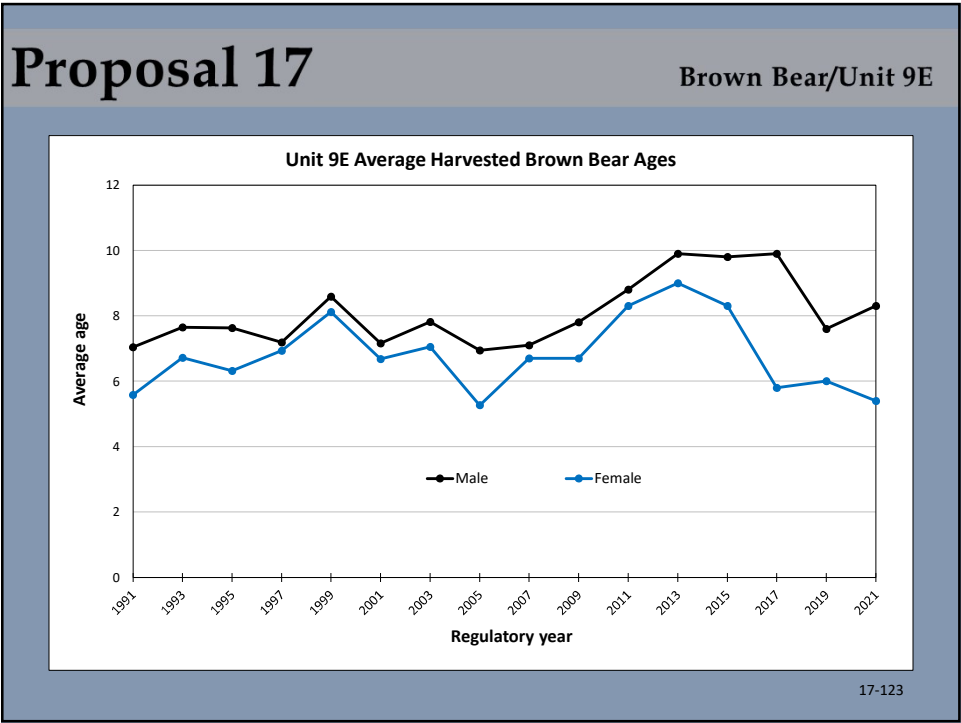
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Proposal 17

Brown Bear/Unit 9E

Background

Management objectives for Unit 9 are being met

- Harvest composed of 60% males
- 50 males ≥8 yrs old during combined fall and spring seasons

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Proposal 17

Brown Bear/Unit 9E

Lengthen brown bear season dates in Unit 9E to October 1–21 & May 10–31 for residents & nonresidents

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation:
NEUTRAL



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Proposal 18

Brown Bear/Unit 9C

Shortens brown bear season dates in Unit 9C to October 7–21 & May 10–25 for residents & nonresidents & establishes a drawing permit for the portion of 9C in Katmai Preserve

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**



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Proposal 18

Brown Bear/Unit 9C

Current Regulations

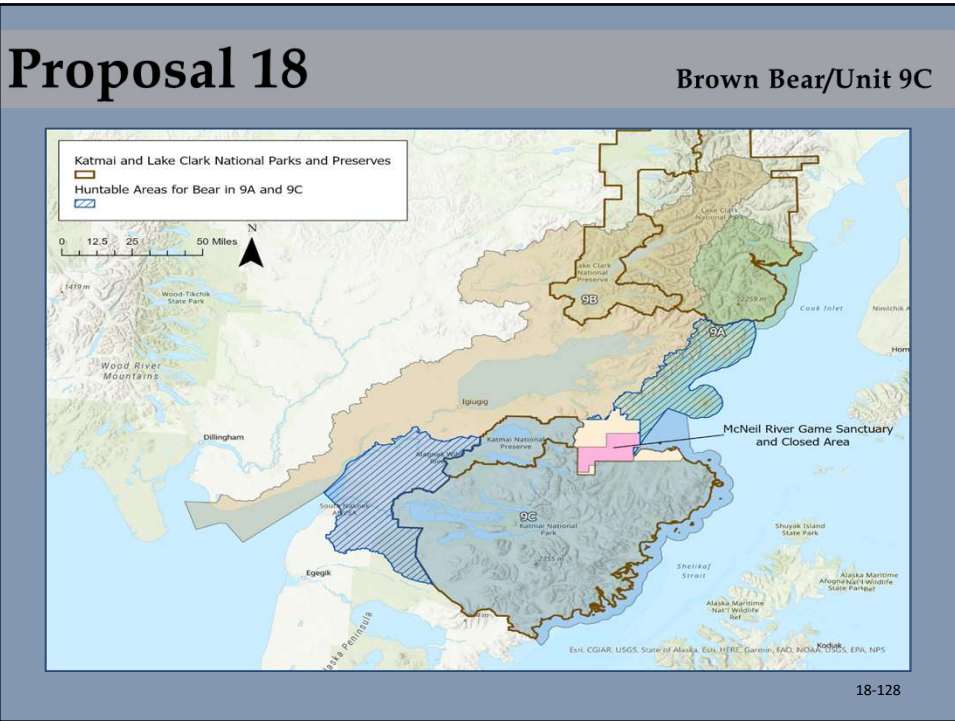
- Biennial seasons: fall odd years; spring even years
- October 1–21; May 10–31
- Negative Customary & Traditional use

Effects of the Proposal

- Decreased hunting opportunity
- Increased crowding during first open week of fall hunting season

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Proposal 18

Brown Bear/Unit 9C

Background

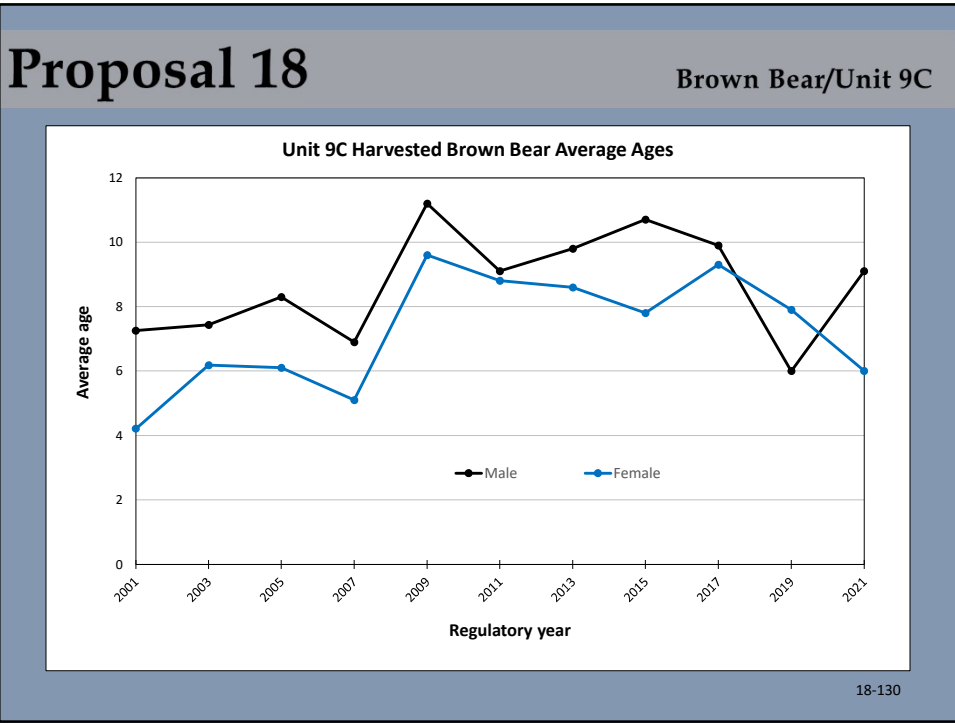
▪ Average annual harvest = 15–17 bears

▪ 2004 abundance estimate = 1,950 bears (SE ± 357)

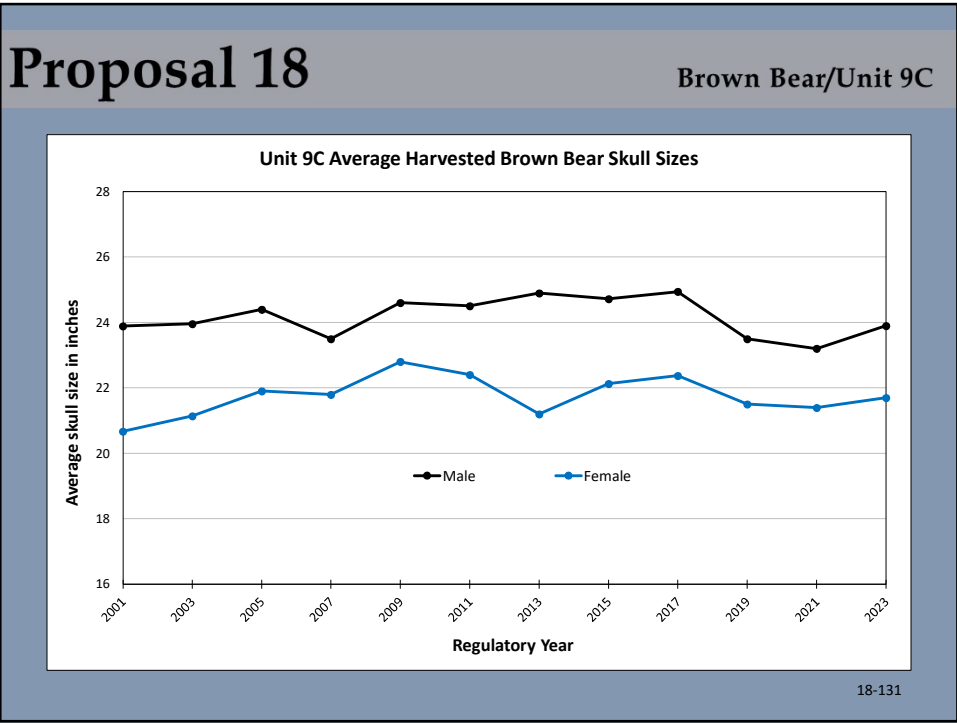
▪ Harvest rate = <1%

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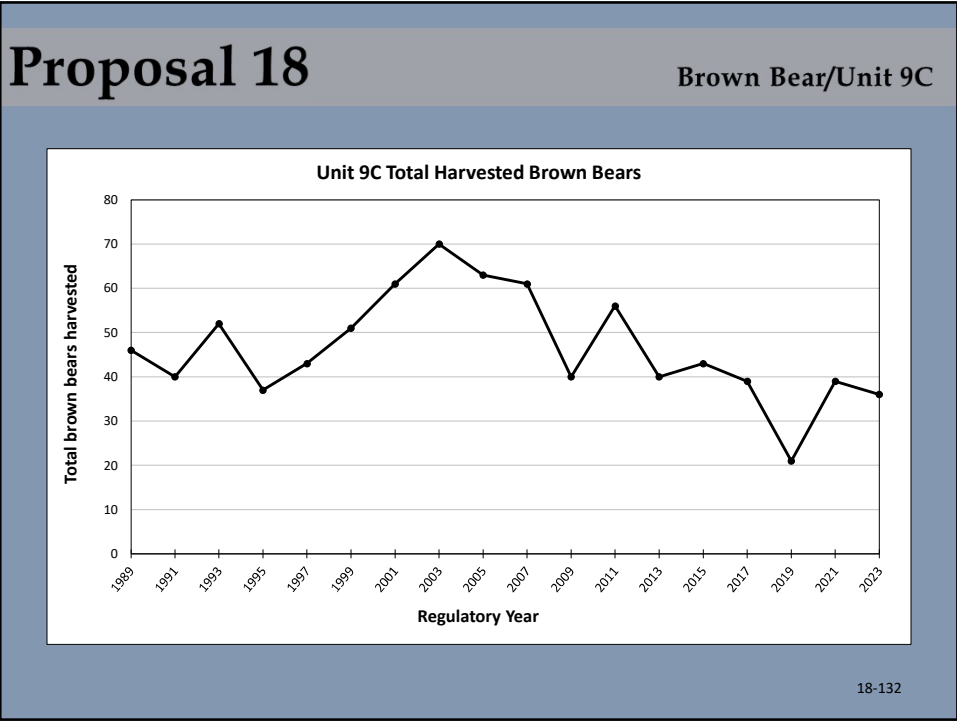
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Proposal 18

Brown Bear/Unit 9C

Shortens brown bear season dates in Unit 9C to October 7–21 & May 10–25 for residents & nonresidents & establishes a drawing permit for the portion of 9C in Katmai Preserve

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSE**



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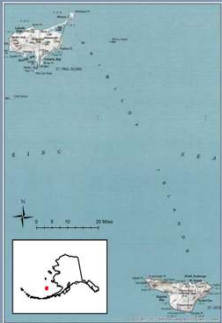
Proposal 19

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Establish an Arctic fox hunting season of November 10–February 28 with no bag limit for residents & a bag limit of 2 foxes for nonresidents on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **NEUTRAL** to allocation; **OPPOSE** reduced season dates and bag limits



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Proposal 19

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Current Regulations

- No limit & no closed season for Arctic fox hunting throughout Unit 10 for residents and nonresidents
- Positive C&T for fox in all units with a harvestable portion
- ANS is 90% of the harvestable portion

Effects of the Proposal

- Reduced hunting opportunity for nonresidents and residents, including inability to remove nuisance foxes

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Proposal 19

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Background

- Trapping & hunting Arctic foxes likely a source of income for residents
- Nonresidents harvest Arctic foxes opportunistically
- Research suggests decline is due to loss of natural food resources
- Residents concerned this proposal would interfere with local harvest and removal of nuisance animals

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Proposal 19

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Establish an Arctic fox hunting season of November 10–February 28 with no bag limit for residents & a bag limit of 2 foxes for nonresidents on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **NEUTRAL** to allocation; **OPPOSE** reduced season dates and bag limits



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Proposal 20

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Establishes a nonresident bag limit of 2 Arctic foxes under trapping regulations on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSED**



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Proposal 20

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Current Regulations

- No resident or nonresident bag limit for Arctic fox under trapping regulations on the Pribilof Islands November 10–February 28
- Positive C&T for fox in all units with a harvestable portion
- ANS is 90% of the harvestable portion

Effects of the Proposal

- Reduced nonresident trapping opportunity

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Proposal 20

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Background

- Arctic fox are considered endemic to the Pribilof Islands
- Trapping and hunting Arctic foxes are likely a source of income for residents
- Nonresidents likely harvest Arctic foxes opportunistically
- Research suggests decline is due to loss of natural food resources
- Locals are concerned this proposal would interfere with local harvest and removal of nuisance animals

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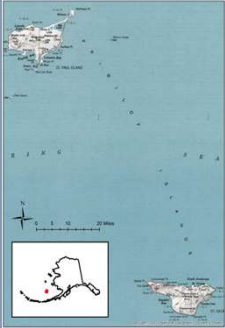
Proposal 20

Arctic Fox/Unit 10

Establishes a nonresident bag limit of 2 Arctic foxes under trapping regulations on the Pribilof Islands in Unit 10

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSED**



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Proposal 21

Beaver/Unit 9

Remove the 2 per day bag limit for beaver when taken by a firearm with a trapping license during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**



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Proposal 21

Beaver/Unit 9

Current Regulations

- Trapping season October 10–May 31 with no limit and firearms may be used to take up to 2 beaver per day from April 15–May 31 with a trapping license
- Positive C&T for beaver in all units with a harvestable portion
- ANS is 90% of the harvestable portion

Effects of the Proposal

- Increased beaver harvest opportunity
- Less complicated regulations

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Proposal 21

Beaver/Unit 9

Background

- Beaver harvest declining
- Trappers have declined 60% in the last 10 years
- Beaver populations are considered healthy
- Under a hunting license an unlimited number of beavers can be taken with a firearm
- Beaver harvest is primarily trapping/snaring

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Proposal 21

Beaver/Unit 9

Remove the 2 per day bag limit for beaver when taken by a firearm with a trapping license during April 15–May 31 in Unit 9

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**



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Proposal 22

Wolverine/Unit 9

Shorten the wolverine hunting season to last day of February in Unit 9

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSED**



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Proposal 22

Wolverine/Unit 9

Current Regulations

- Current regulations allow harvest of 1 wolverine by hunting for both residents and nonresidents from September 1 through March 31
- Positive C&T for wolverine in all units with a harvestable portion
- ANS is 90% of the harvestable portion

Effects of the Proposal

- Align trapping season end dates in Units 9A & 9C–E
- Small loss of hunting opportunity

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Proposal 22

Wolverine/Unit 9

Background

- Low reproductive rates
- Annual harvest and trappers have declined
- March has third highest female to male harvest the last 5 years
- March is third highest overall harvest over the last 5 years

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Proposal 22

Wolverine/Unit 9

Shortens the wolverine hunting season to last day of February in Unit 9


Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **OPPOSED**



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 Proposal 23

Emperor Geese

LENGTHEN THE NONRESIDENT HUNTING SEASON FOR EMPEROR GEESE IN THE ISGR AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERMITS ALLOCATED TO NONRESIDENTS IN UNITS 9 AND 10

Proposed by: Public
Department Position: Take No Action
Advisory Committees:



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Proposal 23

Emperor Geese

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

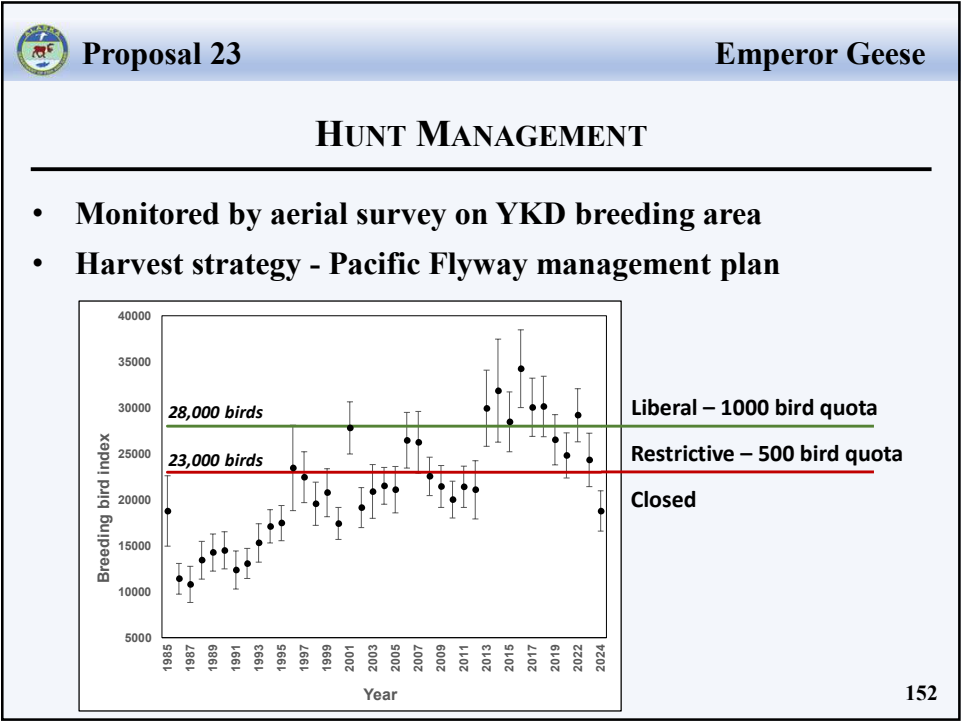
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(G) Emperor geese


	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
<div>Units 8 and 10</div> <div>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS.</div> <div>...up to <u>150</u> [25] permits may be issued...</div>	Oct. 8 – Jan. 22	Oct. 8 – Jan. 22
<div>Unit 9, that portion within the Izembek State Game Refuge</div> <div>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS.</div> <div>...up to <u>150</u> [25] permits may be issued...</div>	Oct. 16 – Oct. 31	<div><u>Oct. 16 – Dec. 16</u></div> <div>[Oct. 16 – Oct. 31]</div>
<div>Unit 9, remainder</div> <div>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS.</div> <div>...up to <u>150</u> [25] permits may be issued...</div>	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16

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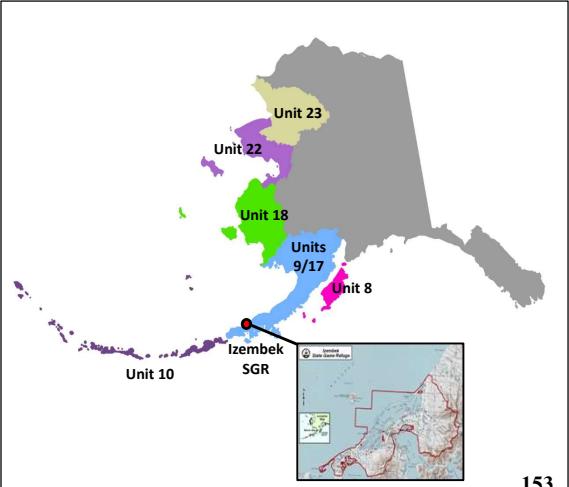


Proposal 23

Emperor Geese


HUNT STRUCTURE - RESIDENTS

- Resident hunt by registration permit in 7 hunt areas
- Unlimited number permits available
- Permit allows 1 emperor goose per season
- Mandatory harvest reporting
- Hunt areas can be closed by EO



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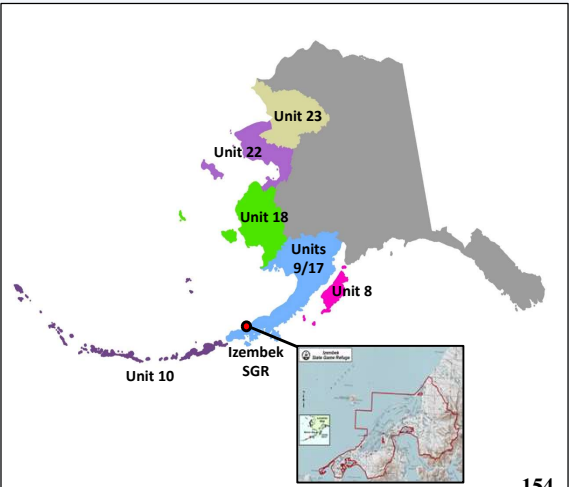


Proposal 23

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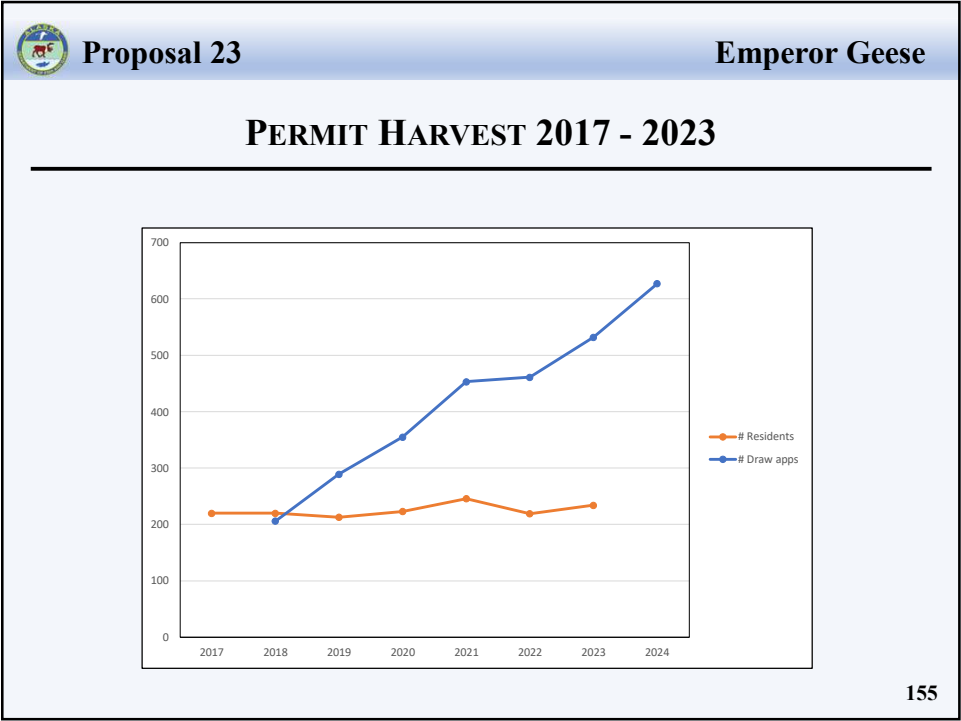
HUNT STRUCTURE - NONRESIDENTS

- Nonresident draw permit - up to 25
- Permit valid in 4 hunt zones
- Permit allows 1 emperor goose per season
- Mandatory harvest reporting
- Hunt zones can be closed by EO




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Proposal 23

Emperor Geese

PERMIT HARVEST 2017 - 2023

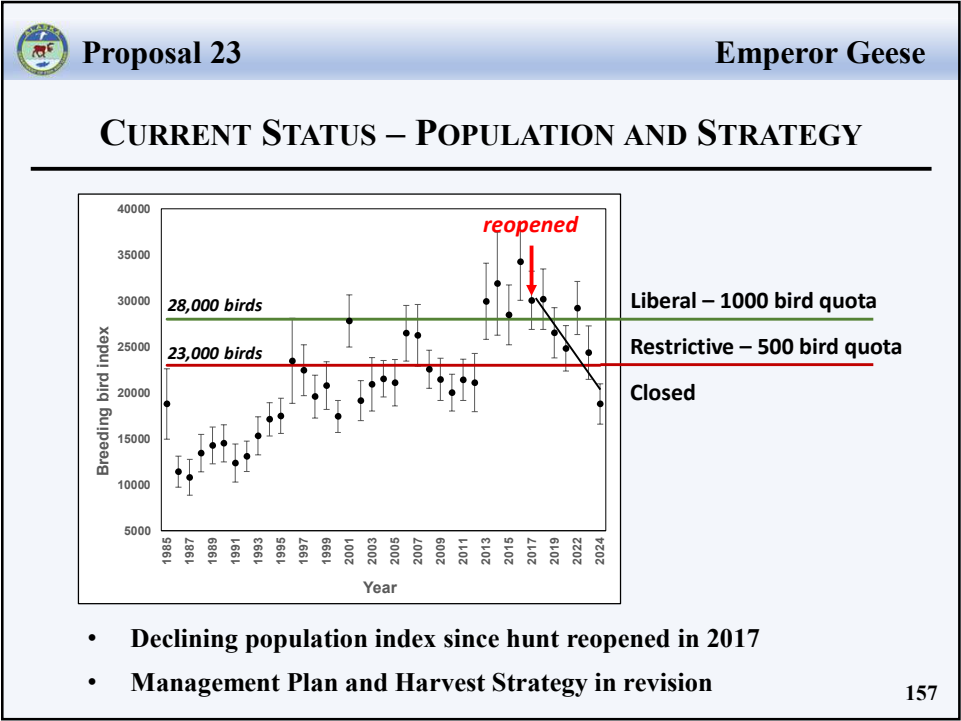
	Quota	Avg R hunted	Avg R harvest	Avg NR harvest	Total Avg harvest
Unit 8	150	84	41	2	43
Unit 9/17	100	72	54	15	69
Izembek SGR	50	12	8	1	9
Unit 10	125	49	32	4	36
Unit 18	25	3	1	N/A	1
Unit 22	25	4	1	N/A	1
Unit 23	25	1	0	N/A	0
Total	500	225	137	22	159

• Izembek SGR season: October 16 – October 31


• Unit 9/17 season: September 1 – December 16

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Proposal 23


Emperor Geese

LENGTHEN THE NONRESIDENT HUNTING SEASON FOR
EMPEROR GEESE IN THE ISGR AND INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
PERMITS ALLOCATED TO NONRESIDENTS IN UNITS 9 AND 10

Proposed by: Public


Department Position: Take No Action

Advisory Committees:



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 Proposal 24 Alaska Hare


No Open Season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17

Department Proposal

Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT**



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 Proposal 24 Alaska Hare

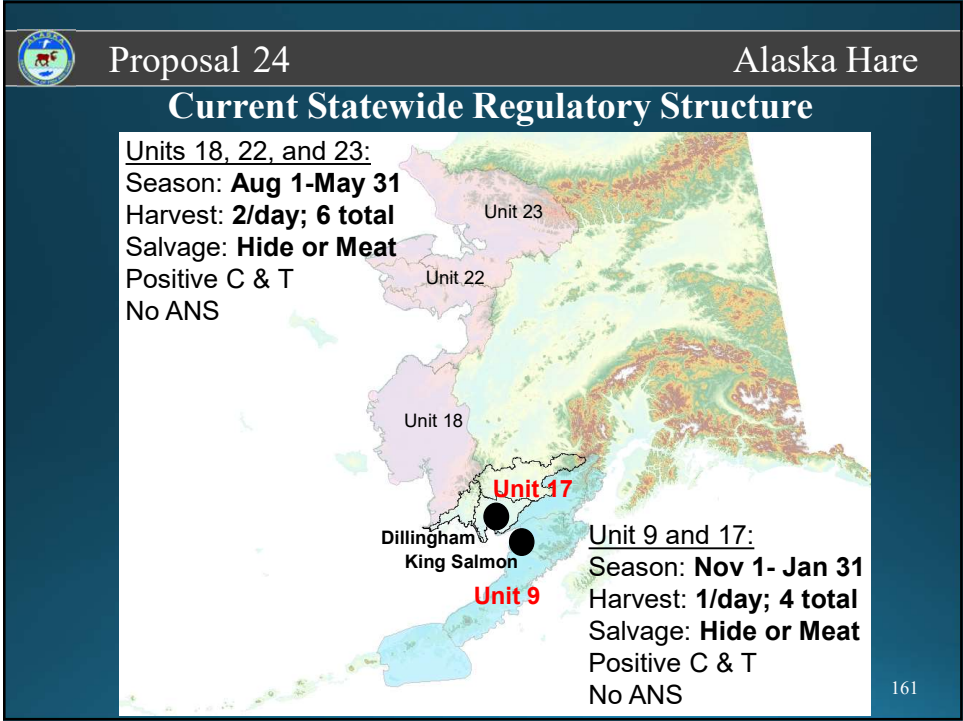
Alaska hare

- Large Alaska endemic lagomorph (7-15lbs)
- Low reproductive potential
- Low abundance throughout range
- Large daily movements (up to 8mi)

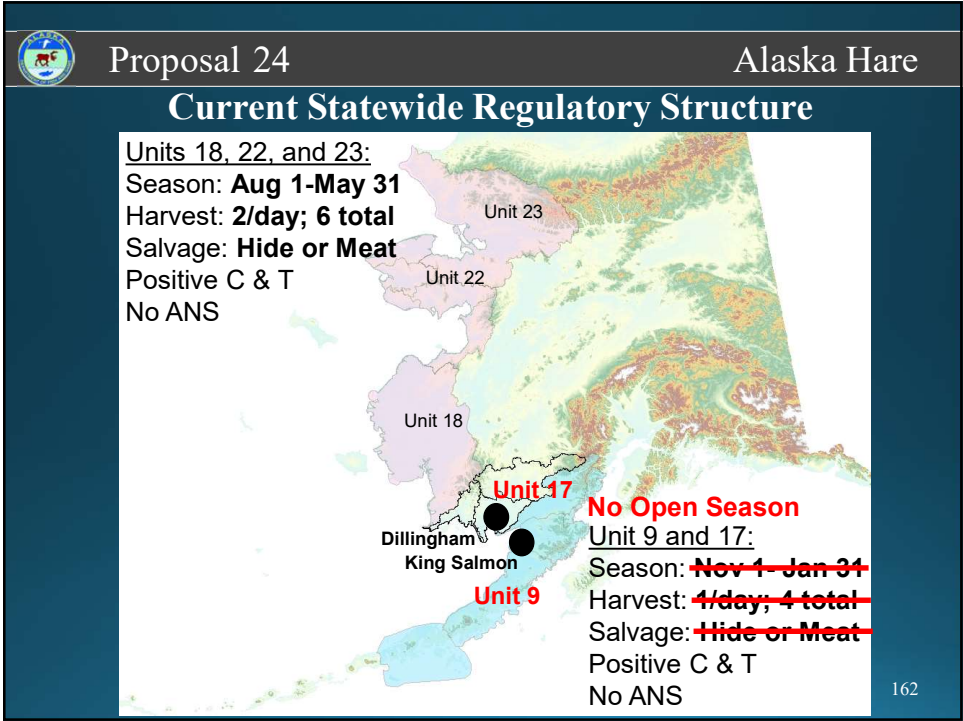


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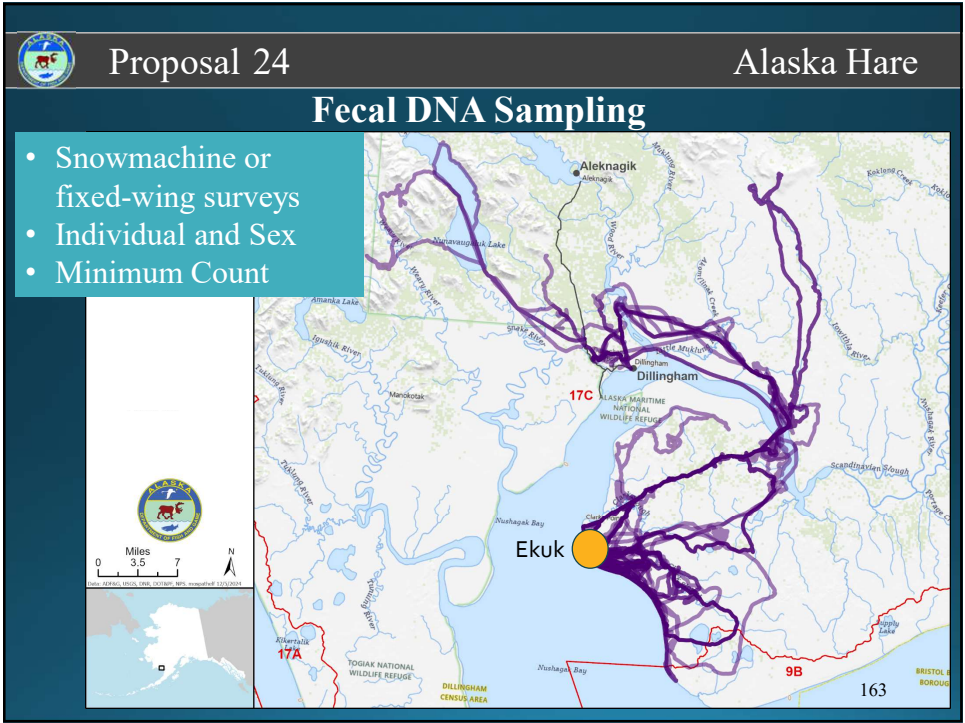
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Proposal 24

Alaska Hare

Minimum Count Unit 9 – King Salmon


Year	Agency	Survey Method	Estimated Survey Distance	Complete Pellet Samples	# of Alaska Hares	Sex ratio M:F
2018	ADF&G	Vehicle and Foot	~50mi	0*	NA	NA
2023	USFWS	Snowmachine	~350mi	9	4	3:1
2024	USFWS	Fixed-wing Aircraft**	~750mi	39	22	15:7

Notes:

*10 pellets were collected but failed genetic assay

**Collected during 7 different landings

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Proposal 24

Alaska Hare

Minimum Count Unit 17 – Dillingham/Ekuk

Year	Agency	Survey Method	Estimated Survey Distance	Complete Pellet Samples	# of Alaska Hares	Sex ratio M:F
2017	ADF&G	Snowmachine and Foot	~30mi	4	3*	2:1
2020	ADF&G	Snowmachine	150-200mi	64	6	4:2
2021	ADF&G	Snowmachine	250-350mi	45	12**	7:5
2022	ADF&G	Snowmachine	150-200mi	11	2	1:1

Notes:

*Pilot study to examine optimal pellet collection

**Includes samples from a larger area, three of these individuals were also detected in 2020

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Proposal 24

Alaska Hare

Future Monitoring Efforts

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

- Unit 17. Pellet collections ongoing
- Unit 22. Pellet collections past transects 2025/2026
- Units 17 and 18. Potential snowmachine/aerial pellet collection 2025/2026


US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Unit 9. Continuation of snowmachine and fixed-wing pellet collections



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Proposal 24

Alaska Hare

Management Considerations

Removal of Harvest Opportunity


- Snowshoe hare = no closed season and no limit

Future Monitoring


- Continue monitoring population status

Low abundance

- Surveys indicate low abundance even minimal harvest could have population level significance



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Proposal 24

Alaska Hare

No Open Season for Alaska hares in Units 9 and 17

Department Proposal

*Department Recommendation: **SUPPORT***

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