



Unit 17 Area Overview



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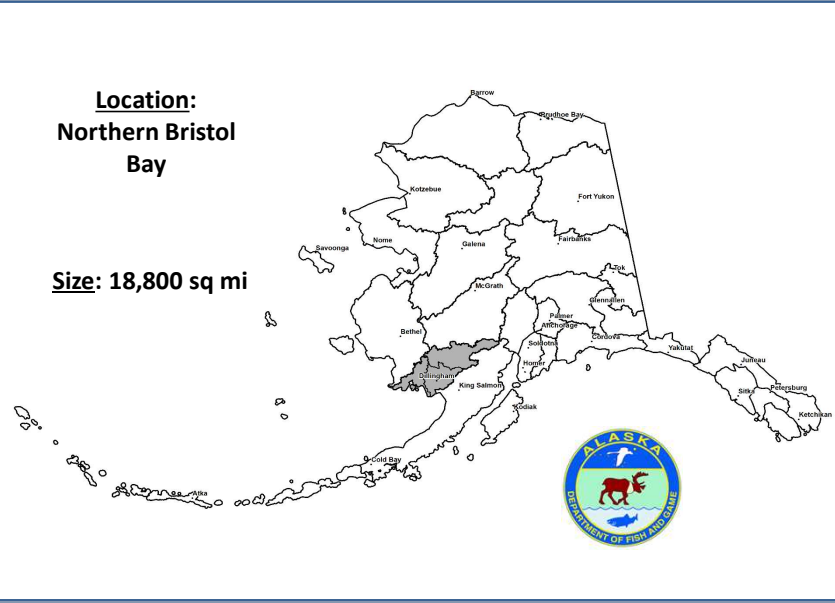
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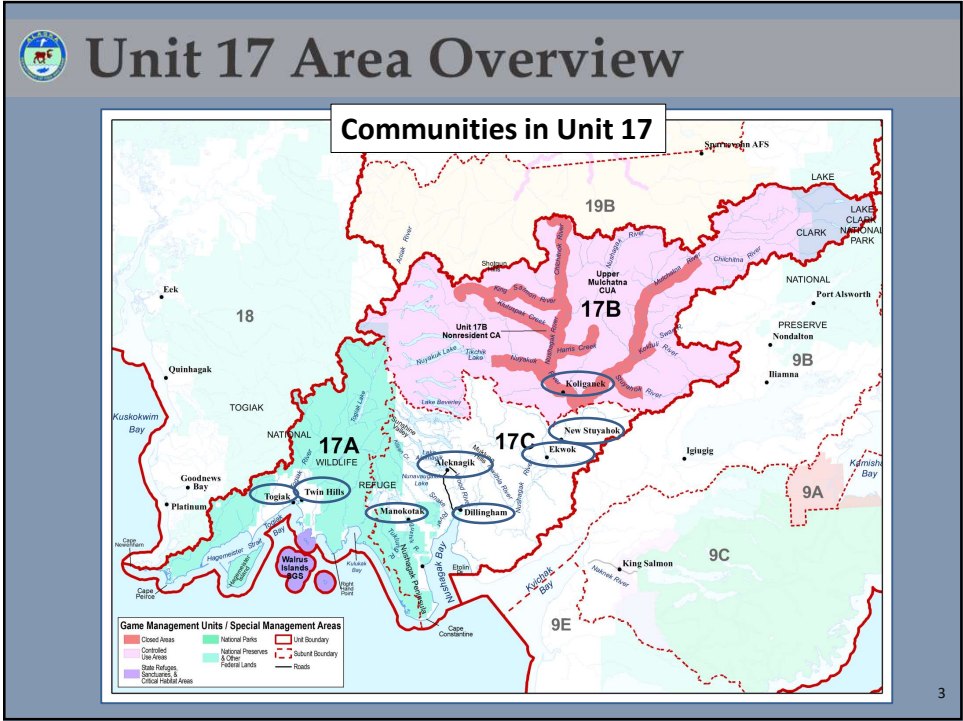
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Location:
Northern Bristol Bay

Size: 18,800 sq mi



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Big Game

Moose - 4 proposals

Caribou - 3 proposals

Brown Bear - 3 proposals

Black Bear

Wolf - 1 proposal

Wolverine - 2 proposals



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Moose

Population Summary

17A: population 1,976	objective 1,100 – 1,750
17B: population <i>Unknown</i>	objective 4,900 – 6,000
17C: population 3,629	objective 2,800 – 3,500



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Moose

Harvest Summary (3-year averages)

17A: 117 (42 cows)	Objective: N/A
17B: 104 (54 NR)	Objective: 200–400
17C: 147	Objective: 165–350



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Moose

Unit 17 Moose:

- Unreliable winter conditions often prevent population surveys
- Composition surveys heavily biased towards bulls
- Remote and logistically intensive survey efforts (17B)
- Populations appear healthy
- Harvest trending towards management objectives



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Bears

Brown bear

- Distributed and abundant
- Harvest 116/year since 2000
- Active Commercial guiding
 - 2 bears/year bag limit
- Some conflicts at fish camps, residential areas, and landfills

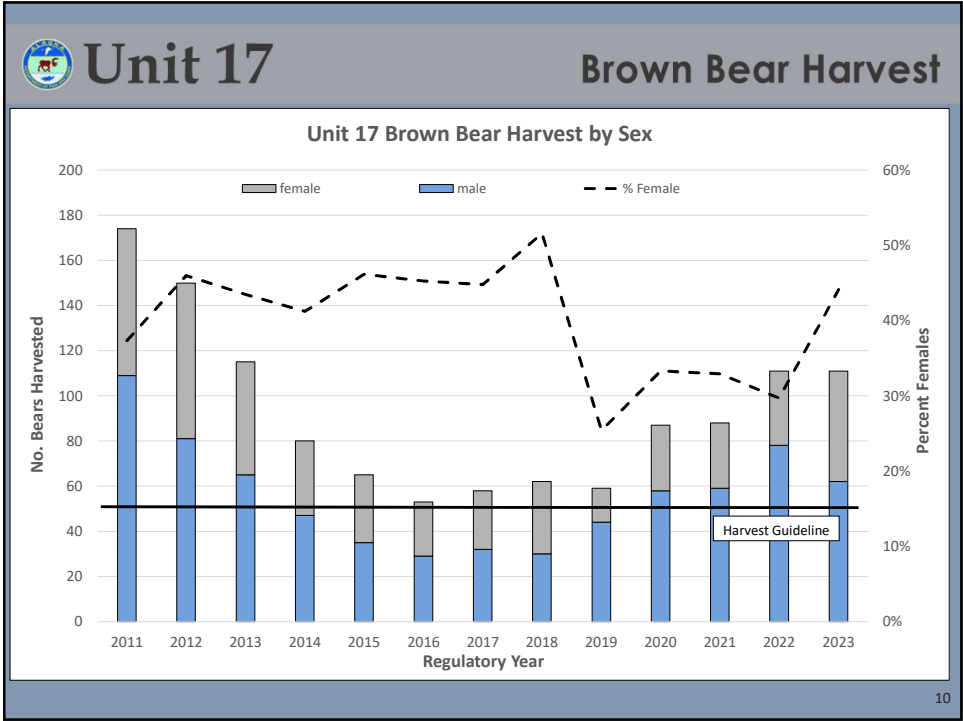


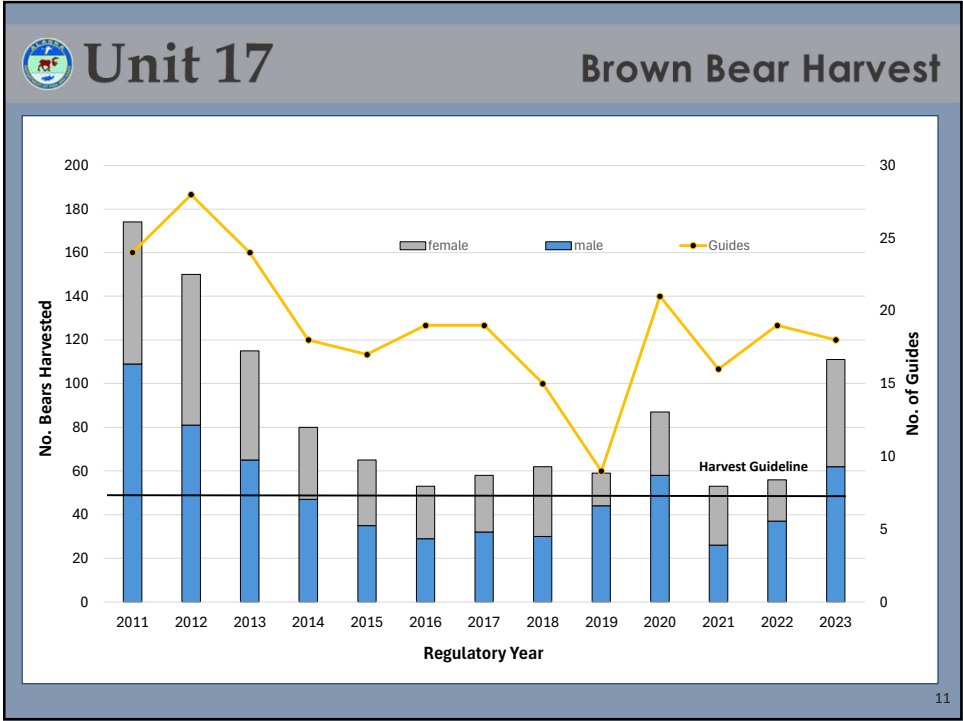


Black bear

- Edge of their range
- Low densities
- Harvest averages 3/year since 2004
- Most bears in northern portion of Unit

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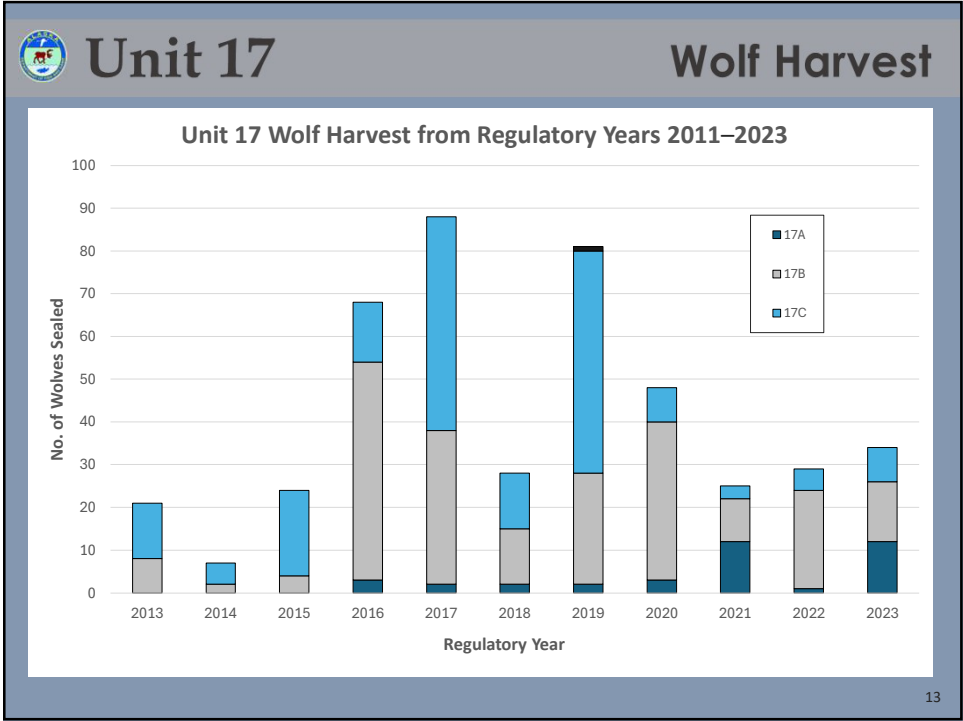
Wolves

- Widely distributed & common
- Harvest variable, 7–88 year since 2014
- 72% of the harvest is by firearm
- Predation control area as part of IM in Units 17B&C

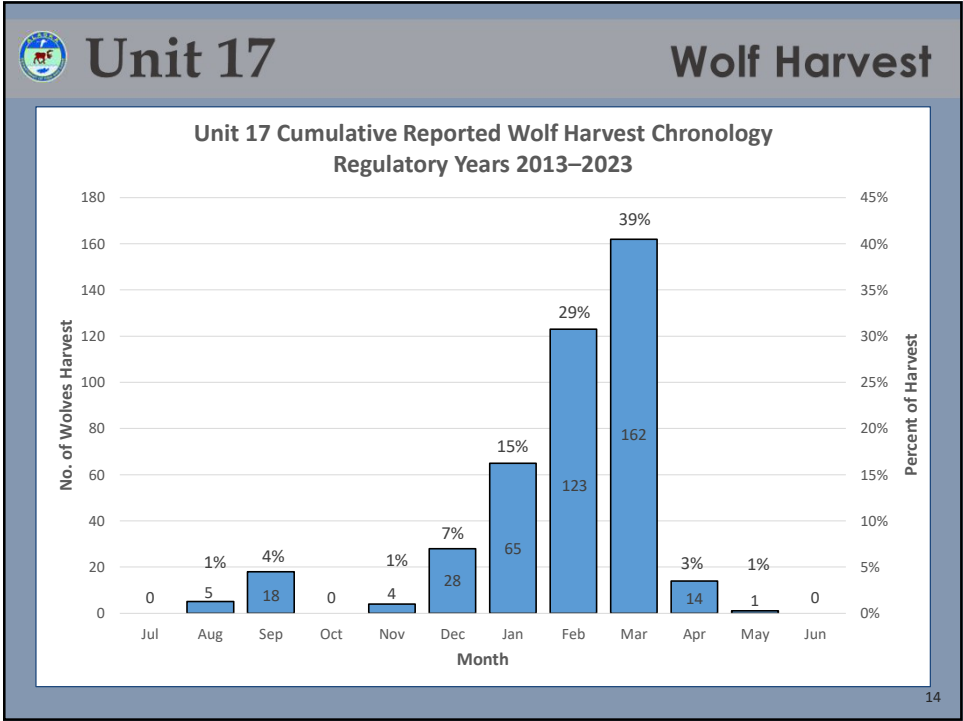


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Furbearers

Scarce



Coyote (increasing)
Lynx (stable)
Muskrat (stable)

Common

Beaver (stable)
Marten (stable)
Mink (stable)
Wolf (decreasing)
Wolverine (stable)



Abundant



River Otter (increasing)
Red Fox (increasing)

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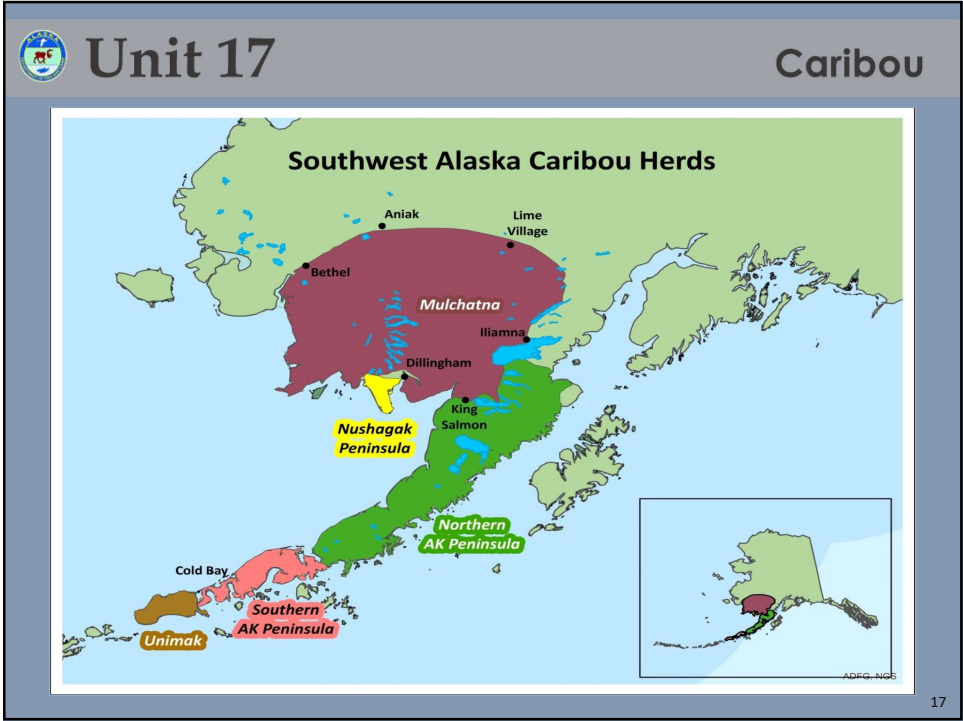
Small Game

- Spruce Grouse
- Ptarmigan
- Waterfowl
- Snowshoe hares
- Alaska hares



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Caribou

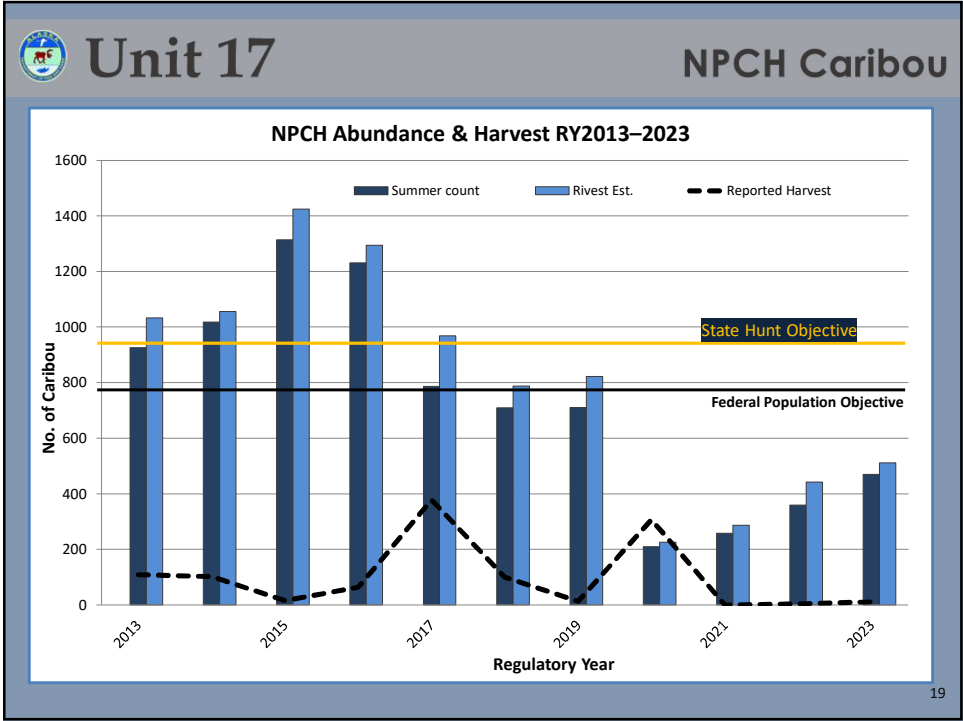
Nushagak Peninsula (~650)

- Small portion of 17A & 17C
- State permit for hunt on federal lands at 900 animals
 - No sizable state tract
- Harvest past 5 years ~ 60/year



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NPCH Caribou

Hunt management is guided by the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Management Plan and Planning Committee

- Consists of USFWS, ADFG, BBNA, BBRAC, & NAC

Traditionally a federal hunt only

- Federal public lands on the Peninsula have been closed to the harvest of caribou except by the residents of Togiak, Twin Hills, Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point, & Eku

Federal hunt occurred in RY22 and RY23

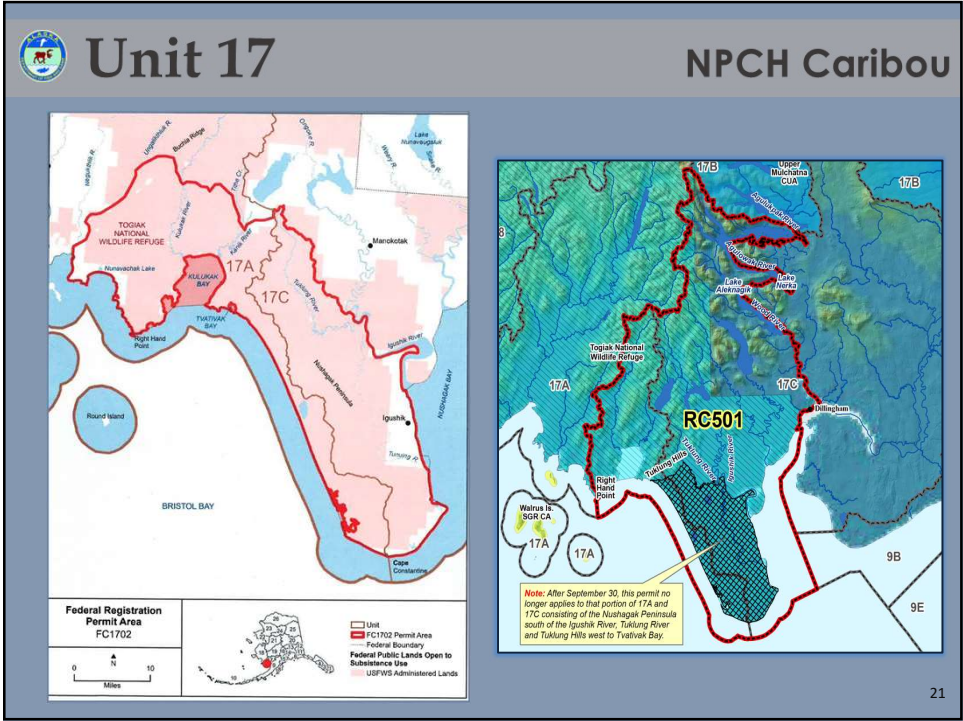
- Harvests in RY22= 4, RY23 =11

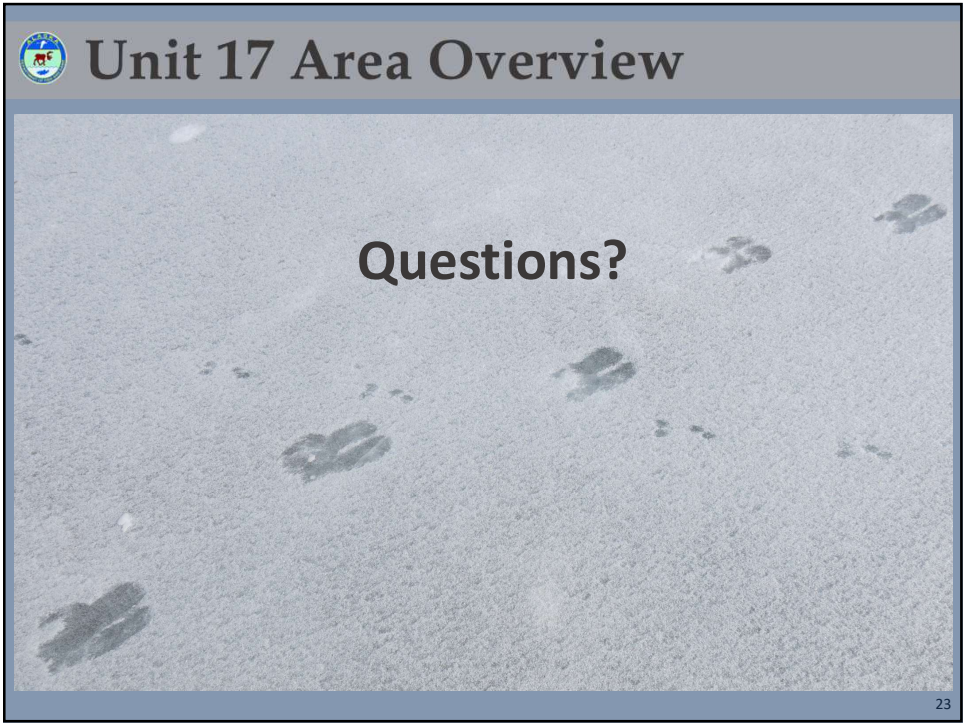
In Spring and Fall of 2016, state hunt opened on Nushagak Peninsula

- Special action requests submitted to FSB to lift restriction on NP federal lands

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