Proposal #119

Change the Unit 21D/21E Boundary

Proponent – GASH AC

ADF&G – Oppose

MYAC – Oppose **GASH – Oppose**

21D/E Boundary Change – 119-1

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Proponent's concern

- **Opposed to antler destruction (RM834 permit)**

Key considerations

- **Seasons/bag limit changes are better suited for regional BOG meetings.**
- **The current GMU boundaries accurately delineate two moose populations with different management structures.**
- **The current GMU boundaries accurately reflect hunter use patterns.**
- **RM834 permits are available online and at local vendors.**
- **Limited changes to species other than moose.**

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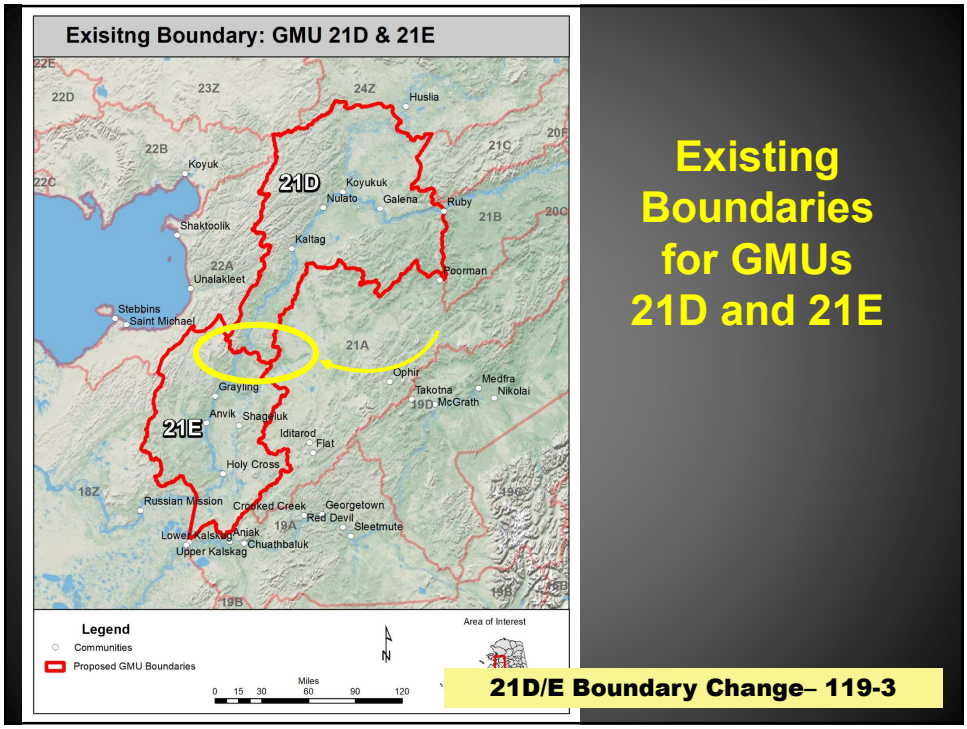
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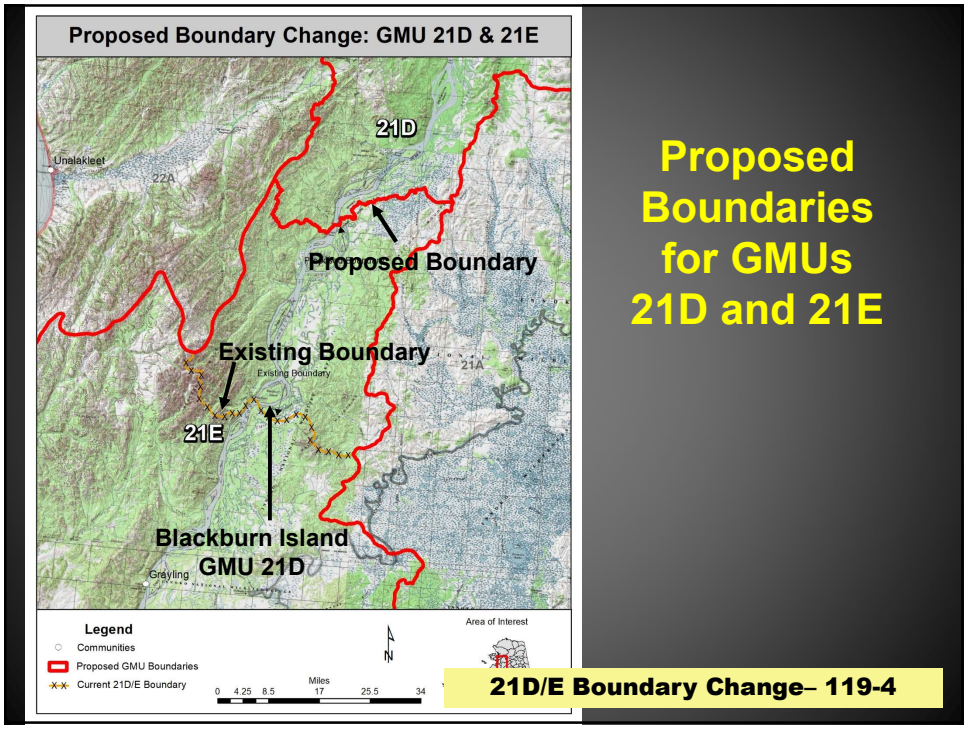
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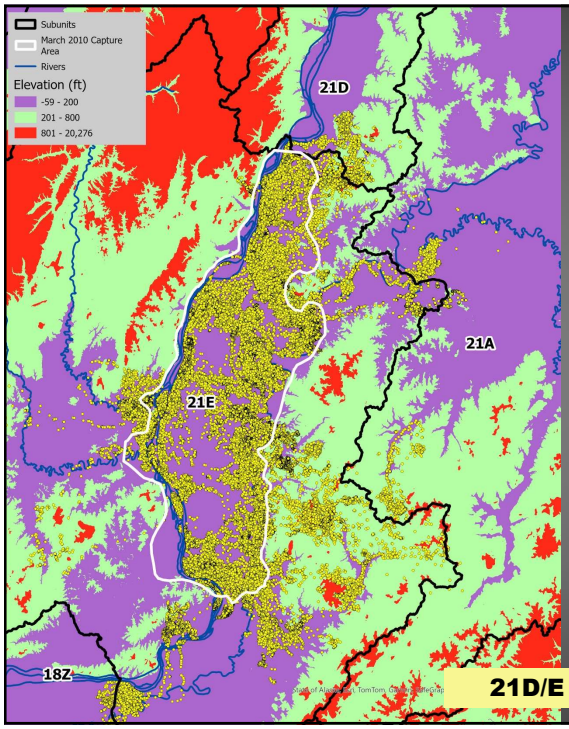

2010-2014 Moose Telemetry Study in 21E (200ft and 800ft elevation gradients)

- Capture area
- GPS locations

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2002 – 2024 Permits Acquired by Village Residents

21D Villages	RM834/DM818 (21D Hunts)	RM836/RM837 (21E Hunts)	Total
Kaltag	474	3	
Nulato	1617	18	
Sub-Total	2091 (99%)	21 (1.0%)	2112
21E Villages			
Grayling	4	441	
Anvik	5	271	
Shageluk	2	140	
Holy Cross	0	409	
Sub-Total	11 (0.9%)	1261 (99.1%)	1272

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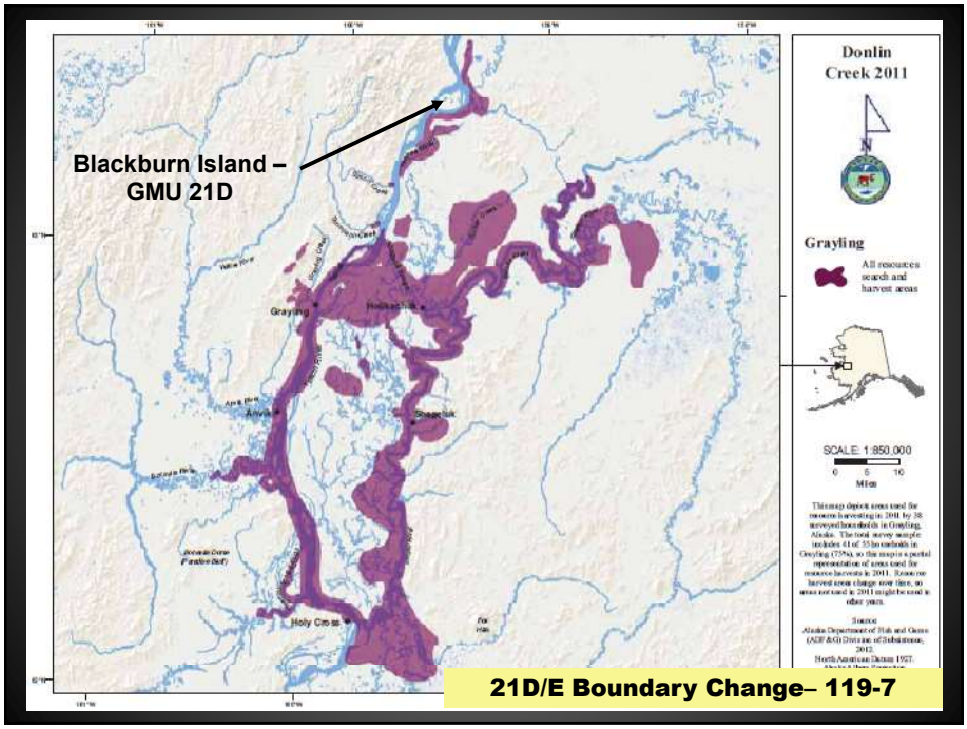

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Department comments

- **Seasons/bag limit changes are better suited for regional BOG meetings.**
- **Current management strategies for Units 21D and 21E are appropriate for those GMUs and their boundaries accurately reflects both the distribution of two moose populations as well as hunter use patterns**

21D/E Boundary Change – 119-8

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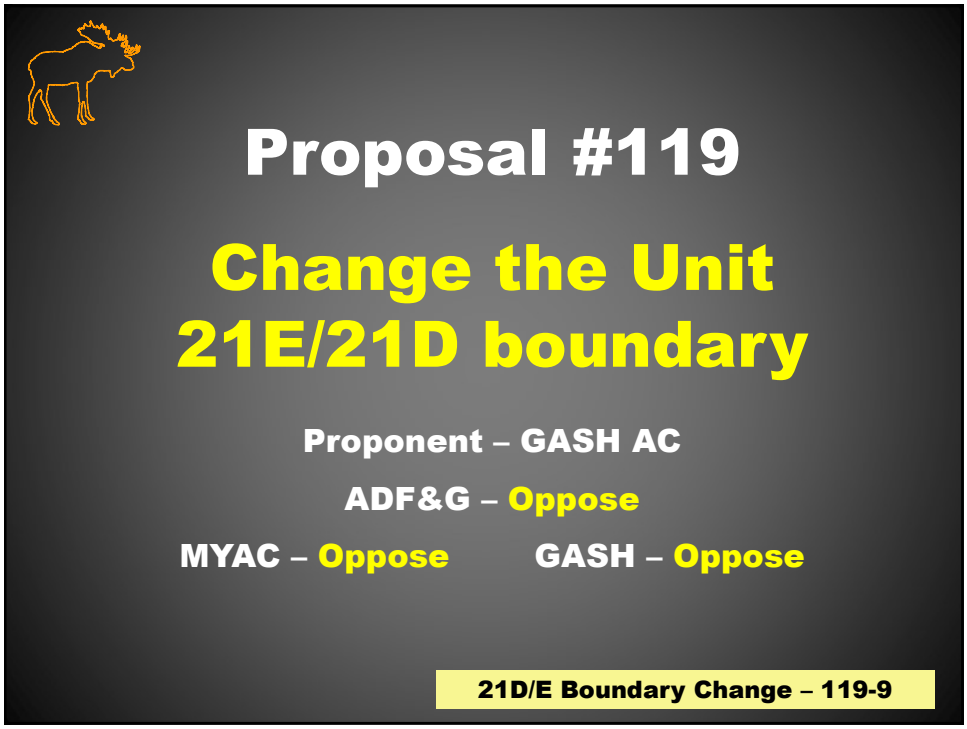
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Change the Unit 21E/21D boundary
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ADF&G – Oppose
MYAC – Oppose
GASH – Oppose
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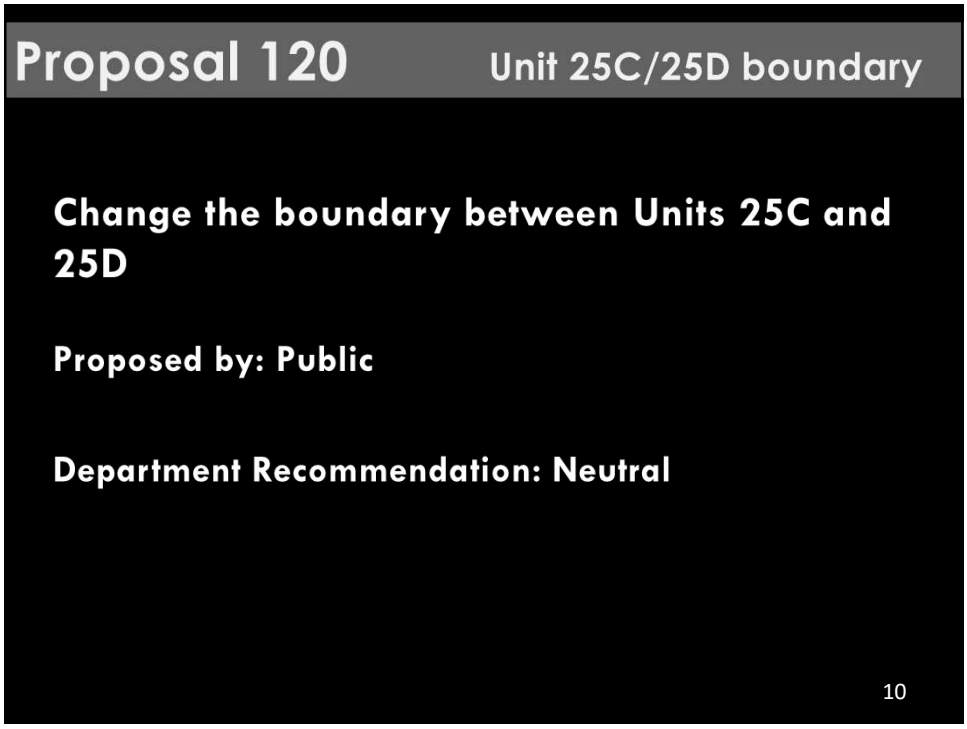
Proposal 120
Unit 25C/25D boundary
Change the boundary between Units 25C and 25D
Proposed by: Public
Department Recommendation: Neutral
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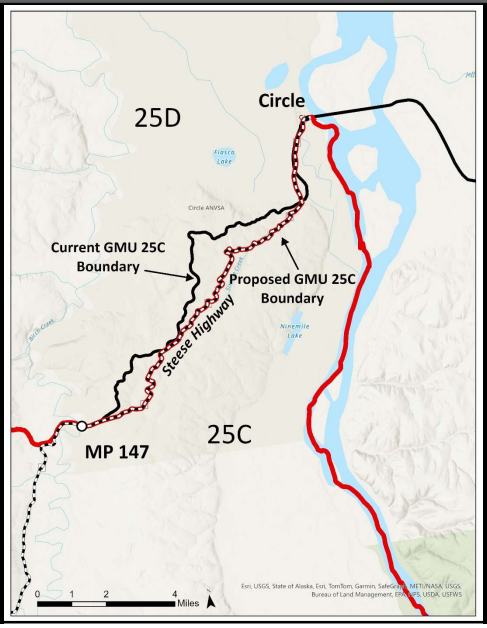
Proposal 120 — Unit 25C/25D boundary

Proposal would change the 25C/25D GMU boundary between the Birch Creek bridge on the Steese (mp 147) and Circle (mp 161.5).

Total area change is 5mi²

25D increase by 5 mi² and 25C would decrease by 5 mi².



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Proposal 120 — Unit 25C/25D boundary

Current Unit descriptions

- 25C – Unit 25(C) consists of that portion of Unit 25 in drainages into the south bank of the Yukon River upstream from Circle to the Subunit 20(E) boundary, the Birch Creek drainage upstream from the Steese Highway bridge (milepost 147), the Preacher Creek drainage upstream from and including the Rock Creek drainage, and the Beaver Creek drainage upstream from and including the Moose Creek drainage. The total area is 5,142 mi².
- 25D – Unit 25(D) consists of the remainder of Unit 25. The total area is 17,463 mi².

Proposed descriptions

- 25C – Unit 25(C) consists of that portion of Unit 25 in drainages into the south bank of the Yukon River upstream from Circle to the Subunit 20(E) boundary, the Birch Creek drainage upstream from the Steese Highway bridge (milepost 147) *and south of the Steese Highway from the Birch creek bridge (milepost 147) to where the Steese Highway intersects the Yukon river at Circle,* the Preacher Creek drainage upstream from and including the Rock Creek drainage, and the Beaver Creek drainage upstream from and including the Moose Creek drainage. The total area would decrease by 5 mi² to 5,137 mi².
- 25D – Unit 25(D) consists of the remainder of Unit 25. The total area would increase by 5 mi² to 17,468 mi².

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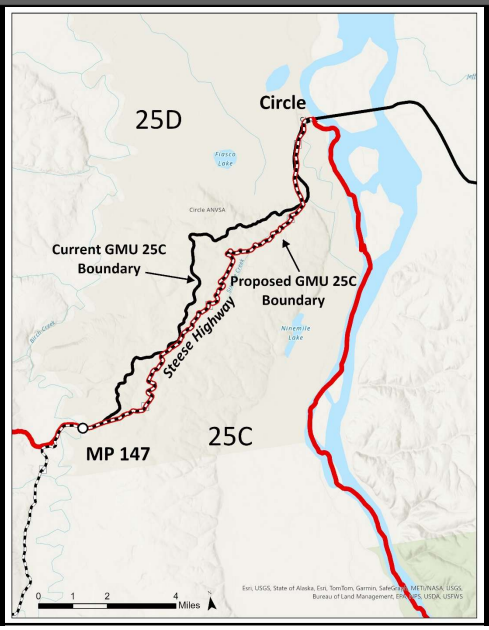
Proposal 120 Unit 25C/25D boundary

Proponent concerns

- Hunters driving the road have a difficult time knowing which GMU they are in.

Proponent solution

- Make the road the boundary. North of the road is 25D, south of road is 25C.



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Proposal 120 Unit 25C/25D boundary

Department Comments

- Brown bear, moose, caribou, ptarmigan, and wolverine have season length and bag limit differences
- However, they are biologically meaningless given the change is only 5 mi^2
- No biological concerns associated with proposed change
- Could result in less hunter confusion.
- Rare to use roads as boundaries because they can change over time. More common to use drainages.
- Department is Neutral.

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Proposal 120 — Unit 25C/25D boundary

Change the boundary between Units 25C and 25D

Proposed by: Public

Department Recommendation: Neutral

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Proposal 121

Proposal 121

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal :

Divide Game Management Subunit 15C into two Subunits

Recommendation :

Neutral

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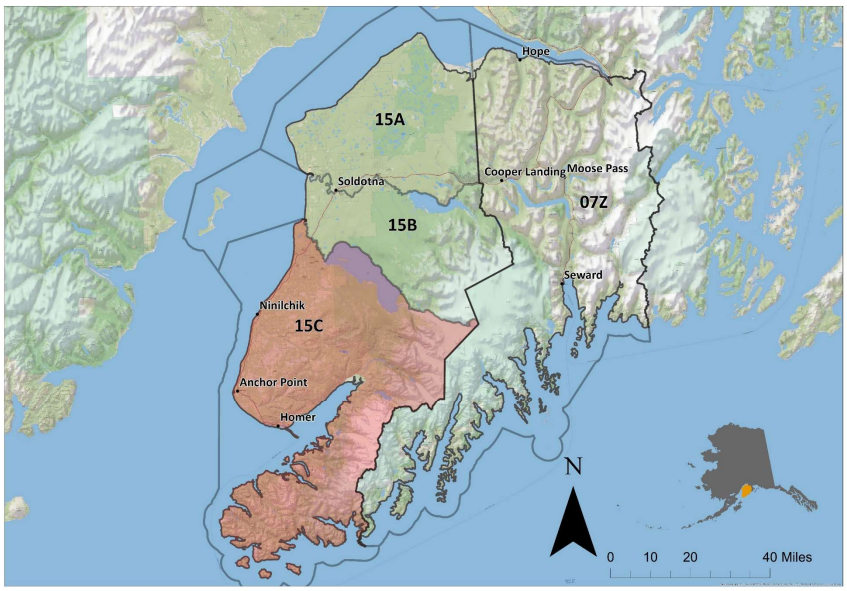
Proposal 121



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Proposal 121

Background

- The proposal does not describe changes to hunting, trapping, or waterfowl regulation
- Current land area of 15C = 2,554 mi^2
- Resultant land area of 15C = 1,557 mi^2
  - ~ 39% reduction in land area
- Land area of proposed 15D = 997 mi^2
  - 3rd smallest Unit or Subunit in Alaska

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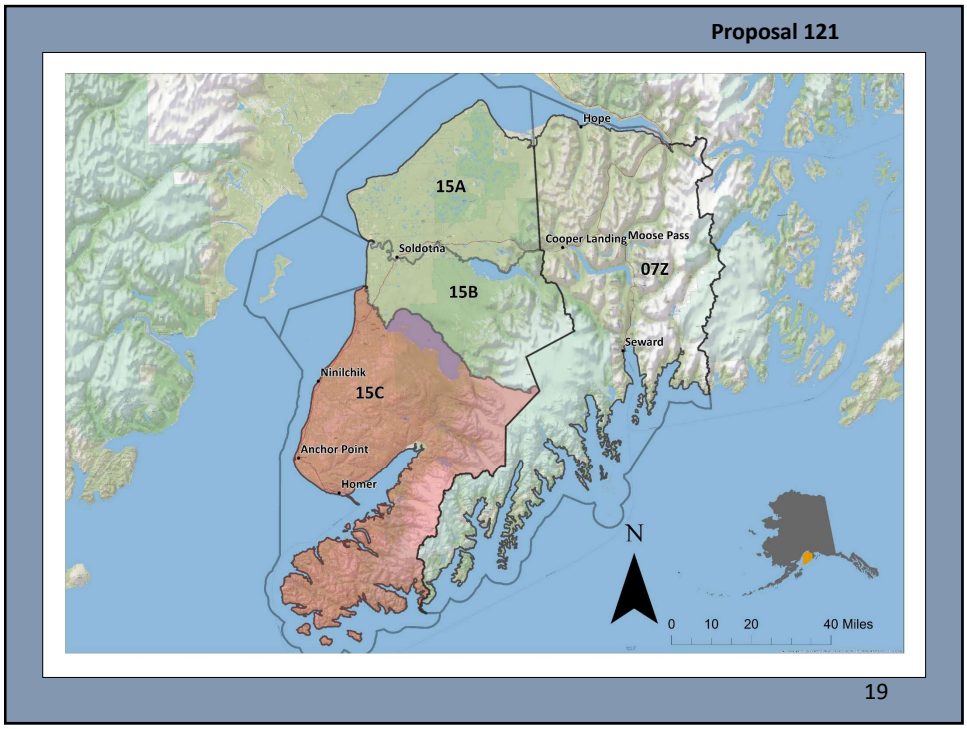
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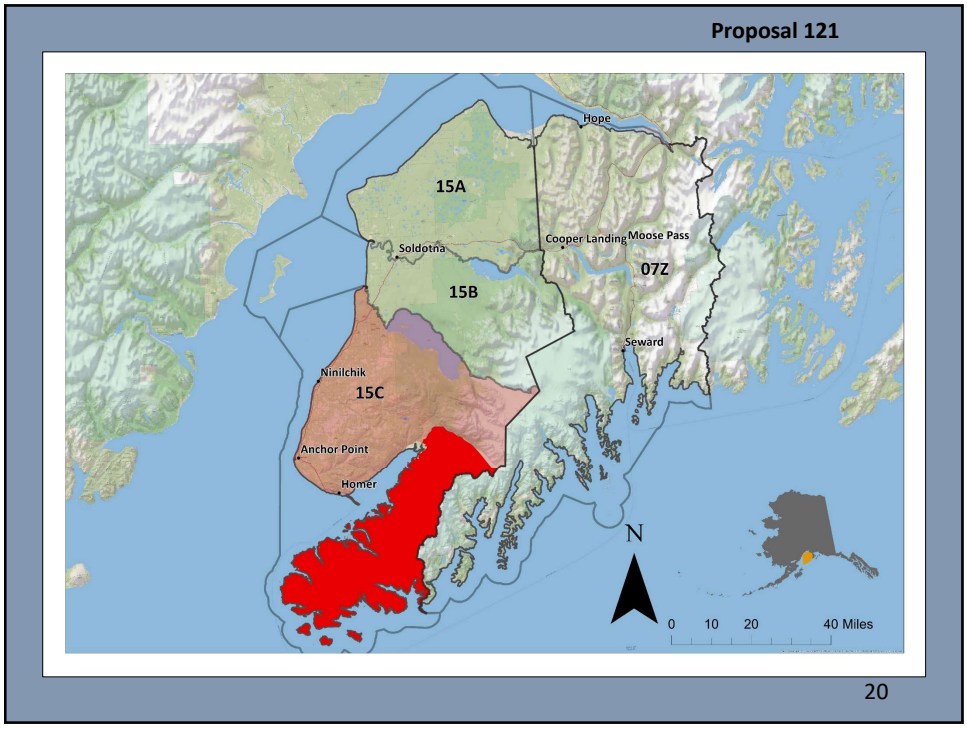
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Proposal 121

Background

- Subunit 15C moose are identified as an Intensive Management population
  - Population objective 2,500–3,500
  - Harvest objective 200–350
- Outside of the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area in Subunit 15C
  - Black bear ANS 20–60
  - Moose ANS 5–6
  - Furbearer ANS 90% of harvestable surplus

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Proposal 121

Background

- Regulatory language exists presently which delineates lands and subsequent regulations south of Kachemak Bay in Subunit 15C for some species
  - e.g., 5 AAC 99.015
  - Alters non-resident black bear bag limits from 3 to 1, south of Bradley River, Bradley Lake, and Kachemak Creek in Subunit 15C

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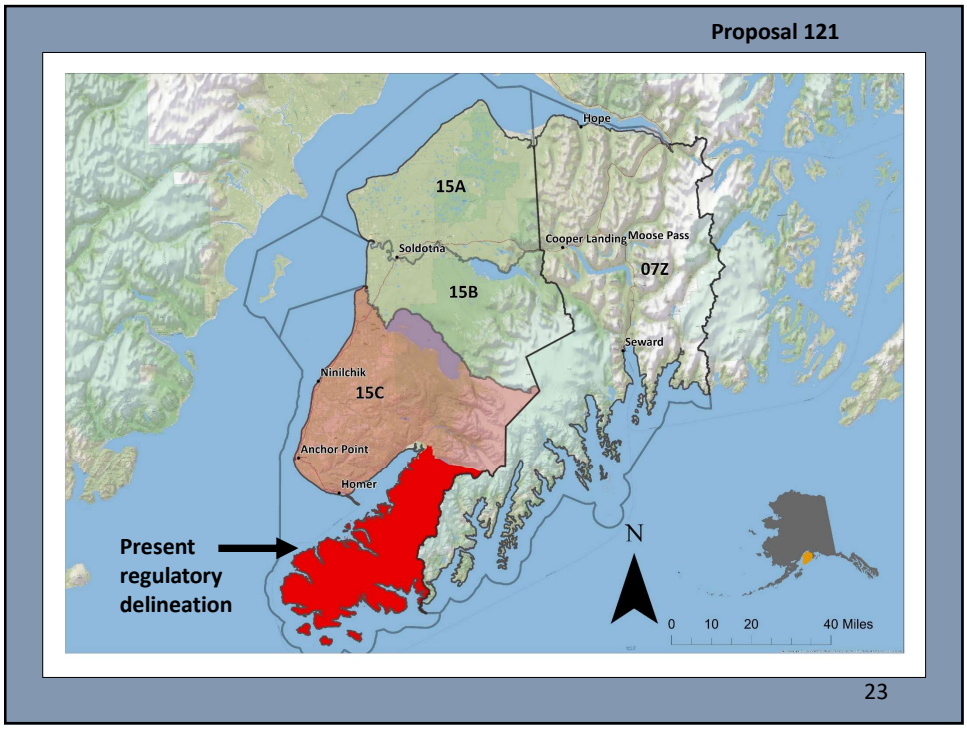
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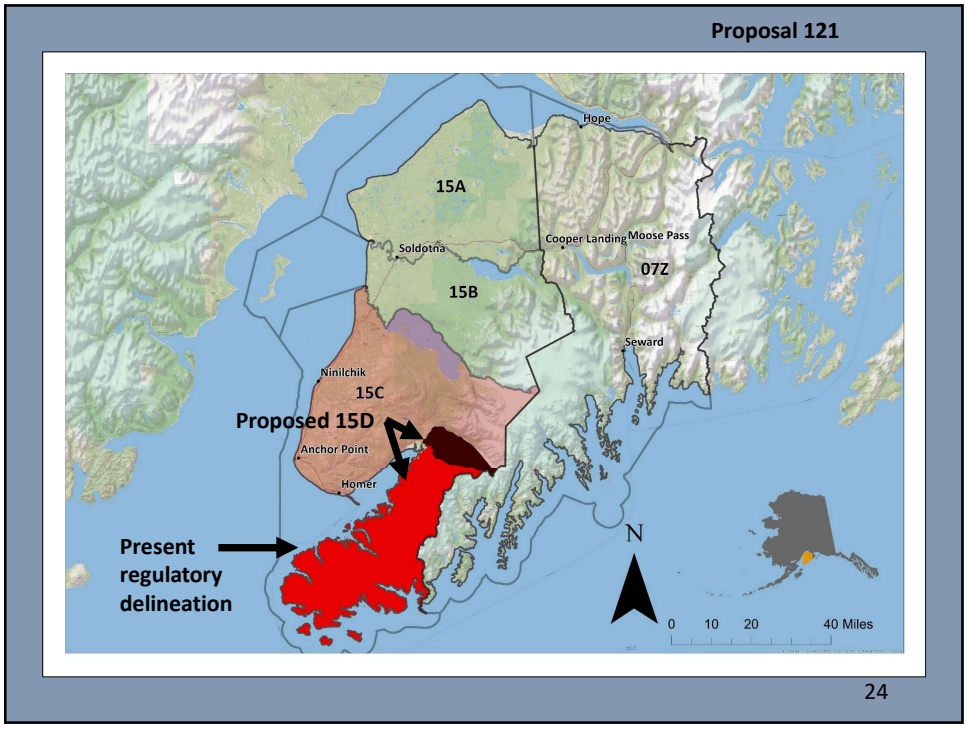
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Proposal 121

Background

- Regulatory language exists presently which delineates lands and subsequent regulations south of Kachemak Bay in Subunit 15C for some species
  - e.g., 5 AAC 99.015
  - Boundary is roughly consistent with the proximal Uniform Coding Unit which ADF&G uses to identity geographic areas of harvest for some species

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Proposal 121

Background

- Discretionary authority to administer hunts and delineate individual hunt boundaries within present Units and Subunits

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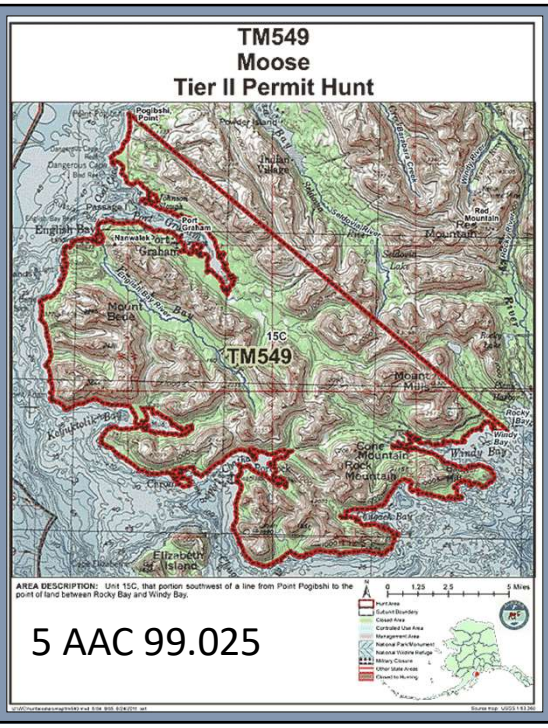

Proposal 121

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Proposal 121

Background

- The proposal does not describe changes to hunting, trapping, or waterfowl regulation
- If adopted the board may consider mechanisms to establish Subunit 15D regulations
  - Trapping and waterfowl regulations do not presently delineate among Subunits within Unit 15
  - Potential re-evaluation of Intensive Management objectives for moose in Subunit 15C

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Proposal 121

Public proposal

Effect of Proposal :

Divide Game Management Subunit 15C into two Subunits

Recommendation :

Neutral

Proposal 191 – Define the beginning and terminus of the Nine Mile Trail in the Ladue River Controlled Use Area

Submitted by: The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT)

Effect of Proposal: Define in regulation the beginning and terminus coordinates and scope of the Nine Mile trail

ADF&G Recommendation: Support

AC Recommendation: Upper Tanana Fortymile: Support

Proposal 191 – Nine Mile Trail

- **Current regulations:**
  - **5 AAC 92.540(3)(I)(ii)**
  - **The Ladue Controlled Use Area is closed to the use of any motorized land vehicle for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of game, from August 24 through September 20.**
  - **Motorized land vehicle access, however, is not prohibited on certain designated trails, including the Nine Mile Trail.**

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Nine Mile Trail

- **Proposed regulation:**
  - **Would add a subsection to the existing regulation, expanding upon the motorized land vehicle restrictions**
  - **Would define the Nine Mile Trail referenced in regulation as a single primary ATV trail with beginning and end coordinates.**
  - **Would include connected trail bypasses no more than 20 feet from the primary trail.**

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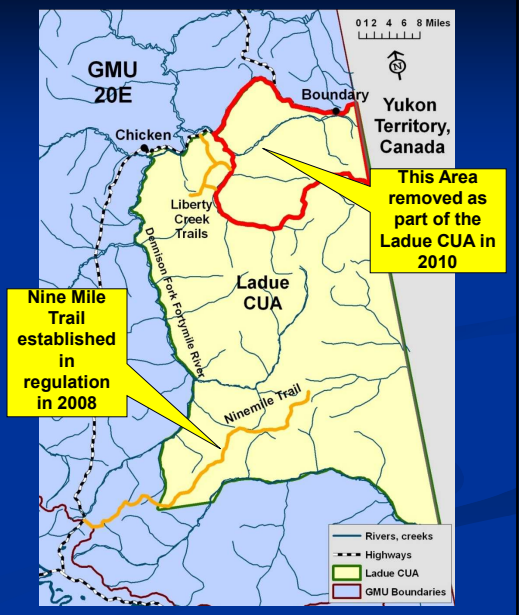
Proposal 191 Nine Mile Trail: Slide 33

Extent of the Nine Mile Trail when the Board of Game adopted motorized vehicle use in 2008

Ladue CUA changed in 2010



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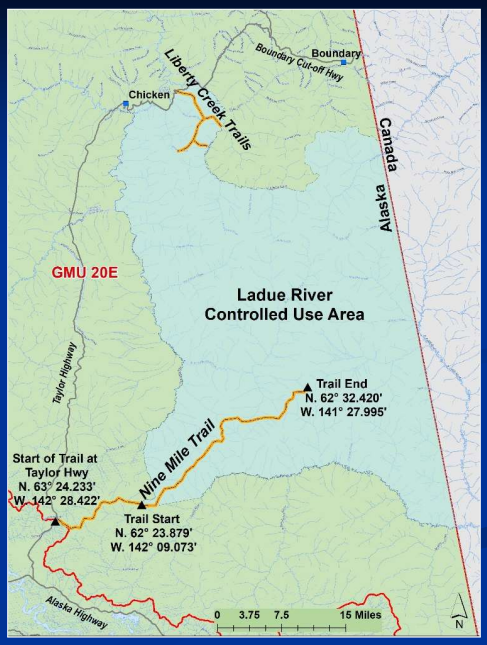
Nine Mile Trail with defined beginning and end coordinates.



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