

Reauthorize Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Residents

**Recommendation:
SUPPORT**

ADF&G Proposal

Proposal 46 Resident Br. Bear Tag Fee-Reg.3

What would the proposal do?

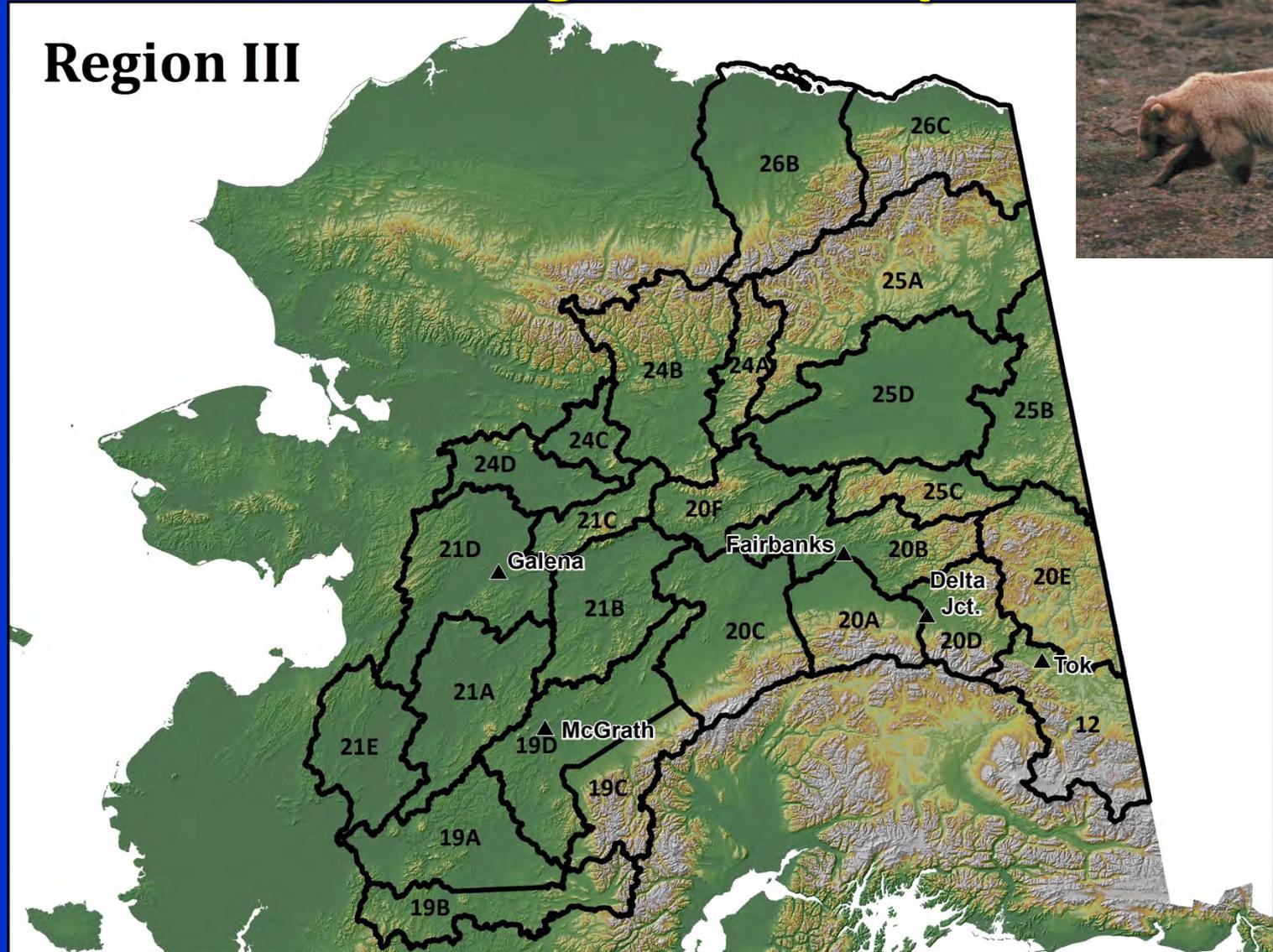
- **Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions in Region 3 (Units 12,19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, & 26C)**
- **Continue the \$25 resident tag fee exemption in Region 3**



Proposal 46

Resident Br. Bear Tag Fee-Reg.3

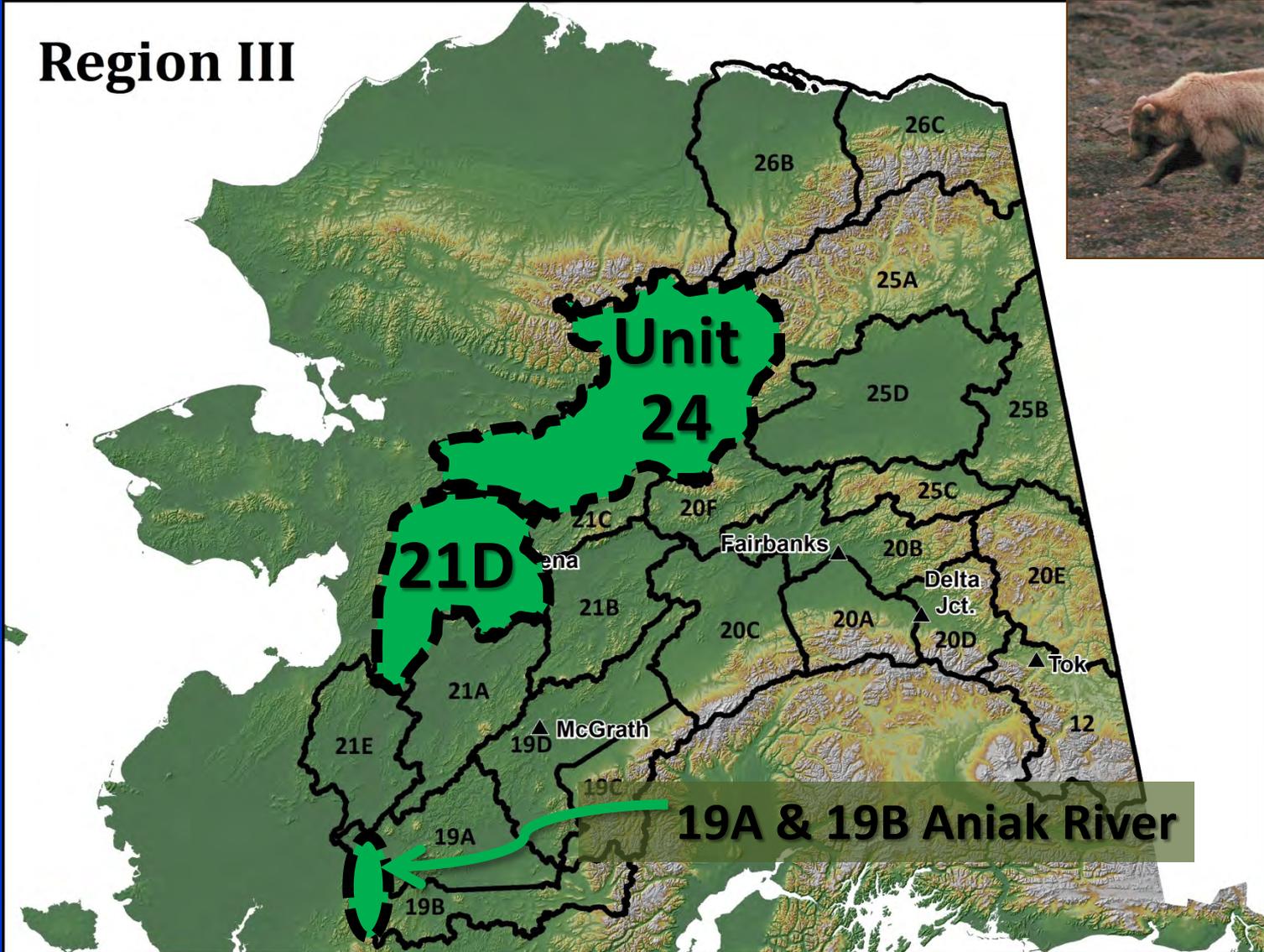
Resident Tag Fee Exemptions



Proposal 46

Resident Br. Bear Tag Fee-Reg.3

Subsistence Tag Fee Exemptions



Proposal 46

Resident Br. Bear Tag Fee-Reg.3

- **Simplifies resident regulations**
- **Maximize sustainable opportunity**
- **Seasons & bag limits regulate harvest**
- **Easier for hunters in rural areas**
- **Incidental grizzly harvest**
- **Subsistence Registration hunt**



Reauthorize Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions for Residents

**Recommendation:
SUPPORT**

ADF&G Proposal

Proposal 47 Edible Meat - Game Birds / Reg.3

Modify the definition of edible meat for game birds in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 26B&C

**Recommendation:
NEUTRAL**

**Central Kuskokwim AC
Proposal**



Proposal 47

Game Birds / Reg.3

What the would proposal do?

➤ **Current:**

- **Cranes, Geese, Swans – breast, legs, & thighs**
- **Small game birds – breast**

➤ **Proposed:**

- **All game birds – breast, back, thighs, & legs**



Proposal 47

Game Birds / Reg.3

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for game birds in Units 12, 19, 20, 21,
24, 25, and 26B&C**

**Recommendation:
NEUTRAL**

**Central Kuskokwim AC
Proposal**



**Allow crossbows in
weapons-restricted hunts**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Photo Credit: Todd Bromley

What would the proposal do?

Allow crossbows

- **in all weapons-restricted hunts**
- **Including weapon restrictions in:**
 - **Management areas**
 - **State Refuges**
 - **Specific weapons-restricted hunts**



Weapons-restricted

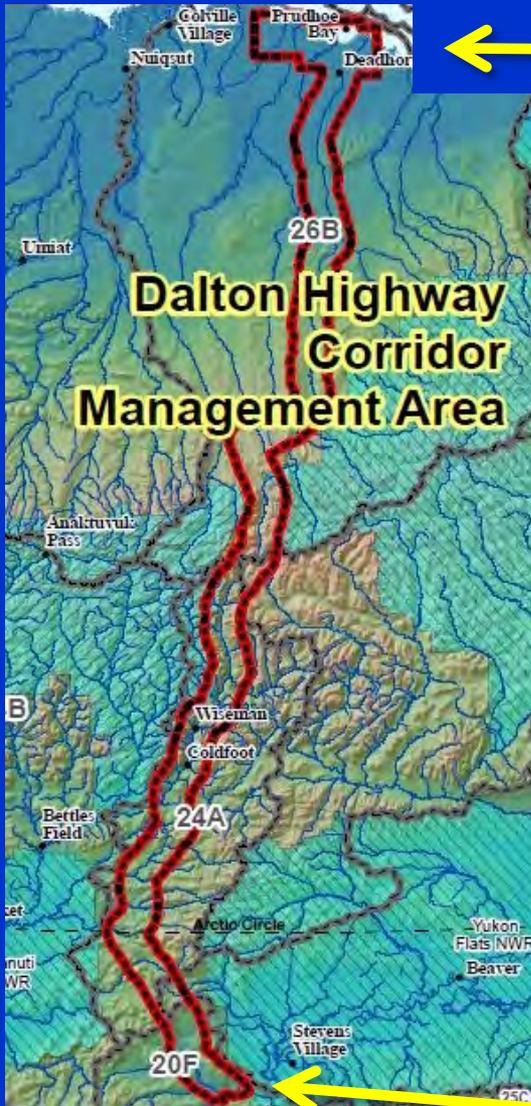
Management Areas & Refuge

- **Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA)**
- **Healy-Lignite Management Area**
- **Fairbanks Management Area (FMA)**
- **Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge**



Proposal 48

Crossbows / Reg.3



← Prudhoe Bay

Weapons-restricted Management Areas

Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA)

- Hunting by bow & arrow only; small game by falconry
- Many species & seasons

← Yukon River

Proposal 48

Crossbows / Reg.3

Weapons-restricted Management Areas

➤ Healy-Lignite Management Area

Moose

- Bow & Arrow
- Harvest Ticket
- SF/50" or 4BT
- Sept. 1-25

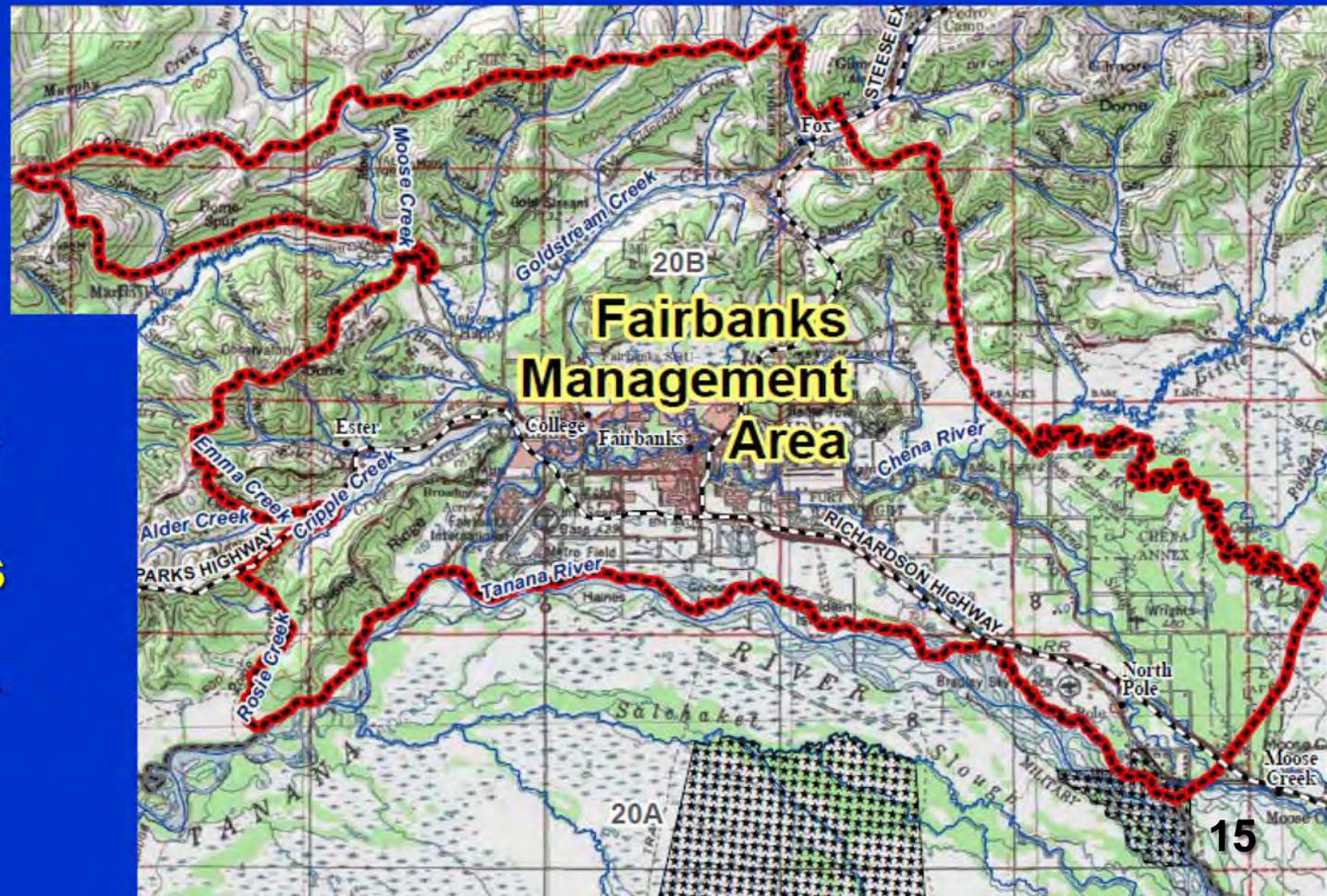


Weapons-restricted Management Areas

➤ Fairbanks Management Area (FMA)

Moose

- Bow & arrow
- Harvest ticket & draw seasons
- Sept 1 – Jan 31



Proposal 48

Crossbows / Reg.3

Weapons-restricted State Game Refuge

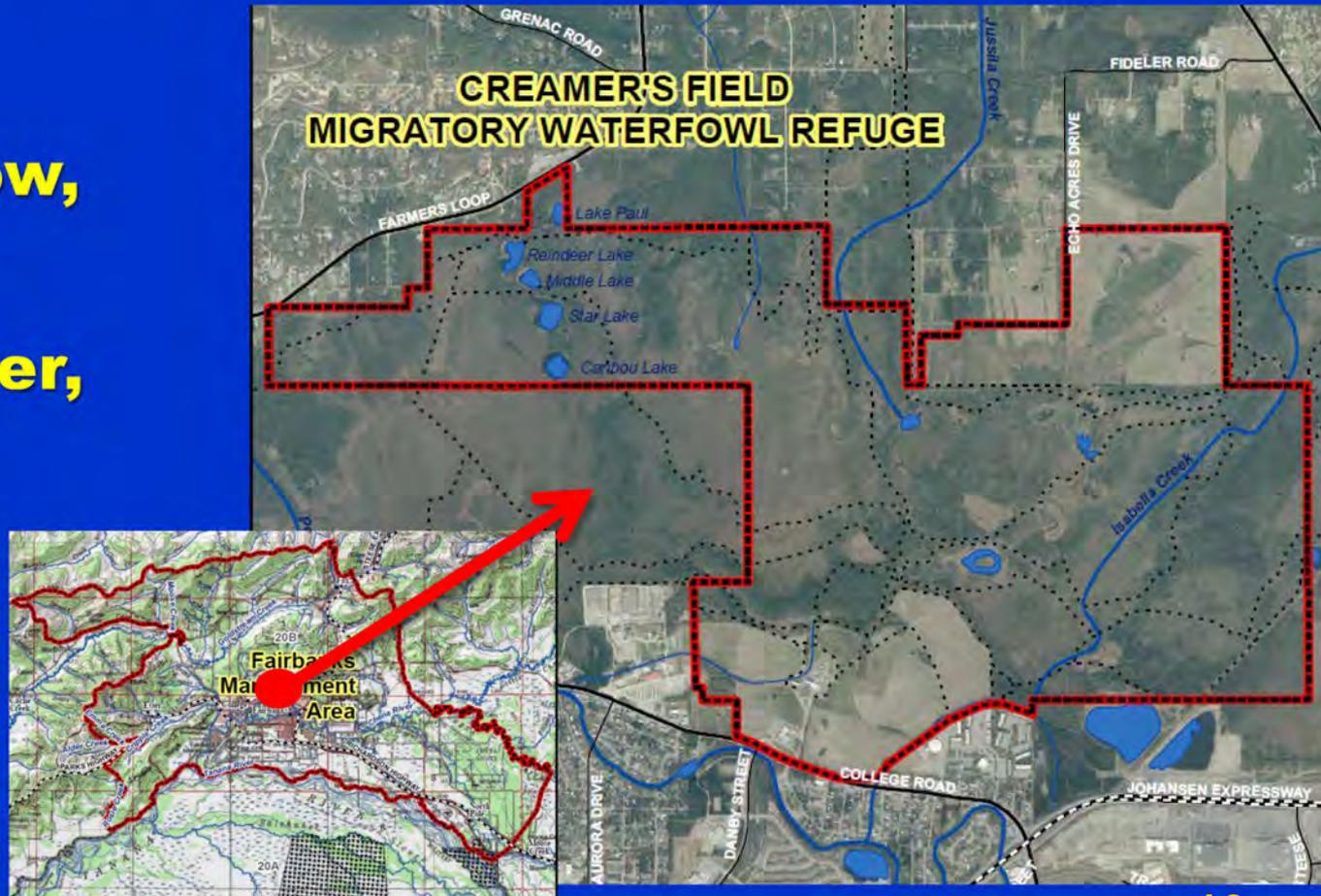
Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge

Moose

- **Bow & arrow, Sept.–Nov.**
- **Muzzleloader, Dec.–Jan.**

Small Game

- **Falconry**



Specific Weapons-Restricted Hunts

- **Specific hunts, including**
 - **Unit 20A muzzleloader moose draw (DM766)**
 - **Units 20A & 20B targeted hunts (AM751)**
 - **Unit 20B moose hunt by bow & arrow**
 - **Unit 20B Richardson Hwy moose draw (DM783)**
 - **Unit 20D Delta bison draw**

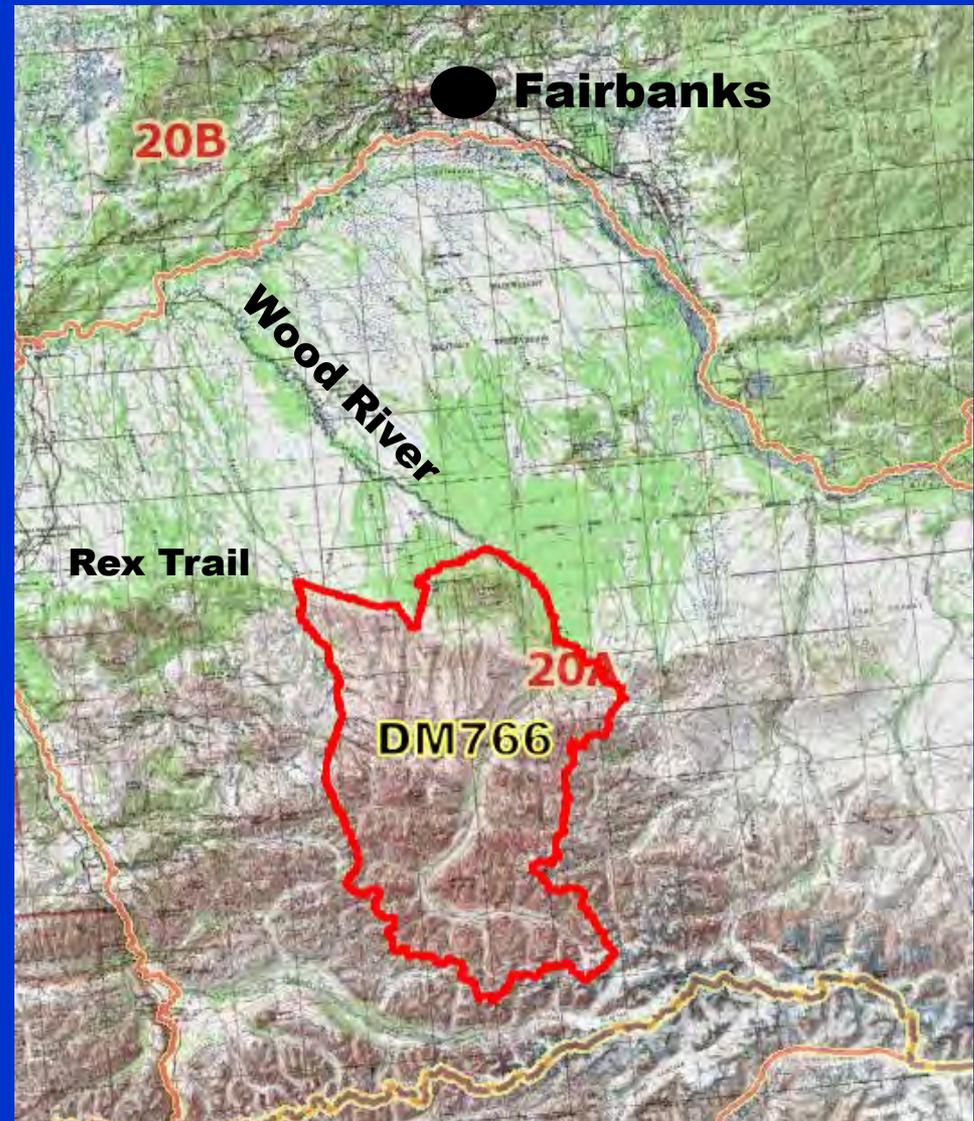
Proposal 48

Crossbows / Reg.3

Weapons- restricted Hunt

DM766 - Unit 20A Muzzleloader Hunt

- November
- Residents: bull
- Nonresidents: bull
with 50" or 4 brow
tines



Weapons-restricted Hunt

Units 20A and 20B Targeted Hunt



- Residents only
- Permits issued:

 - In populated areas
 - Target specific moose
 - Nuisance
 - Danger to public
 - Injured

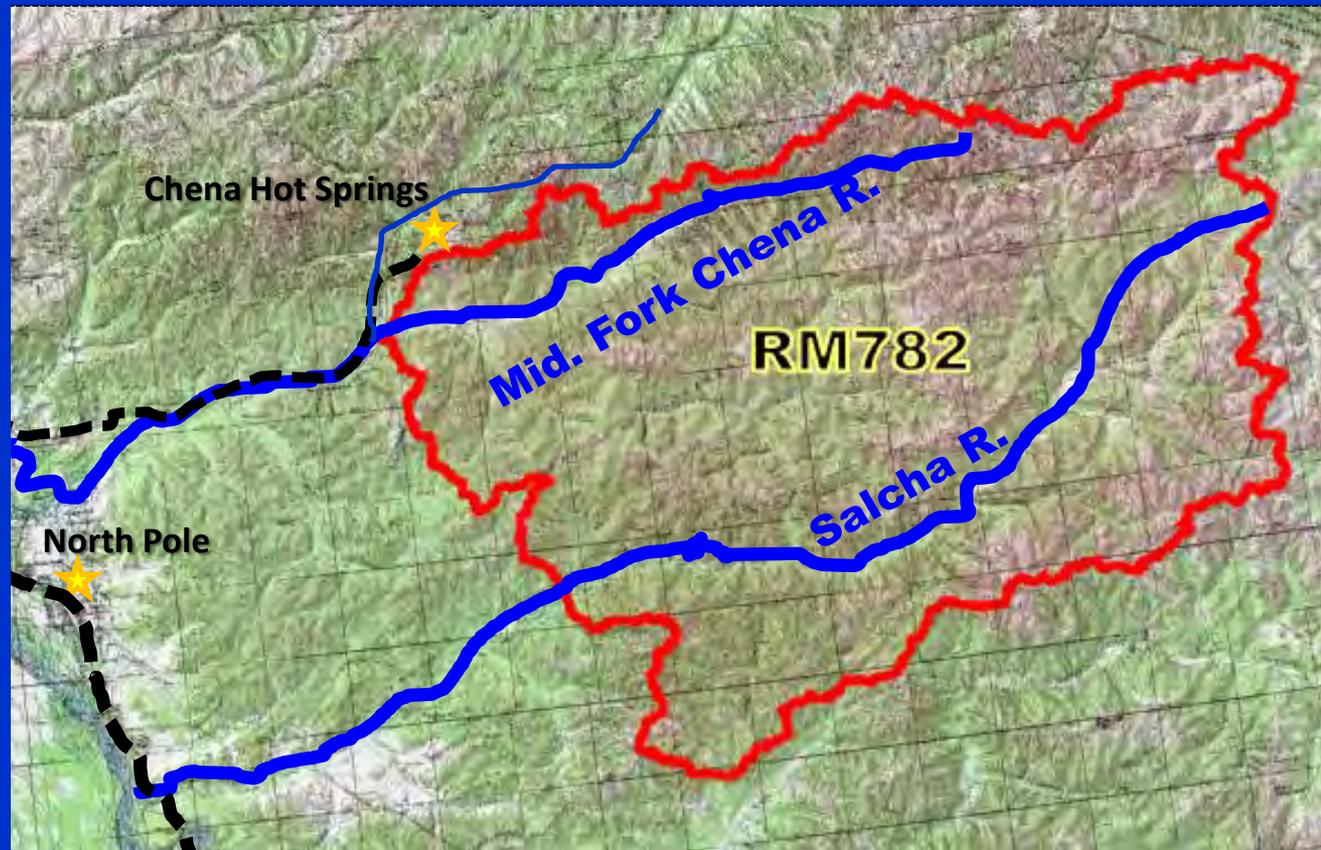
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Crossbows / Reg.3

Weapons-restricted Hunt

RM782 — Middle Fork Chena & upper Salcha

- **Residents only**
- **Registration**
- **One bull**
- **Sept. 26–30**



Weapons-restricted Hunt

Richardson Highway, DM783

- Resident only, draw
- Within 1/2-mile of highway
- Bow or muzzleloader
- Reduce collisions
- Any moose
- Sept. 21–Feb. 28



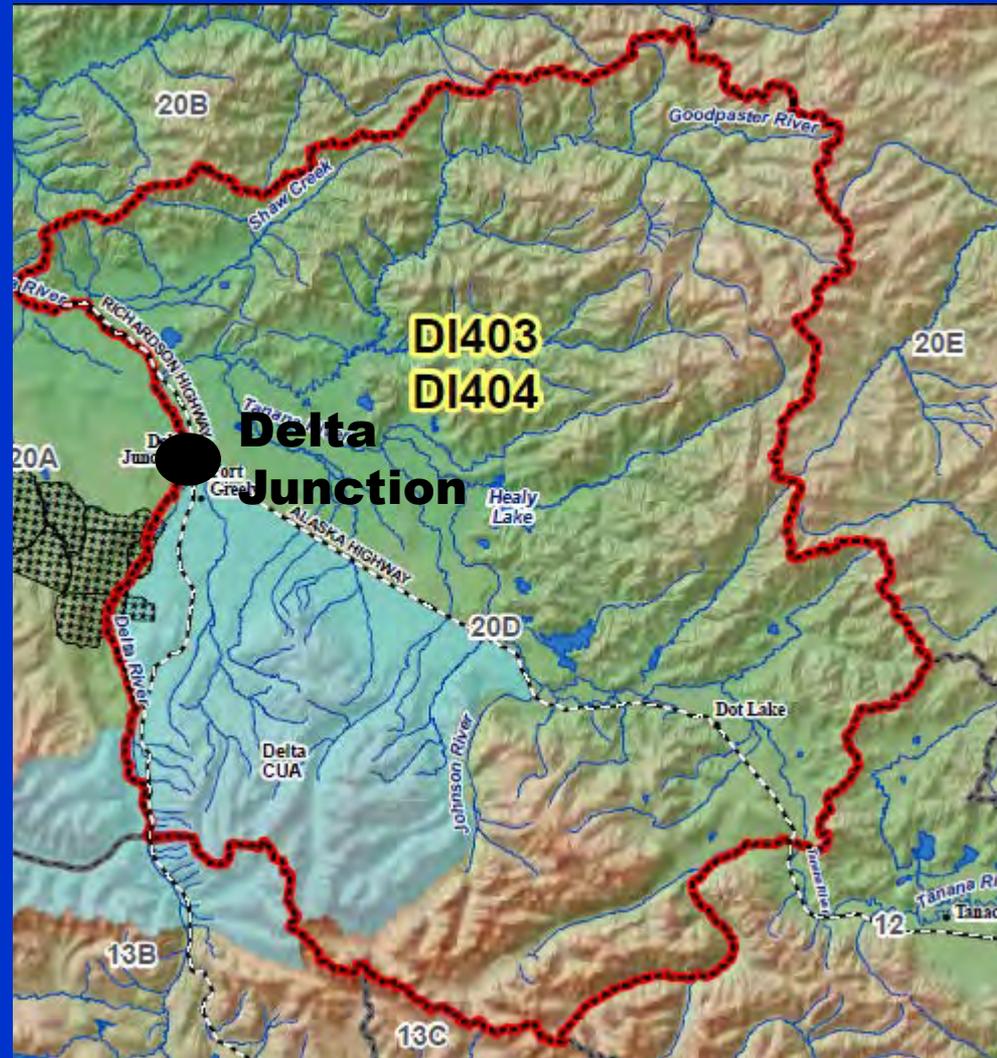
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Crossbows / Reg.3

Weapons-restricted Hunt

Delta bison draw

- **Oct. 1–Mar 31**
- **Ensure adequate firearms**
 - **Reduce wounding**
- **Crossbows legal**



**Allow crossbows in
weapons-restricted hunts**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Photo Credit: Todd Bromley

**Allow residents over age 60
to use crossbows in archery hunts in
Unit 20**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



What would the proposal do?

Residents 60 years or older with a permanent hunt-fish-trap Identification Card (PID)

- **Use crossbows in archery-only hunts in Unit 20**
- **No need for methods & means exemption**
- **Certification continue to be required in weapons-restricted hunt.**

**Allow residents over age 60
to use crossbows in archery hunts**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Proposal 49

Bag Limit Restrictions / Reg.3

Allow resident hunters to hunt with nonresident relatives without having nonresident harvest count towards the resident bag limit



Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Allow resident hunters to hunt with nonresident relatives without having nonresident harvest count towards the resident bag limit



Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Prohibit nonresident hunting for prey animals in Intensive Management units until IM objectives are reached

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Resident Hunters of Alaska



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

What would the proposal do?

“Nonresident hunting shall not be allowed for any prey species in the Interior–Northeast Arctic Region under an intensive management (IM) predation control plan until the minimum IM population and harvest objectives for that prey species has been reached.”



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Effect:

- **Base nonresident seasons only on IM population and harvest objectives in 92.108**
- **Eliminate nonresidents regardless of:**
 - **Harvestable surplus**
 - **Customary & Traditional use findings (C&T)**
 - **Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS)**
 - **Impact of nonresident seasons**



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Effect:

- **Eliminate nonresident moose hunts:**
 - **Unit 19A (no nonresident season)**
 - **Unit 19D East (no nonresident season)**
 - **Unit 21E if prop. 75 passes (nonresident draw)**

- **Potentially eliminate nonresident caribou hunt:**
 - **Fortymile caribou**
 - **meeting IM objectives**



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Unit 19A Moose:

- **Active predation control plan
5AAC 92.123(b)**
- **Positive IM finding**
 - **Population obj. 13,500–16,500 (19A & 19B)**
 - **Harvest objective 750–950**
- **Positive C&T**
- **ANS 176–225 outside LVMA & 30–40 in LVMA**
- **Resident preference**
 - **No nonresident moose season**



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Unit 19D East Moose:

- **Active predation control plan
5AAC 92.123(c)**
- **Positive IM finding**
 - **Population objective 6,000–8,000 (all of 19D)**
 - **Harvest objective 400–600**
- **Positive C&T**
- **ANS 400–700 moose (all of Unit 19)**
- **Resident preference**
 - **No nonresident moose season**



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Unit 21E East Moose:

- **Inactive predation control plan
5AAC 92.124(b)**
- **Positive IM finding**
 - **Population objective 9,000–11,000**
 - **Harvest objective 550–1,100**
- **Positive C&T**
- **ANS 600–800 moose (all of Unit 21)**
- **Resident preference**
 - **Nonresident draw – harvest 15 bulls/year**



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Fortymile Caribou herd

(Unit 20E, parts of Units 12, 20B, 20D, 25C):

- **Active predation control plan 5AAC 92.113)**
- **Positive IM finding**
 - **Population objective 50,000–100,000**
 - **Harvest objective 1,000–15,000**
- **Positive C&T**
- **ANS 350–400**
- **Resident preference**
 - **Nonresident fall registration hunt**



Proposal 51

Seasons & Bag limit / Reg.3

Prohibit nonresident hunting for prey animals in Intensive Management units until IM objectives are reached

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Resident Hunters of Alaska



Proposal 52

Drawing Permit / Reg.3

**Limit nonresidents to 10% of drawing permits for brown bear, caribou, Dall sheep & moose in Region 3
(Units 12, 19, 20, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B & 26C)**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Proposal by Resident hunters of Alaska



What would the proposal do?

- **Allocate no more than 10% of draw permits to nonresidents**
- **Brown bear, caribou, Dall sheep, moose**
- **Board policy (2007-173-BOG)**
 - **Hunts decided individually**
 - **historic patterns of nonresident and resident permit use over the past 10 years**
 - **Regulatory Year 2016 is representative**



Region III drawing hunts, RY16

- **Brown Bear — Unit 26B**
 - **4 permits**
 - **100% nonresidents only**

- **Caribou — Unit 20A Delta Herd**
 - **150 unallocated permits**
 - **9 (6%) awarded to nonresidents**



Region III drawing hunts, RY16

➤ **Moose — 2,107 permits**

- **63% exclusive to residents**
- **37% available to nonresidents**

Including

- **4% exclusive to nonresidents**
- **33% to residents or nonresidents**



Region III drawing hunts, RY16

- **Sheep — 6% (11 of 194) permits issued to nonresidents**
 - **Tok MA 10% of 60 permits awarded to nonresidents (10% allocation)**
 - **Delta CUA 4% of 130 awarded to nonresidents (up to 10% allocated to nonresidents)**
 - **Mt. Harper, no allocation, 0% issued to nonresidents**



Proposal 52

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Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Resident hunters of Alaska



Proposal 53

Hunt labels in Codified/ Reg.3

- Add new labels and classifications, change some existing labels and classifications for caribou hunts in the Interior-Northeast Arctic Region.
- Hunts open to nonresidents and hunts open to residents by drawing permit or within the FNSA would be “General season”.
- All other caribou hunts open to residents would be “Subsistence”.

**Recommendation:
TAKE NO ACTION**



Public Proposal

General Guidelines for Labeling

“General hunt only” is applied to resident hunts in areas designated as nonsubsistence areas by the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game and to hunts outside of nonsubsistence areas that have a negative customary and traditional use (C&T) finding for the game population.

“Subsistence hunt only” is applied to resident hunts if the hunt occurs outside nonsubsistence areas on a game population with a positive C&T finding and the harvestable portion of the population is not great enough to allow for nonsubsistence harvests and uses.

No label. These hunts generally include all types of resource use, subsistence and nonsubsistence, and do not differentiate between the various types of use.

Background

- ▣ Currently very few labels for any of the caribou hunts in Interior-Northeast Arctic Region, and there are no -C&T findings for caribou in the units, however there is a -C&T in the Fairbanks NSA
 - Alaska residents take caribou for a variety of uses, not all of which conform to the 8 criteria that characterize subsistence use patterns.
 - Example: use that involves considerable travel and expense is likely not consistent with Criterion 3
 - Example: harvest of game in an area with little or no use of other resources from the area may not be consistent with Criterion 8
- ▣ Current hunts allow for both subsistence and nonsubsistence uses

▣ To address the proposal as written the board would need to:

- Determine if a C&T pattern exists for each population

- If a pattern exists, an ANS will need to be set to determine the hunt type (Tier II, Tier I, Tier I+)

-The effect on hunters in the field is unknown, pending action on the above items.

▣ “Subsistence” is potentially different than “Subsistence hunt only”

- **AS 16.05.258(a) directs the board to identify populations or portions of populations that are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence**
- **Since the early 1980s the board has used joint board regulations to identify these populations**
- **Evaluation is done based on the 8 criteria in regulation**
- **When no determination has been made, the open season is for “general and subsistence hunts”**

Previous Discussions

- ▣ Discussed most recently in March 2016 at the Statewide Board of Game meeting
- ▣ Board maintained status quo, directed ADF&G to work with DOL to make appropriate updates to accurately label following the guidelines
- ▣ Labeling errors do exist, are being identified, and fixed at each regional meeting, none have been identified for caribou in this region
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**Recommendation:
TAKE NO ACTION**



Public Proposal

**Change black bear “general season”
to “subsistence” where black bears
have a positive C&T finding**

Recommendation: TAKE NO ACTION

Public Proposal



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Background

- ▣ Currently the only label for all black bear hunts is “General hunt only” which is inaccurate. There are no -C&T findings for black bear in the units (outside of the FNSA), and not all Units in the Region have a determination.
 - Alaska residents take caribou for a variety of uses, not all of which conform to the 8 criteria that characterize subsistence use patterns.
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**Change black bear “general season”
to “subsistence” where black bears
have a positive C&T finding**

Recommendation: TAKE NO ACTION

Public Proposal



Label and classify most moose hunts in Interior–Northeast Arctic as “Subsistence”, keep “Subsistence hunt only” in others, label all resident drawing hunts and all nonresident hunts as “General Season”

**Recommendation:
TAKE NO ACTION**



Public Proposal

General Guidelines for Labeling

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Background

- ▣ All moose populations in the Interior–Northeast Arctic region outside of the FNSA have a +C&T finding and an ANS, not all hunts have a label in codified.
 - Alaska residents take moose for a variety of uses, not all of which conform to the 8 criteria that characterize subsistence use patterns.
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Background, cont.

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TAKE NO ACTION**



Public Proposal

Proposal 56

Hunt labels in Codified/ Reg.3

Add labels and classifications of sheep hunts open to residents as “Subsistence”, leave some as “Subsistence hunt only”, and all sheep hunts open to nonresidents as “General Season”

**Recommendation:
TAKE NO ACTION**



Public Proposal

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Background

- ▣ Currently some labels for sheep hunts in Interior-Northeast Arctic Region, not all populations have a finding, and outside of the FNSA there are no – C&T findings for sheep in the units
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- **Since the early 1980s the board has used joint board regulations to identify these populations**
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Proposal 56

Hunt labels in Codified/ Reg.3

Add labels and classifications of sheep hunts open to residents as “Subsistence”, leave some as “Subsistence hunt only”, and all sheep hunts open to nonresidents as “General Season”

**Recommendation:
TAKE NO ACTION**



Public Proposal

Establish a 12% nonresident harvest limit for Dall sheep based on historical harvest

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



What would the proposal do?

- **Limit nonresidents regionwide to 12% of Dall sheep harvest based on the 3-year historical harvest average**



Effect:

- **Reduce nonresident opportunity**
- **Registration or draw for nonresidents**
- **Proposal might**
 - **Increase rams available to residents**
 - **Increase resident success rates**



Considerations

- **Reasonable opportunity of harvest for subsistence uses**

- **Positive C&T findings for some populations**

- **Board policy 2007-173-BOG**
 - **10-year pattern of resident & nonresident use**

 - **Hunt-by-hunt basis**



Background



- **During RY13–RY15 in Region III**
 - **26% of sheep hunters using harvest tickets were nonresidents**
 - **45% of rams harvested were taken by nonresidents**
 - **62% nonresident success**
- **To achieve 12% nonresident harvest:**
 - **Decrease nonresidents from 324 to 77 hunters**
 - **Also decrease current draw permits**

Proposals 57

Nonresident Sheep Limit / Reg.3

Proposal Number	Limit Harvest	Limit Permits	Time
57	12%	-	3 year
58	25%	-	5 year
59	-	10%	3 year
60	-	10%	3 year
61	-	10%	-
62	10%	-	3 year

Current opportunity, by harvest ticket:

- **Most sheep hunting is by harvest ticket**
- **August 10 – September 20**
 - **Nonresidents: 1 full-curl ram/4 years**
 - **Residents: 1 full-curl ram/year**
- **In RY18, bag of nonresidents will be applied to nonresident & resident relative**



Current opportunity, drawing hunts:

- **Delta CUA — 1 full-curl ram/year**
 - **Aug. 10–25 or Aug. 26–Sept. 20**
 - **Nonresidents allocated up to 10% of permits**

- **Tok MA — 1 full-curl ram every 4 years**
 - **August 10–25 or Aug. 26–Sept. 20**
 - **Nonresidents allocated 10% of permits**

- **Mount Harper — 1 full-curl ram/year**
 - **Aug. 10–Sept. 20**
 - **4 unallocated permits**
(awarded 100% to residents)



Establish a 12% nonresident harvest limit for Dall sheep based on historical harvest

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Establish a 25% nonresident harvest limit for Dall sheep based on historical harvest

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Establish a 10% nonresident permit limit for Dall sheep based on historical hunter numbers

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



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Public Proposal



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Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Resident Hunters of Alaska



Remove aircraft restriction for spotting Dall sheep

**Recommendation:
NEUTRAL**

Public Proposal



Existing regulation:

- **August 10–September 20**
- **Aircraft may not be used to locate sheep or direct hunters to sheep.**

What would the proposal do?

- **Allow aircraft to locate & evaluate sheep during hunting season**



Proposal 63

Methods & Means / Reg.3



Remove aircraft restriction for spotting Dall sheep

**Recommendation:
NEUTRAL**

Public Proposal



**Restrict sheep harvest to
1 ram every 5 years if a sub-legal ram
is harvested**



Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal

Proposal 64

What would the proposal do?

➤ **Mirror Unit 7 & 15 guidelines on goat harvest but re-word for Dall sheep in Region III**

- Goat**
- Taking of nannies with kids is prohibited
 - If a nanny is taken in Units 7 or 15, the hunter is prohibited from hunting any goats in Units 7 and 15 for 5 regulatory years.
 - Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide, see page 10

B	7	[OR]	One goat by permit	DG331- DG352	Aug 10-Oct 15
B	7		[L]	One goat by permit available online at http://hunt.alaska.gov or in person in Anchorage, Homer, Palmer, and Soldotna beginning Oct 27 (only selected areas open). Permits valid for 7 days or less.	RG331- RG352

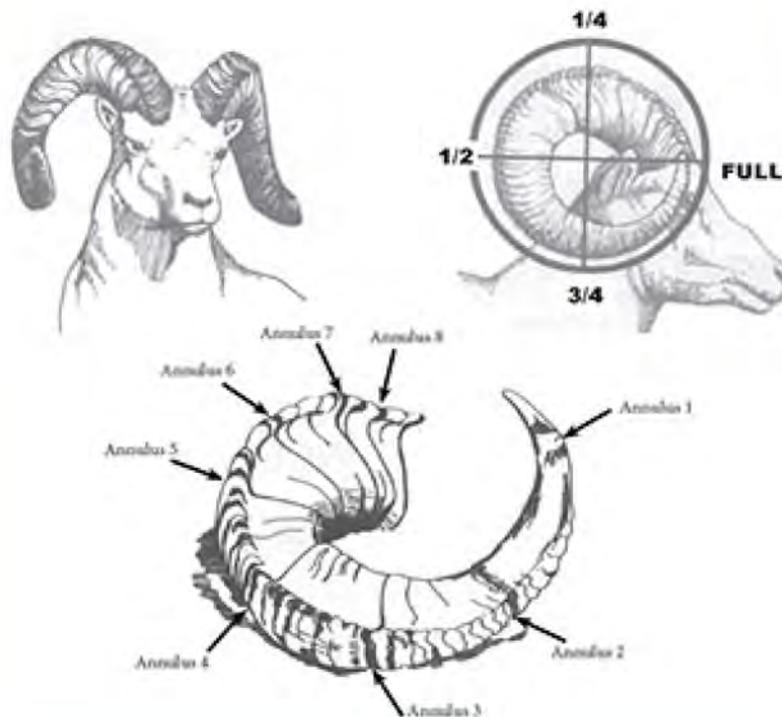
➤ **If a hunter harvests a sub-legal ram ... that hunter is prohibited from hunting Dall sheep for 5 years**

Dall Sheep

Guide to Judging Sheep Horns Under the Full-Curl Regulation

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

2016



**Restrict sheep harvest to
1 ram every 5 years if a sub-legal ram
is harvested**



Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal

Modify bag limit to 1 Dall sheep every year for nonresidents

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



What would the proposal do?

- **Allow nonresidents to harvest a ram every year**

Effect:

- **Allow successful nonresidents to hunt Dall sheep more than once every 4 years**
- **Waive right to hunt other big game**



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Proposal 65

Sheep Bag & Limits / Reg.3

Modify bag limit to 1 Dall sheep every year for nonresidents

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Create an archery-only Dall sheep hunt

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



What would the proposal do?

- **Create an archery-only sheep hunt**
- **Aug. 1–9**



Effect:

- **Spotting sheep from aircraft allowed during hunt**
- **Overlap with youth season**
 - **Aug. 1–5**
 - **Firearms allowed**

Create an archery-only Dall sheep hunt

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Allow bear bait to be placed in the field beginning April 1

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



What would the proposal do?

- **Bear bait could be placed in the field beginning April 1**

Effect:

- **Place bait April 1**
- **Hunt opening remains April 15**



Allow bear bait to be placed in the field beginning April 1

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



**Change moose hunts for “any bull” or
“one bull” to
“any antlered bull”**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Delta Advisory Committee Proposal



What would the proposal do?

- **Change the bag limit to “any antlered bull” from “any bull” or “one bull”**



Effect: In hunts restricted to bulls only

- **Male calves would be illegal in all bull hunts**
- **Bulls that have dropped antlers would be illegal in late-season hunts**

Considerations



- **Consider on hunt-by-hunt basis**
 - **72 “any” bull seasons to consider**

- **In winter hunts, adults that have cast their antlers would be illegal**
 - **12 winter hunts for “any” bull moose**

Considerations

➤ Calf harvest is low

- About 2 calves/year in “any” bull hunts
- Calf harvest in 20A & 20B antlerless hunts
 - ❑ 11% of harvest
 - ❑ Purposeful reduction of population
 - ❑ Intensive Management objectives



Considerations



- **Calf harvest more likely compensatory**
 - **Calves are more likely to die of natural causes than adults**

- **Reasonable subsistence opportunity**
 - **Positive C&T for many populations**
 - **Consider reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses.**

**Change moose hunts for “any bull” or
“one bull” to
“any antlered bull”**

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Delta Advisory Committee Proposal



Proposal 69

Archery Moose /Unit 20

**Create or extend archery-only
moose seasons in Unit 20**

Recommendations:

Allocation: NEUTRAL

Extend existing archery hunts: NEUTRAL

Create new archery hunts: OPPOSED

Public Proposal



What would the proposal do?

- **All of Unit 20 Archery-only Sept 26–Oct 5**
 - ☐ **Extend 4 archery-only hunts through Oct. 5**
 - **Small areas**
 - **5–20 additional days of hunting**
 - ☐ **Create new archery-only hunt in most of Unit 20**
 - **Sept 26–Oct 5**
 - **10 additional days**



Unit 20 Archery-only Seasons

1. Weapons restricted areas:

- **Fairbanks Management Area**
- **Unit 20F, Dalton Hwy Corridor Management Area**
- **Healy-Lignite Management Area**

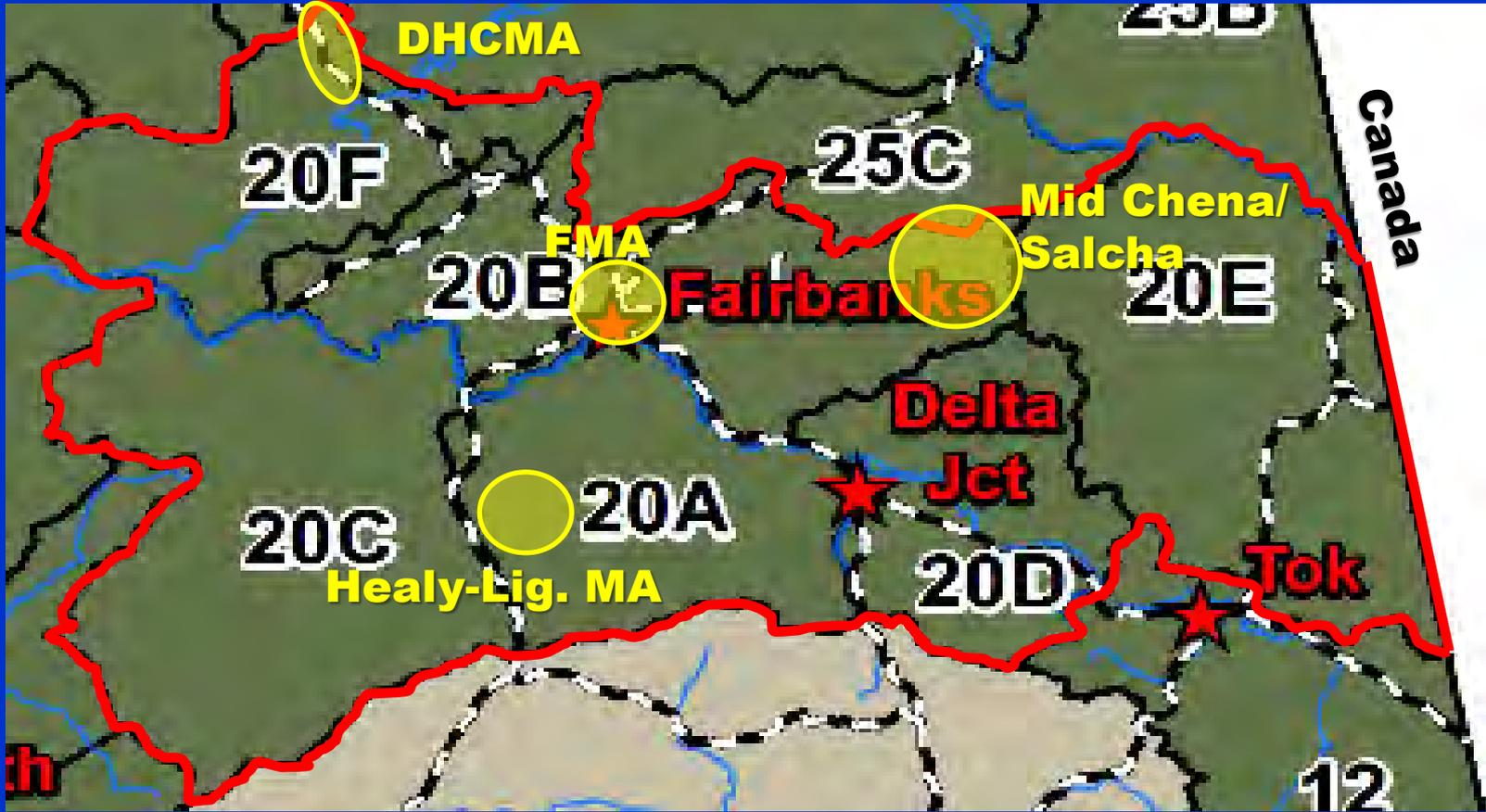
2. Additional opportunity in remote area:

- **Middle Fork Chena & upper Salcha**

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Archery Moose /Unit 20

Unit 20 Archery-only Seasons

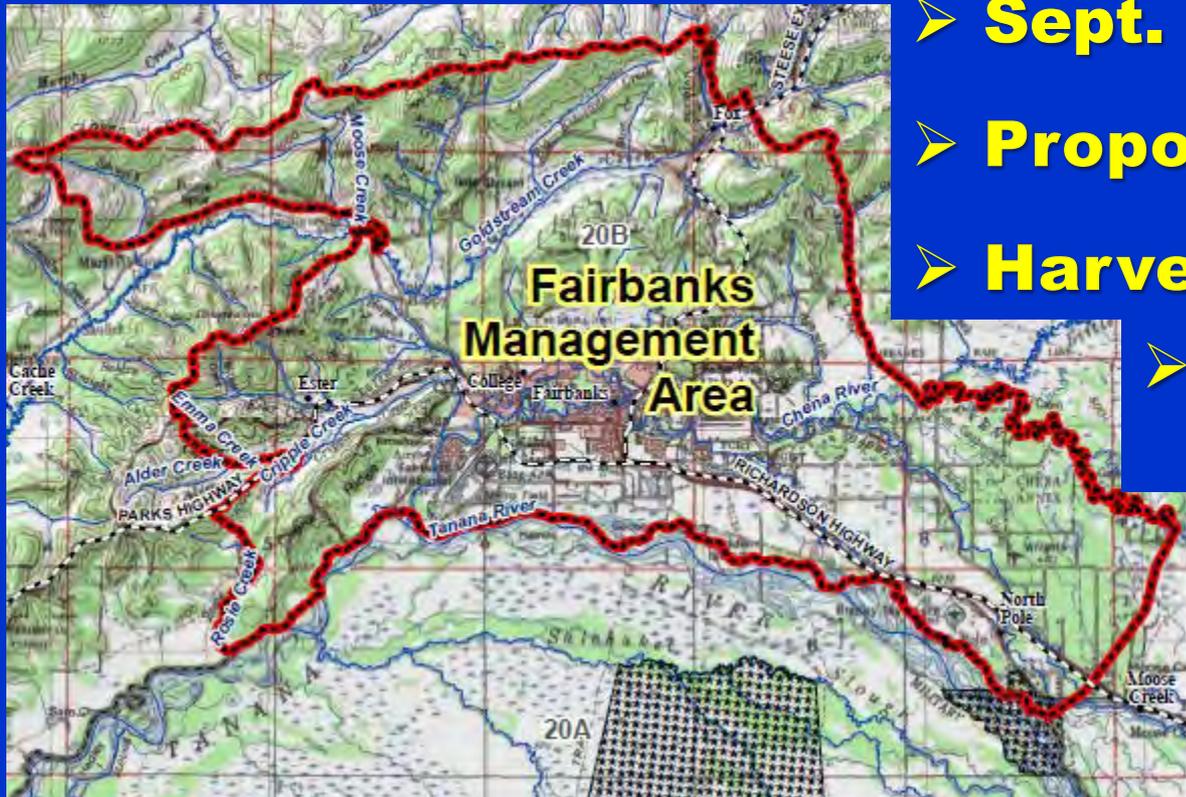


Proposal 69

Archery Moose /Unit 20

Unit 20 Archery-only Seasons

Unit 20B Fairbanks Management Area – one bull, spike–fork or greater



- **Sept. 1–30 & Nov. 21–27**
- **Proposal adds 5 days**
- **Harvest = 30 bulls/year**
- **Proposal adds 5 days**

Proposal 69

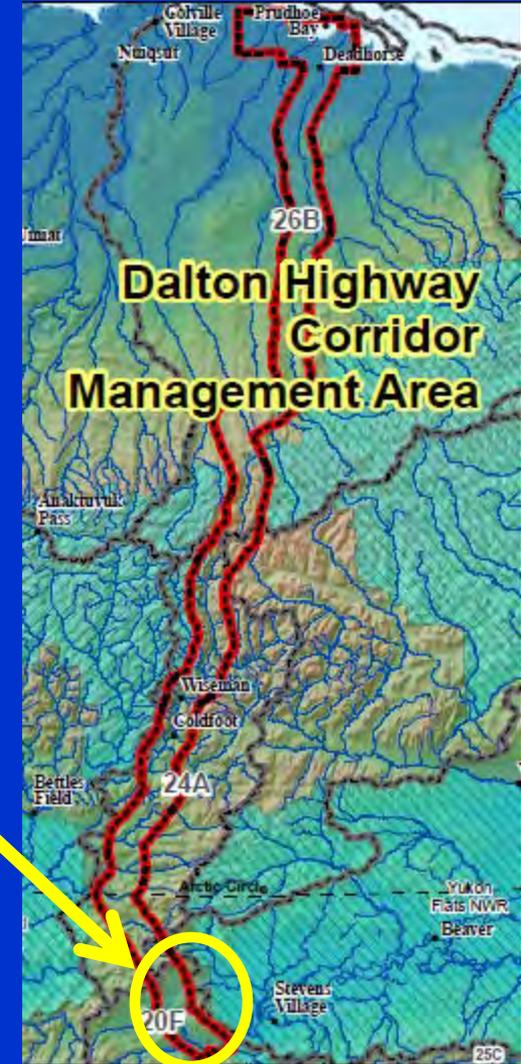
Archery Moose /Unit 20

Unit 20 Archery-only

Moose Seasons

Unit 20F, Dalton Hwy Corridor Management Area

- **One bull, Sept. 1–15**
- **Proposal adds 20 days**
- **Harvest ~ 0 bulls/year**
- **Adds 10 days**



Proposal 69

Archery Moose /Unit 20

Unit 20 Archery-only Moose Seasons

Unit 20A Healy-Lignite Management Area

- **one bull, spike-fork or 50-inch or ≥ 4 brow tines on at least 1 side**
- **Sept. 1-25**
- **Adds 10 days**
- **Harvest ~ 4 bulls**



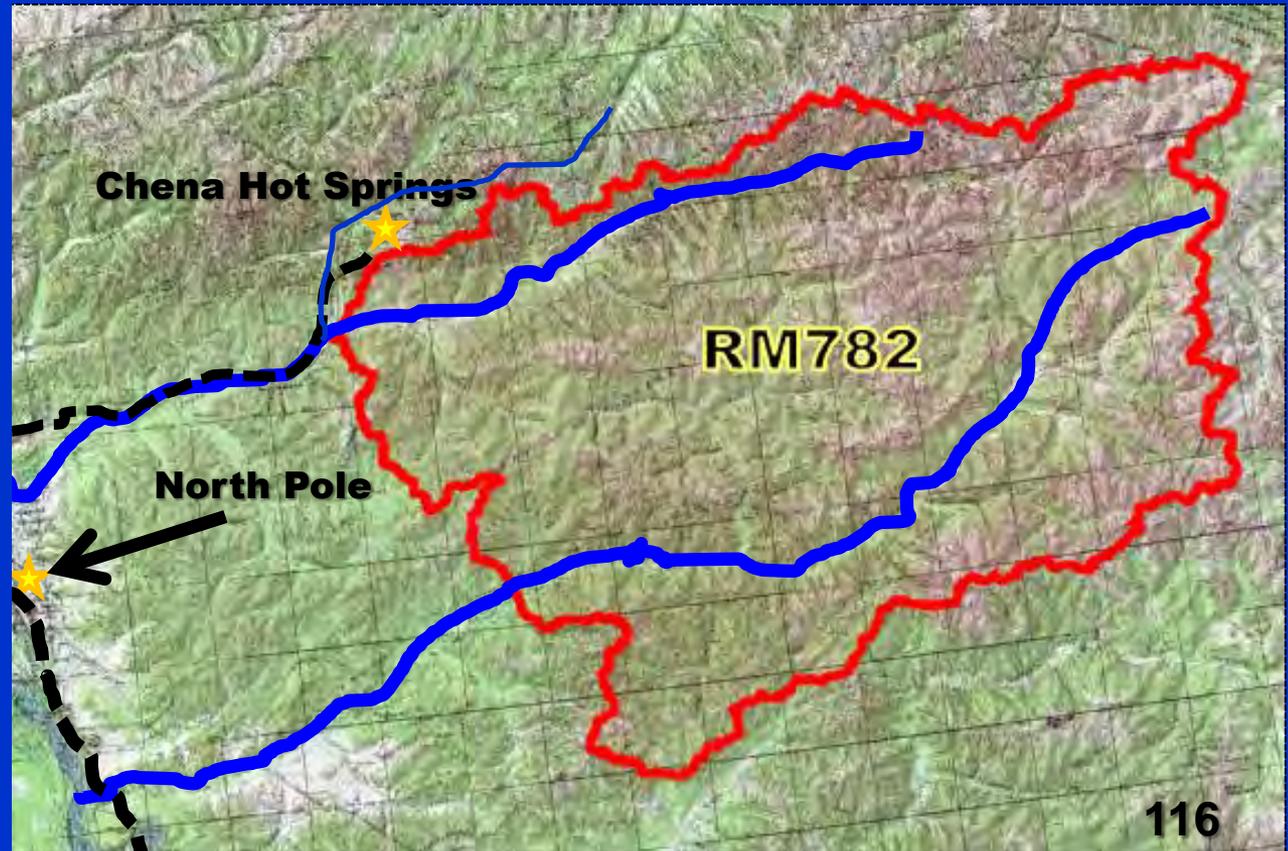
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Unit 20 Archery-only Moose Seasons

Unit 20B Middle Fork Chena & upper Salcha

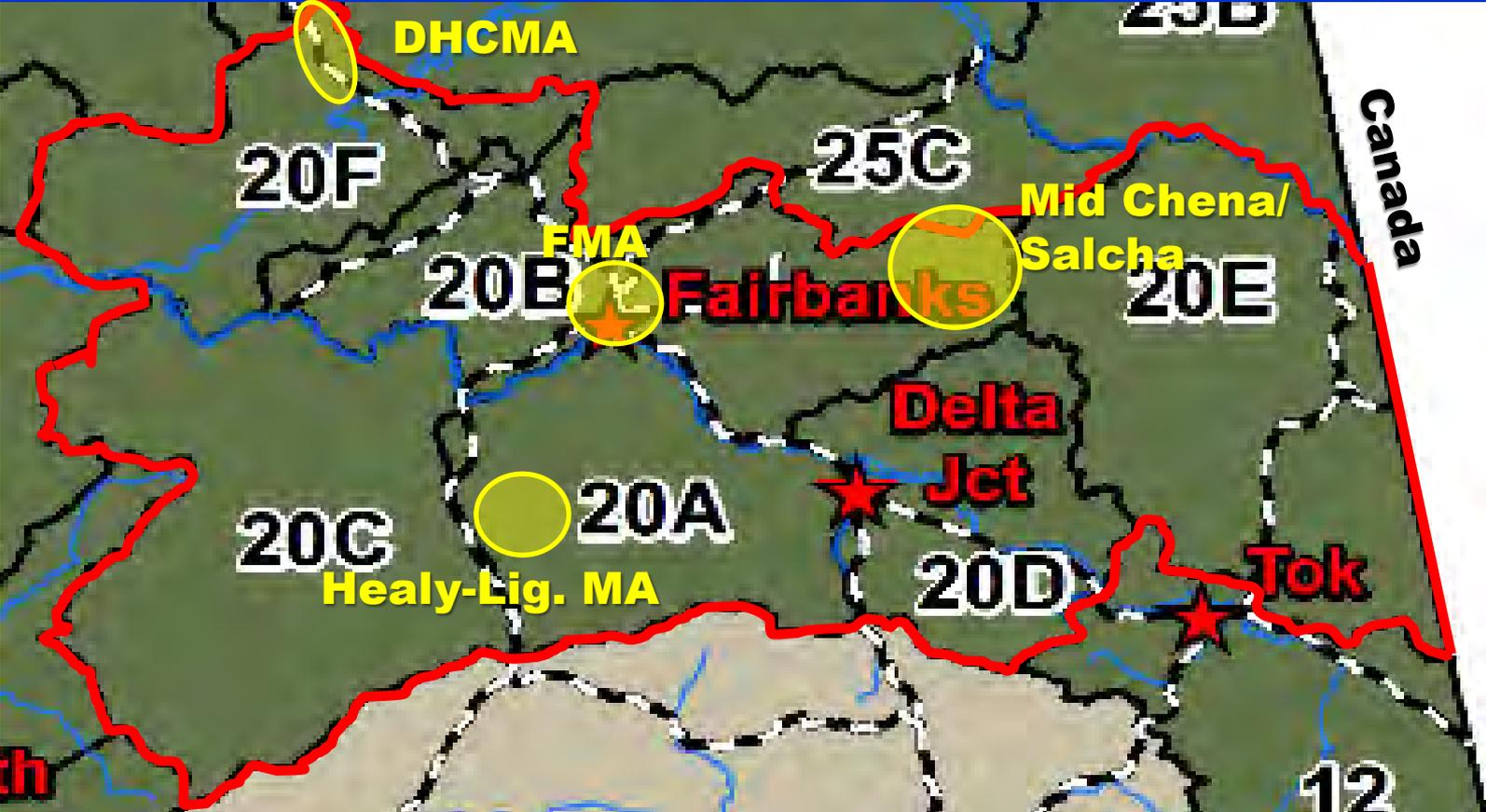
- **Registration**
- **One bull**
- **Sept. 26–30**
- **Harvest**
~ 1 bull/year



Proposal 69

Archery Moose /Unit 20

Existing Unit 20 Archery-only Moose Seasons



Proposal 69

Archery Moose /Unit 20

Proposed New Unit 20 Archery-only Moose Seasons: All of Unit 20



Proposal 69

Archery Moose /Unit 20

**Create or extend archery-only
moose seasons in Unit 20**

Recommendations:

Allocation: NEUTRAL

Extend existing archery hunts: NEUTRAL

Create new archery hunts: OPPOSED

Public Proposal



Proposal 70

Veterans' Moose Season / Reg.3

Create a disabled veteran moose season

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Proposal 70

Veterans' Moose Season / Reg.3

What would the proposal do?

- **Qualified Resident Veterans**
- **Harvest any moose**
 - **Except calves or cows with calves**
 - **Department discretion on bag limit**
 - **No antler restrictions**
 - **No proxy hunting**



Proposal 70

Veterans' Moose Season / Reg.3

What would the proposal do?

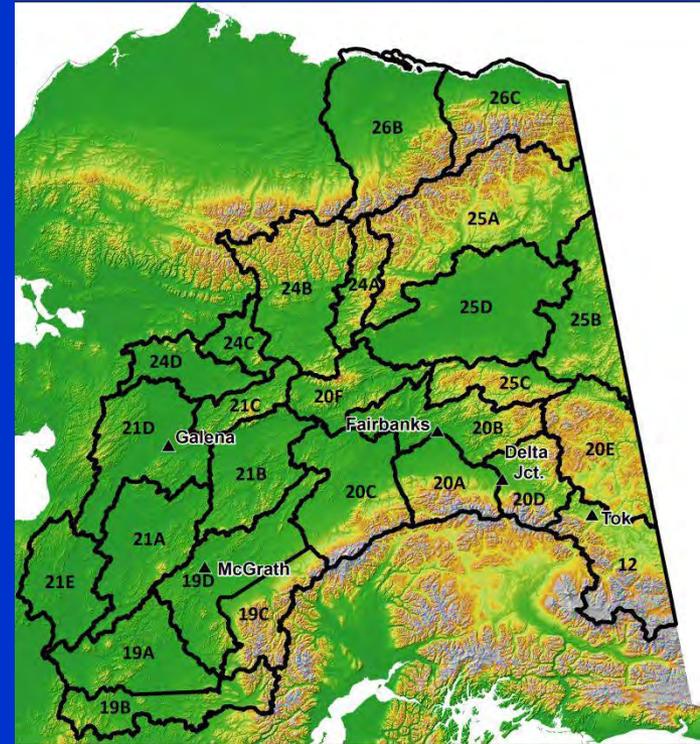
- **Veteran Qualifications:**
 - **Resident only**
 - **100% service connected disability**
 - **Purple Heart recipient**
 - **Special Veterans Affairs compensation**



Proposal 70

Veterans' Moose Season / Reg.3

- **Population parameters vary**
- **Bull to cow ratios**
- **Reauthorize antlerless hunt**
 - **Board**
 - **Local Advisory Committees**
- **Creates new antlerless hunts to reauthorize**

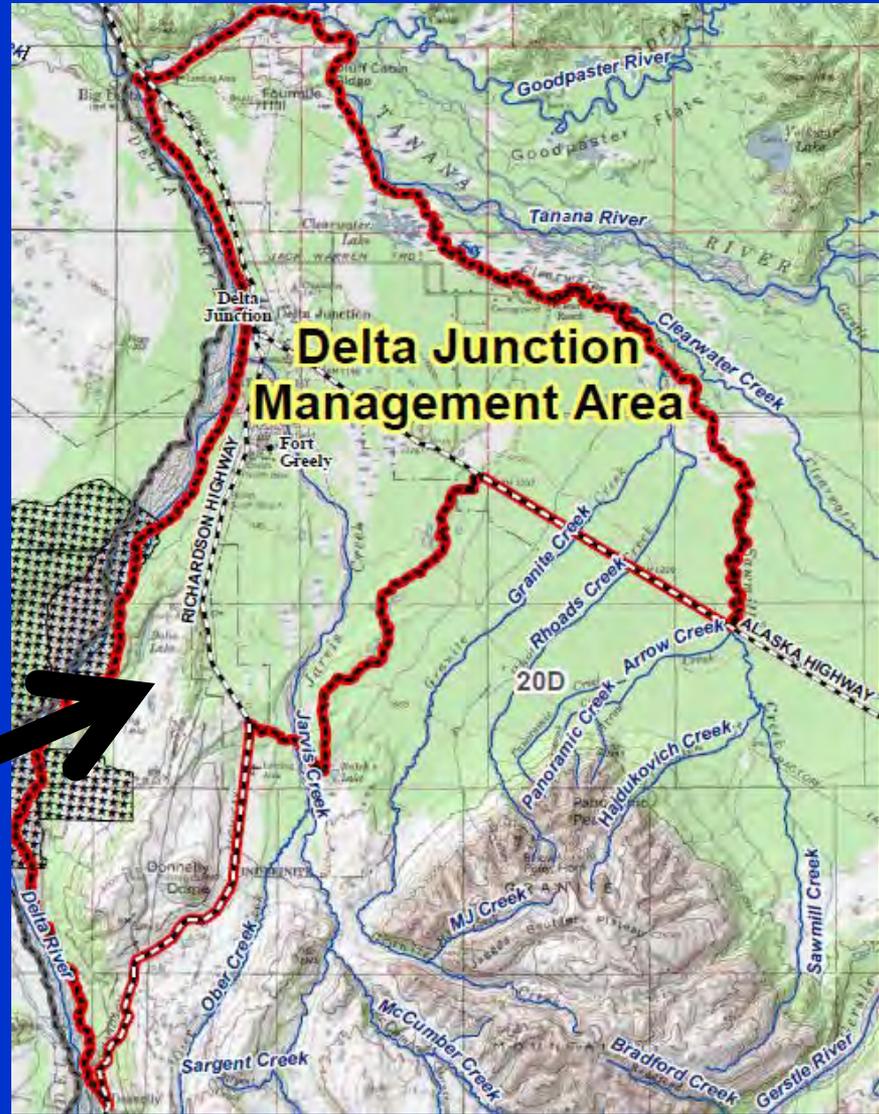
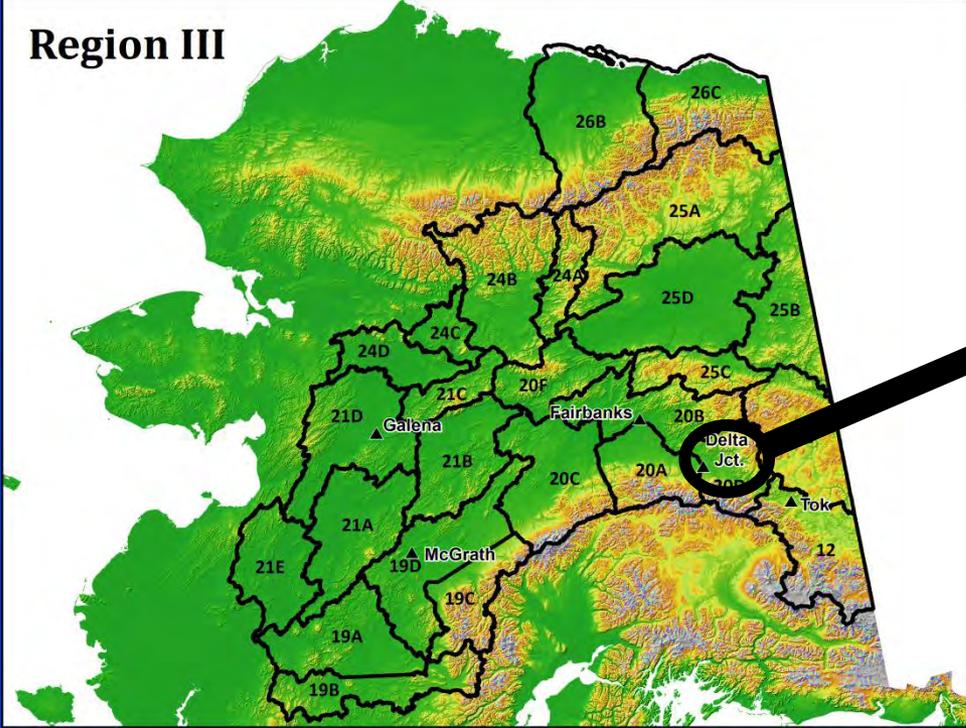


Proposal 70

Veterans' Moose Season / Reg.3

DM795 – 6 draw permits

- Disabled veterans
- Purple Heart
- 100% service-connected
- Any moose except calves & cows with calves



Proposal 70

Veterans' Moose Season / Reg.3

Create a disabled veteran moose season

Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Public Proposal



Allow harvest of wolves & coyotes same day airborne

Recommendations:

- **TAKE NO ACTION** on wolves
- **NEUTRAL** on coyotes

Public Proposal



Same-day-airborne harvest of wolves & coyotes

Current Laws

Statute (AS 16.05.783(a))
prohibits shooting free-ranging
wolves the same day airborne.

Regulations (5 AAC 92.085 &
92.095) prohibit shooting wolves
until after 3:00 a.m. the day after
flying, but do not prohibit
dispatching wolves in traps.



Same-day-airborne harvest of wolves & coyotes

What the proposal would do?

Wolves:

**Violates statute (AS 16.05.783) if
not predation control**

Coyotes:

**May violate Federal Airborne Hunting Act, if
considered harassing an animal while airborne**



Same-day-airborne harvest of wolves & coyotes

- **Wolves: same-day airborne harvest**
 - **Only legal by permit**
 - **In Predator Control programs**



Same-day-airborne harvest of wolves & coyotes

➤ Coyotes

- **Minimal harvest expected**
- **Low fur value**
- **Expensive & difficult**
- **Coyotes seldom targeted**
- **Competition with trappers using traps & snares**
- **No biological concern**



Allow harvest of wolves & coyotes same day airborne

Recommendations:

- **TAKE NO ACTION** on wolves
- **NEUTRAL** on coyotes

Public Proposal



Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyotes



Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Delta AC Proposal

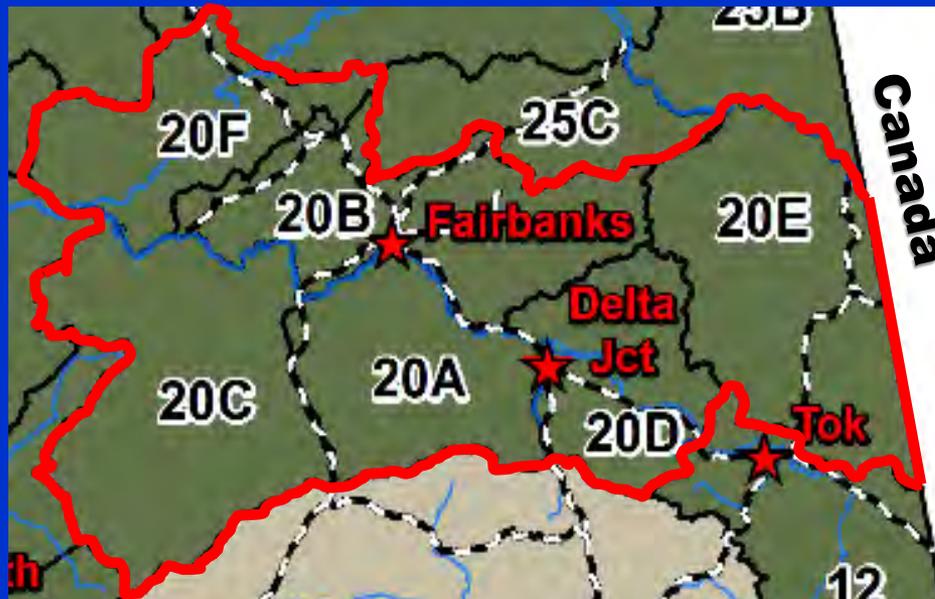
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Coyotes/ Unit 20

Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyotes

What would the proposal do?

- **Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyotes in Unit 20**



Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyotes



Recommendation: NEUTRAL

Delta AC Proposal

End of Regional Proposals

Region III

