

# Proposal 26

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## *Public Proposal*

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral



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# Background

- Positive C&T use finding in Unit 1C, ANS = 25-30 goats.
- Unit 1C regulations allow 1 goat per reg year by registration permit (except nannies with kids).
- GHU = 6 pts./100 goats counted during a survey (male=1 pt., female =2 pts.).
- Hunters must pass an online ID quiz.
- Similar proposals were adopted in GMUs 1D, 6, 7, and 15.



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# Background

- Nanny harvest impacts mountain goat populations because goats have low reproduction.
- Nanny harvest shortens hunting seasons.
- Hunters not currently required to check in goats in Unit 1C.
- Guides do not typically return to town between hunts.

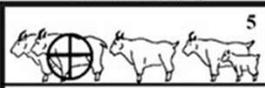
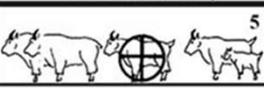
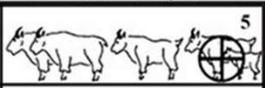
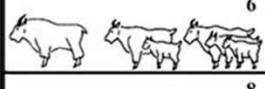
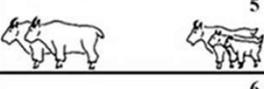
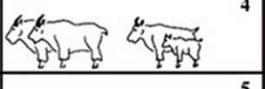
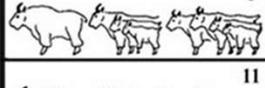
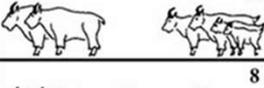
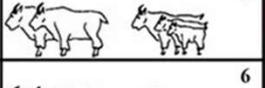
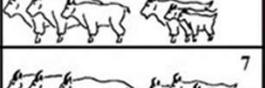


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## BENEFITS OF HUNTER SELECTION

	Hunter Selects Billy	Hunter Selects Nanny	Hunter Selects Nanny with Kid
YEAR 1	 5	 5	 5
YEAR 2	 6	 5	 4
YEAR 3	 8	 6	 5
YEAR 4	 11	 8	 6
YEAR 5	 14	 10	 7



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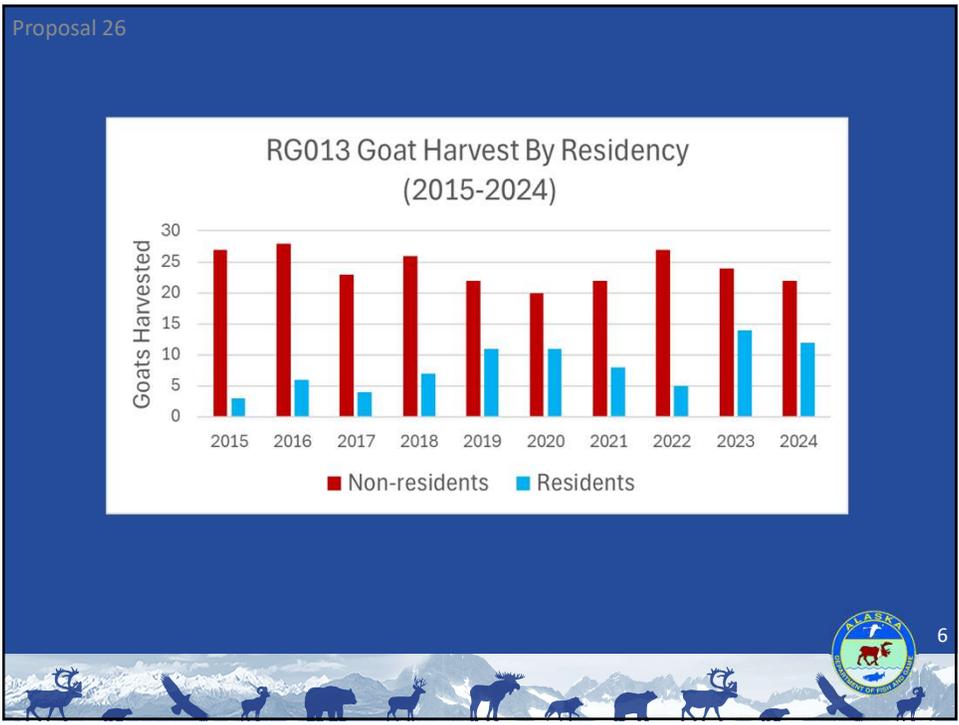
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### Tracy/Endicott Area

- Popular guiding area
- Increased interest from resident hunters
- Hunting access is limited
- Harvest can exceed GHL
- Concern about early season closures

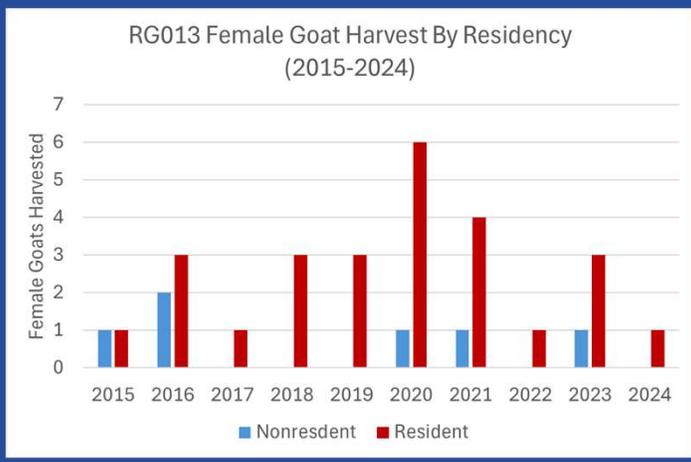
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## Discussion

- Some hunters find it difficult to identify males.
- Hunters may be required to check in goats which has not been the case in Unit 1C.
- Targeting male goats keeps season open longer.



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### Department Recommendation:

Opposed



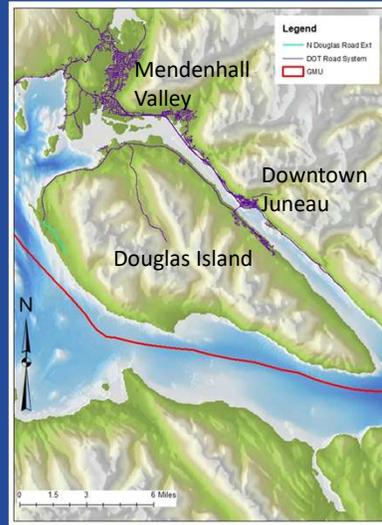
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## Douglas Island

- 70% of 1C Harvest comes from Douglas Island.
- Future development
  - Potential habitat loss
- Current Bag limit = 4 deer
  - Only one can be a doe
- Douglas Island is in the Non-Subsistence Area (NSA) of Unit 1C.
- Positive C&T use finding, ANS = 30-40 outside of the NSA.



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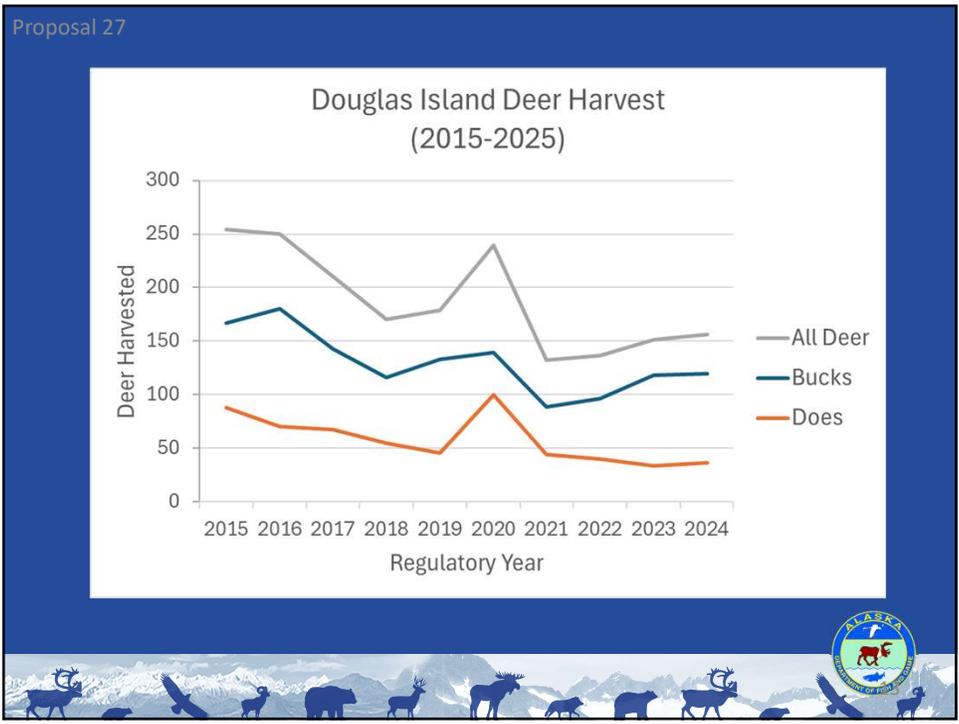
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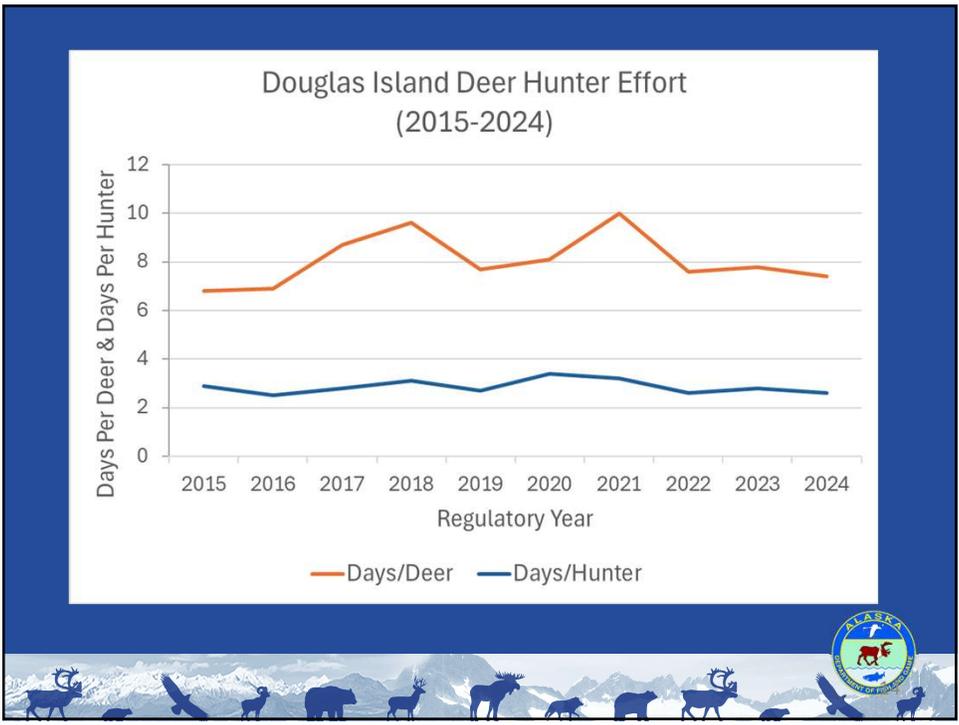
- Past concern about wolf predation
- BOG reduced bag limit for does to one (RY2019)
- BOG removed Douglas Island Management Plan (RY2023)
- Few (if any) wolves
- IM harvest objective for all of Unit 1C is 450 deer



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## Discussion

- Reduces opportunity with potential for increased future deer population
- Females= 22 to 42% of harvest (2015-2024)
- Most popular area to hunt deer in Unit 1C



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# Proposal 28

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## Public Proposal

## Department Recommendation:

Opposed



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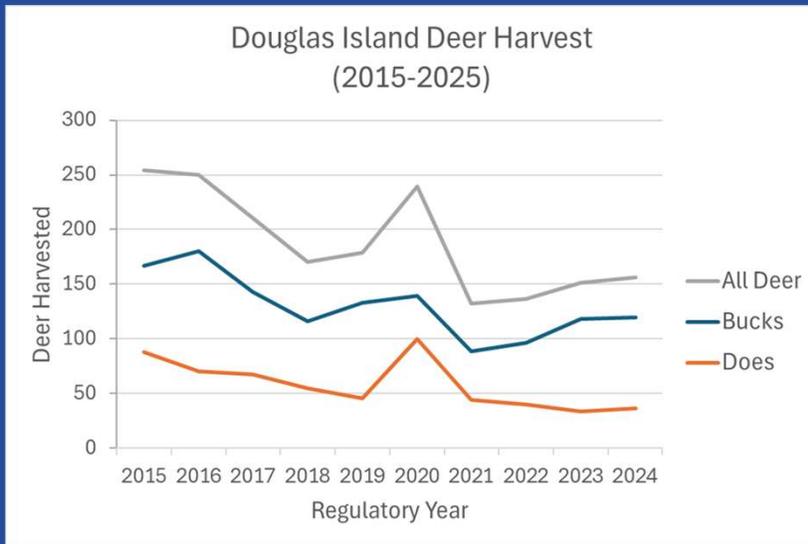
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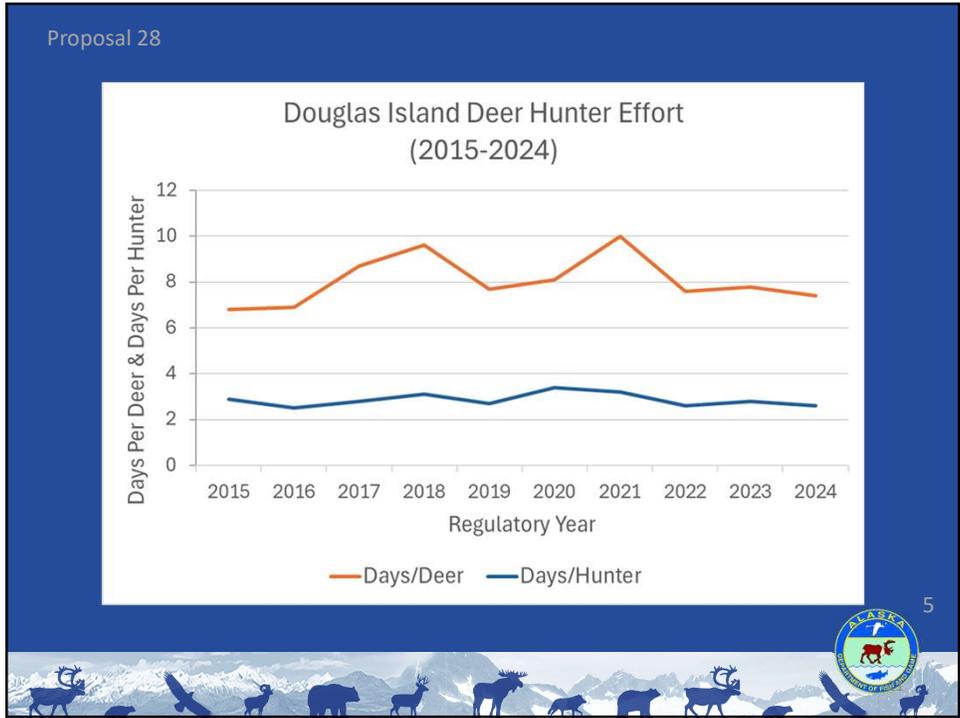
### Douglas Island Deer Harvest (2015-2025)



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Opposed



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## Proposal 29

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*Public Proposal*

### Department Recommendation:

Opposed



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Proposal 29

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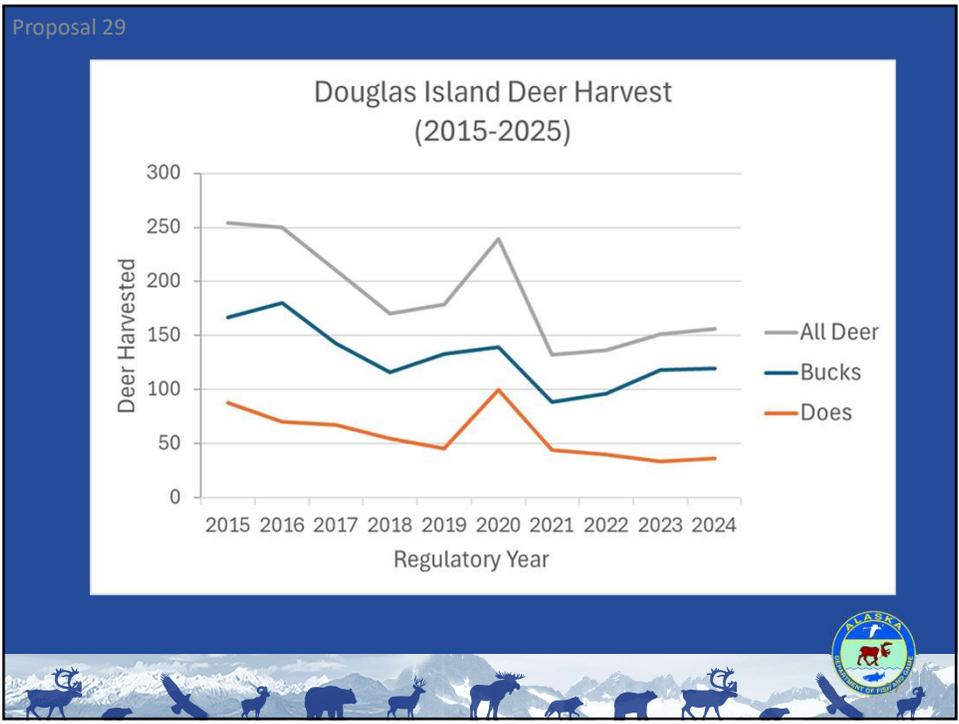
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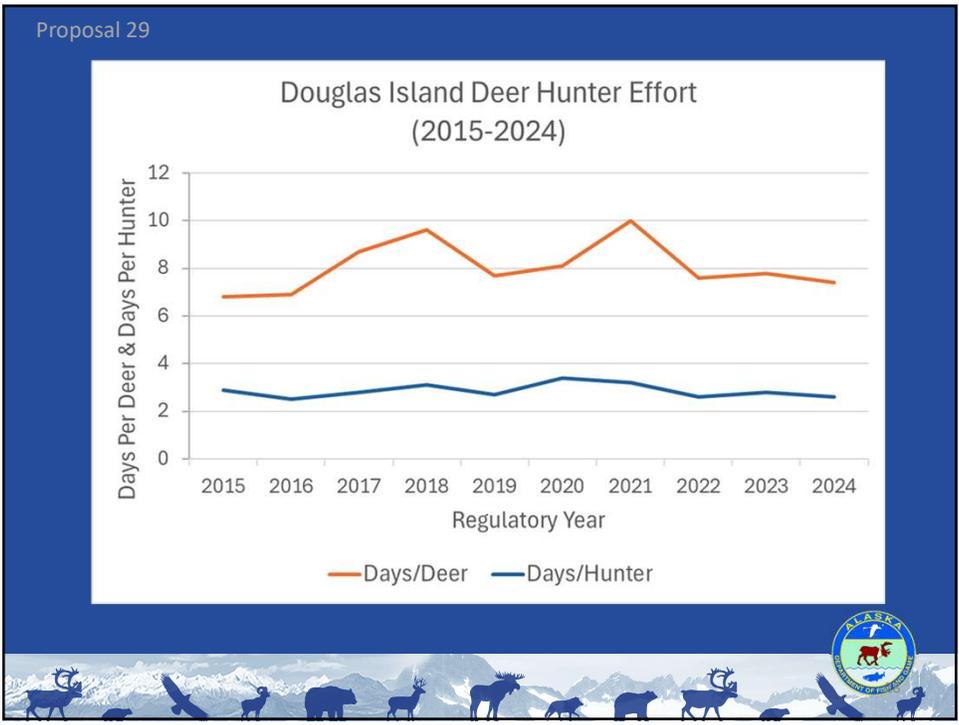
- ADF&G cameras show that most does have fawns in the spring (i.e., successful breeding).
- Antler strategies were ineffective in many western states
- No antler restrictions on deer in AK
- Douglas Island has few (if any) wolves



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## Discussion

- No current conservation concern for Douglas Island deer
- Most does are successfully being bred.
- Antler restrictions are controversial
- Unlikely to achieve desired objective
- Potential to increase the harvest of females



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Opposed



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# Proposal 30

## Effect of Proposal:

Create a disabled hunter moose season in Unit 5A (non-federal lands) with up to 5 permits.

## Public Proposal

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral

## AC Recommendations:



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Proposal 30

## Background

- Only 5A residents can hunt federal lands.
- Federal lands west of Dangerous River open a week before the state season.
- Harvest would count toward the quota
- Proxy hunters would need to be disabled to be eligible to hunt.
- Positive C&T use finding, ANS for Unit 5 is 50 moose



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Proposal 30

## Discussion

- The current system works well.
- Disabled Yakutat residents can already hunt on federal lands (i.e., much larger area).
- This hunt would be open to all disabled hunters.
- Limiting to 5 hunters might require a draw hunt.



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### Department Recommendation:

Neutral

### AC Recommendations:



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## Proposal 31

### Effect of Proposal:

Allow for the harvest of 1 brown bear every regulatory year by registration permit in the Chilkat Range for all hunters.

### *Public Proposal*

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral



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Proposal 31

## Background

- Positive C&T use finding in Unit 1C, ANS = 1 bear
- Hunters reported seeing more brown bears
- Harvest increased from 1 bear/year to an average of 4 bears/year (2015-2024).
- The average number of hunters increased over the past 10 years from 12/year to 14/year (2015-2024).
- 80% of the harvest in the Chilkat Range is by resident hunters.
- Similar proposals failed in 2023.

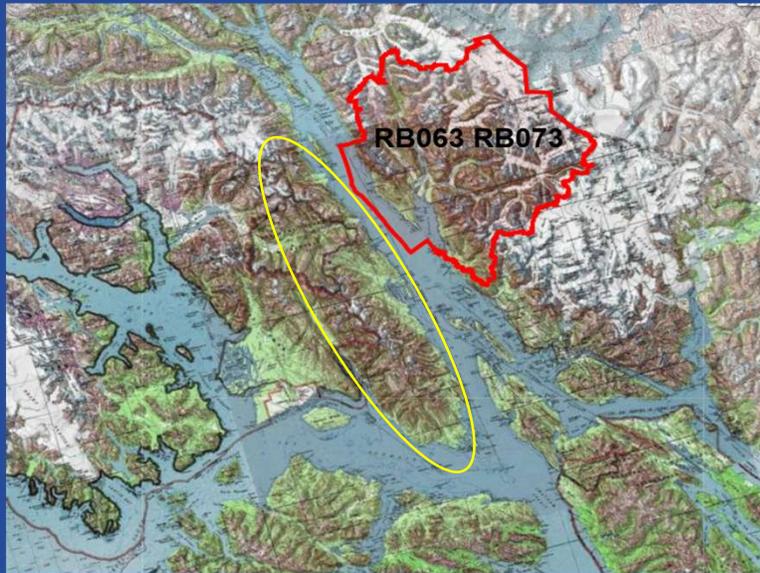


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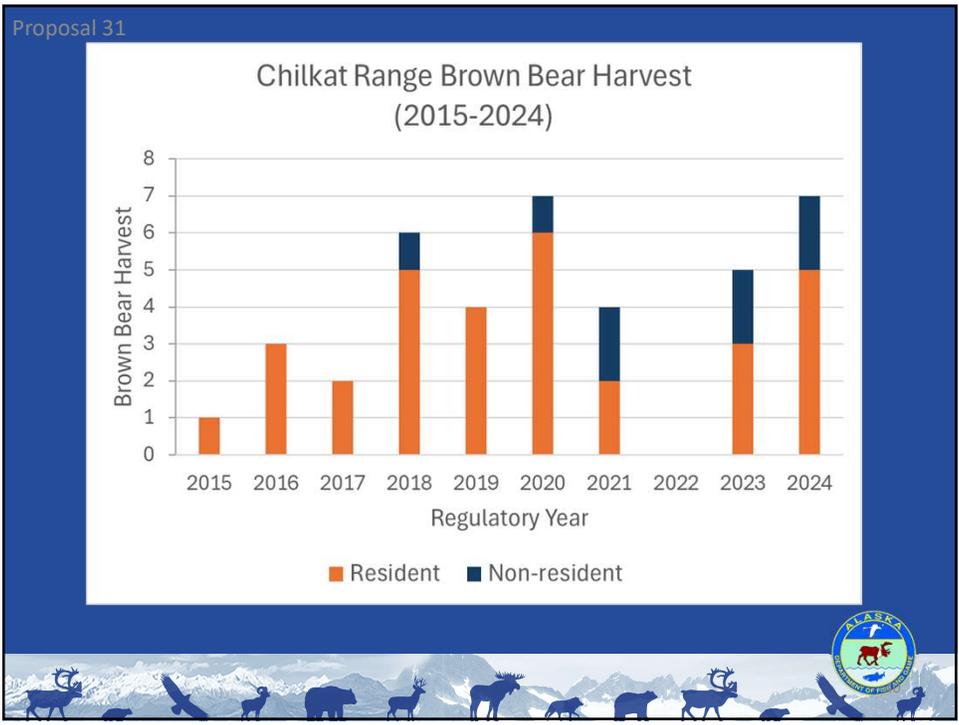
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Proposal 31

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## Discussion.

- This area supports between 68 and 146 brown bears.
- 4% harvest = 2-6 bears.
- Harvest over the past 10 years averaged 4/year (range 0-7).
- BOG policy 2023-227-BOG.



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### *Public Proposal*

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral



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## *Public Proposal*

## Department Recommendation:

Neutral



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Proposal 32

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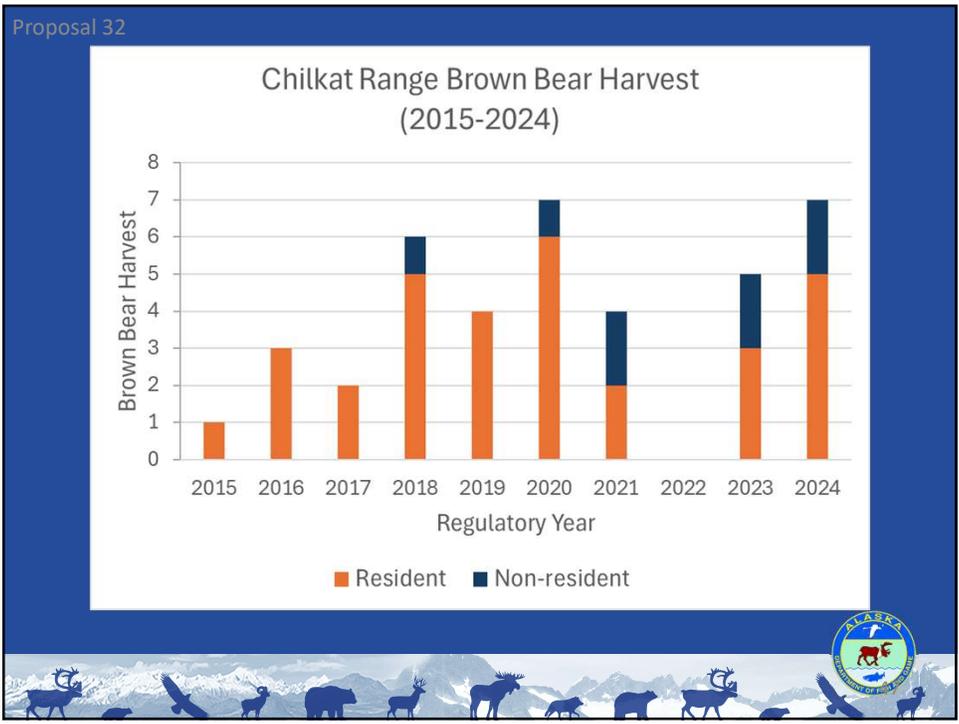
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Neutral



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## Proposal 33

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Change the bag limit in Unit 5, from one bear every 4 regulatory years to 1 every regulatory year.

### *Public Proposal*

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral



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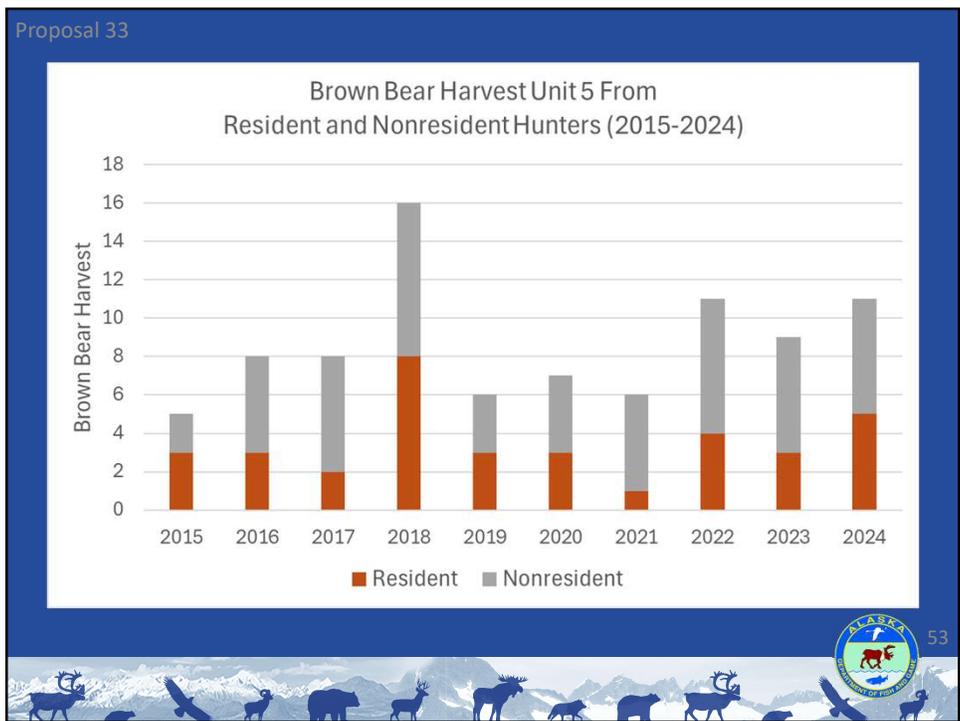
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## Background

- Positive C&T use finding in Unit 5, ANS = 3-6 bears.
- Unit 5A population estimate = 354 +/- 29 bears.
- A harvest of 4% = 14 bears in Unit 5A.
- No population estimate for Unit 5B.
- From 2005-2014, harvest averaged 24 bears per year in all of Unit 5.
- Guided hunts could increase.

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## Discussion

- Past harvest (2005-2014) was much higher than the current decade exceeding 4% of the population estimate for Unit 5A.
- Registered guides have 30 combination brown bear/black bear hunts.
- Policy 2023-227-BOG

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### *Public Proposal*

### Department Recommendation:

Neutral



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## Proposal 34

### Effect of Proposal:

Open the Juneau Road System Closed Area to archery hunting for big game

### *Public Proposal*

### Department Recommendation:

Opposed



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Proposal 34

## Background

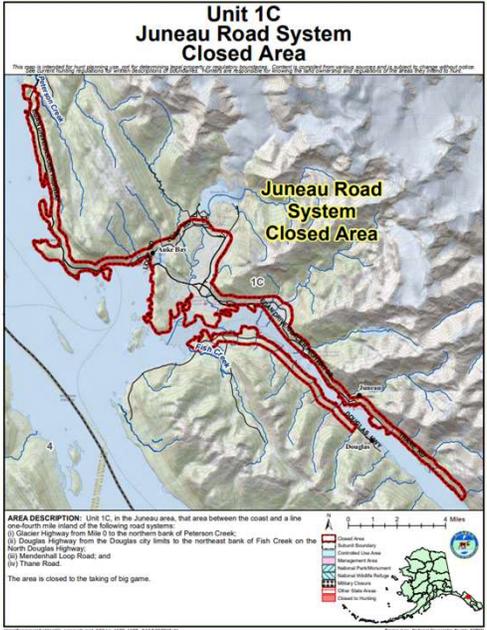
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- Closure has been in place since 1950's
- Several big game species included in this closure




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Proposal 34

### Unit 1C Juneau Road System Closed Area



**AREA DESCRIPTION:** Unit 1C, in the Juneau area, that area between the coast and a line one-fourth mile inland of the following road systems:

- (1) Glacier Highway from Mile 8 to the northern bank of Peterson Creek;
- (2) Douglas Highway from the Douglas city limits to the northeast bank of Fish Creek on the North Douglas Highway;
- (3) Mandershall Loop Road; and
- (4) Thane Road.

The area is closed to the taking of big game.




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Proposal 34

## Discussion

- Allowed in other locations in Alaska
- Could lead to greater conflict and trespass concerns due to property boundaries
- Could lead to increased response from ADFG and AWT



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Proposal 34

## Discussion

- Study by a master's students on Juneau's bears
  - 93% of respondents enjoy living around bears
  - 70% of respondents do not want the number of bears reduced by hunting
- Do not have evidence of an increasing population of bears around Juneau



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## Proposal 34

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*Public Proposal*

**Department Recommendation:**

Opposed



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## Proposal 35

**Effect of Proposal:**

Open the Thane Road portion of the Juneau Road System Closed Area to archery hunting for big game

*Public Proposal*

**Department Recommendation:**

Opposed



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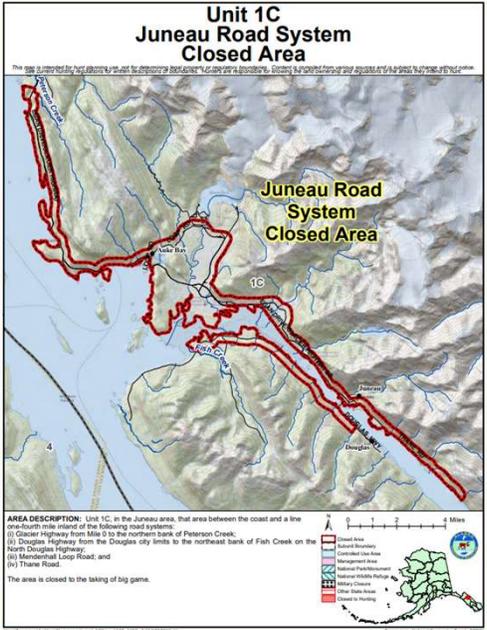
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Department Recommendation:

Opposed



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**Proposal 36** **Unit 1C Ptarmigan**

Change the start date of the ptarmigan season in Unit 1C from August 1 to August 15

Public Proposal

Department Recommendation: **Neutral**

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**Proposal 36** **Unit 1C Ptarmigan**

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 Proposal 36 Unit 1C Ptarmigan

Current Regulations for Units 1-5 (including 1C):

- Season Dates: August 1 - May 15
- Bag/Possession Limits: 20 per day & 40 in possession
- No current C&T finding
- No ANS

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 Proposal 36 Unit 1C Ptarmigan

Proposed Regulations for Ptarmigan in Unit 1C:

- Season dates: **August 15** - May 15
- Bag/Possession Limit: 20 per day & 40 in possession



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Proposal 36 Unit 1C Ptarmigan

Regulations: Background

- Ptarmigan season in Unit 1C same since 1968-1969
- Bag & possession limits same since 1965-1966
- Most GMUs ptarmigan seasons start August 10

Exceptions:

- Units 1-5, 6A, 6B, 6C (August 1)
- Unit 13B (August 20)
- Eklutna MA in Unit 14C (September 1)

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Proposal 36 Unit 1C Ptarmigan

Chick Growth & Weight Data

- Delay to start date will allow chicks to increase in size
- Many chicks do not reach adult size until end Aug
  - Chicks 70-75% adult weight early August
  - Ptarmigan chicks 95% adult weight end of August

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