

Petersburg Area Update Alaska Board of Game Meeting January 23 -27, 2026



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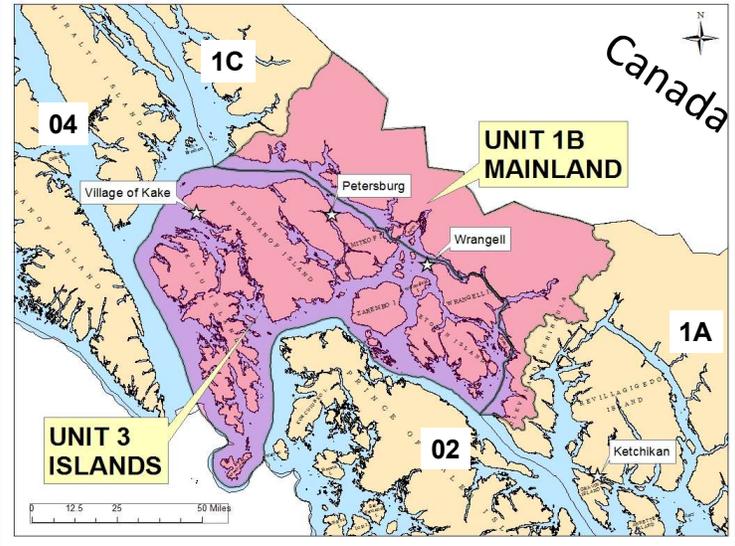
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Petersburg Area (Units 1B and Unit 3)



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BIG GAME SPECIES

- Deer
- Moose
- Mountain Goat
- Elk
- Black Bear
- Brown Bear
- Wolf



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FURBEARERS

- Marten
- River Otter
- Wolf
- Beaver
- Mink
- Ermine
- Wolverine



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SMALL GAME SPECIES

Grouse/Ptarmigan



Waterfowl



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RM038 Moose Hunt

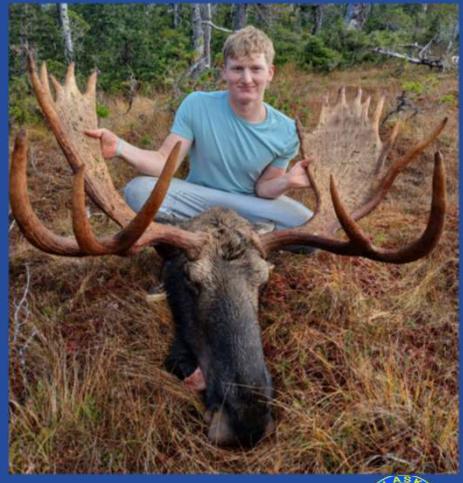
Unit 1B, 3 and Southern 1C

Over 1000 hunters register

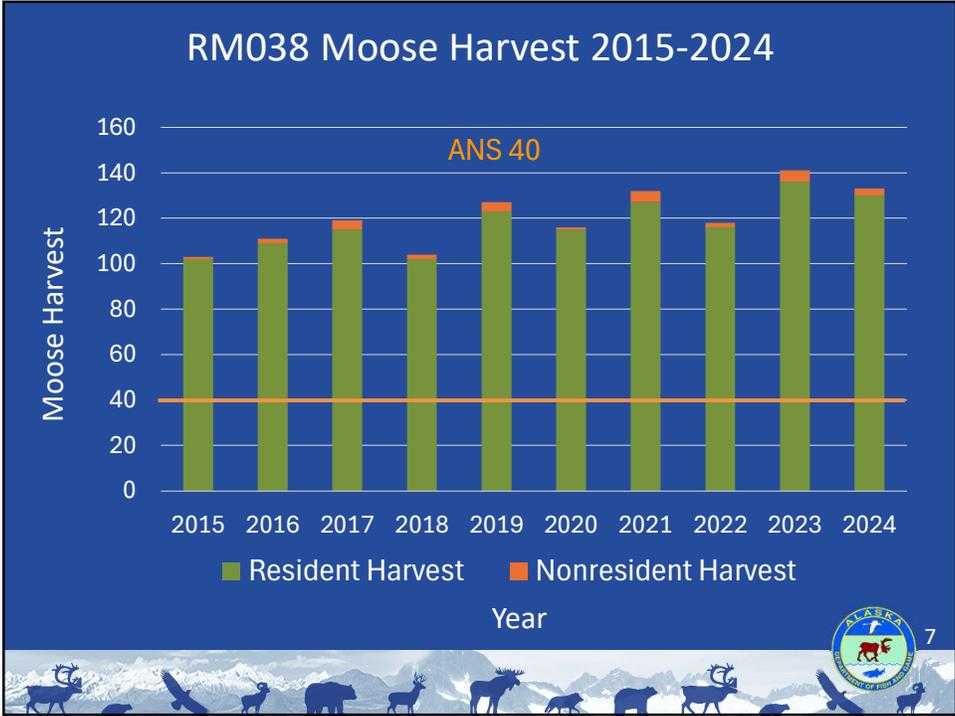
Proposals 64 and 65
Positive C&T, ANS 40

One bull with spike-fork antlers,
50-inch antlers, or 3 or more brow
tines on one side, or 2 brow tines
on both sides.

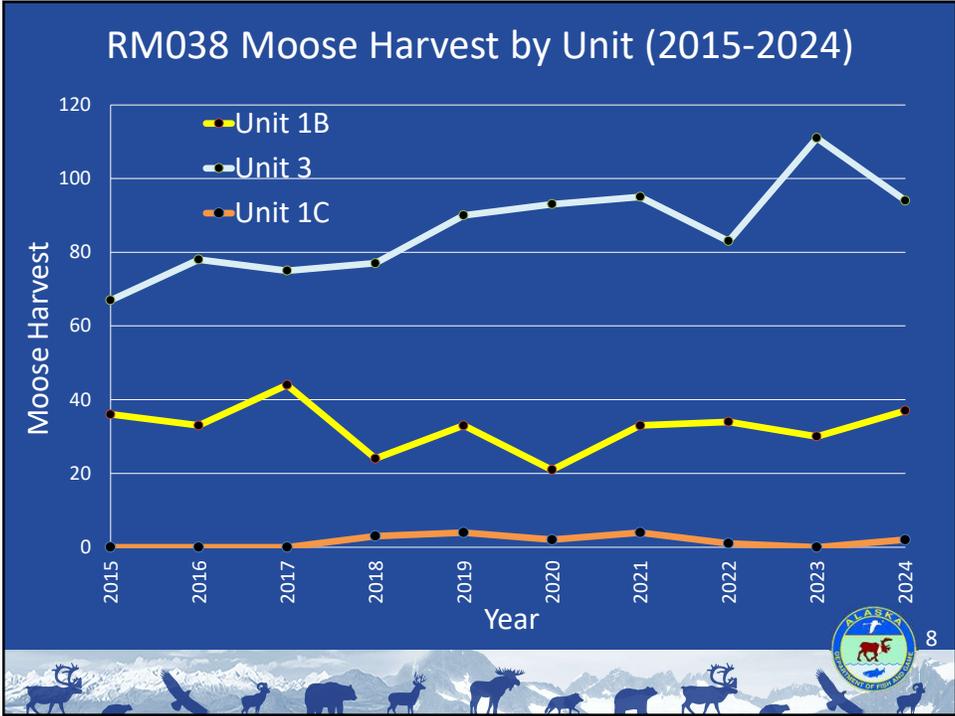
A damaged, broken, or altered
antler is not considered a spike-
fork antler.



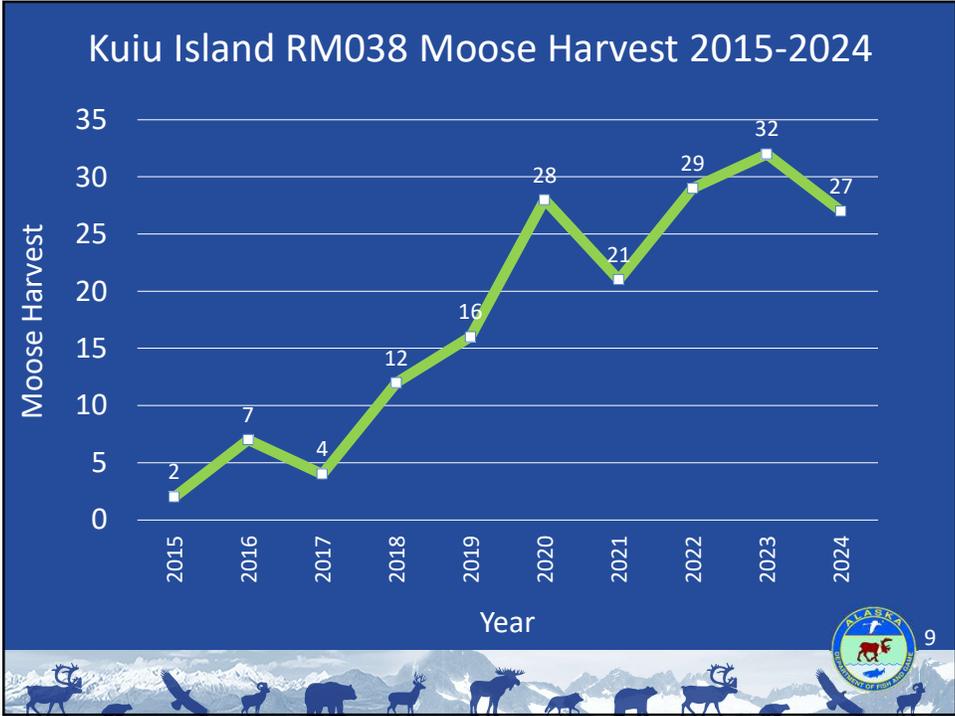
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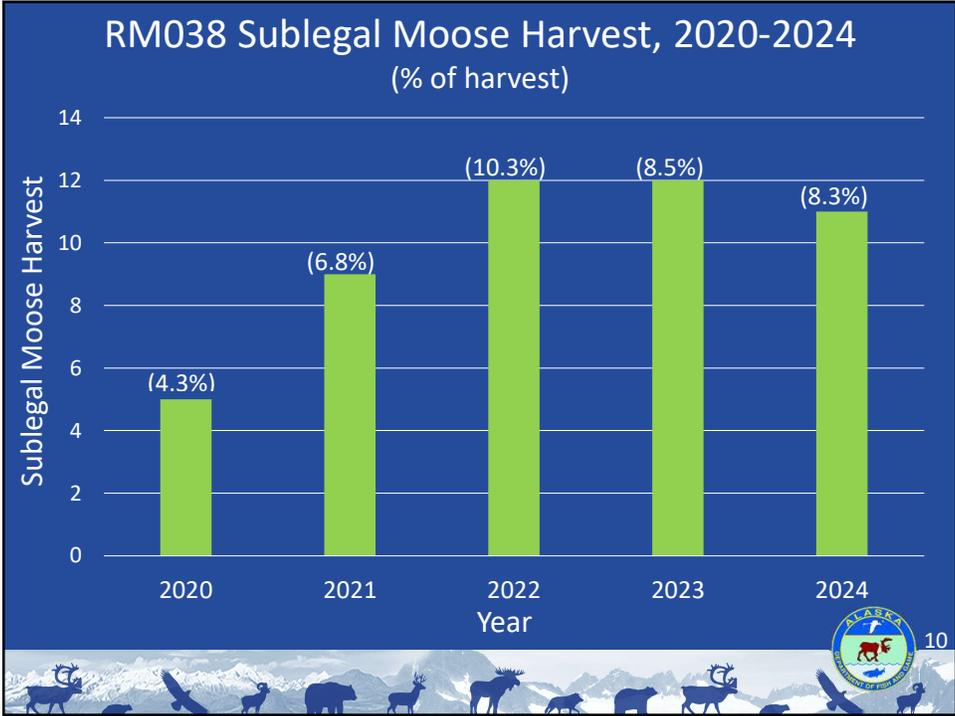
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Unit 1B & 3 Deer

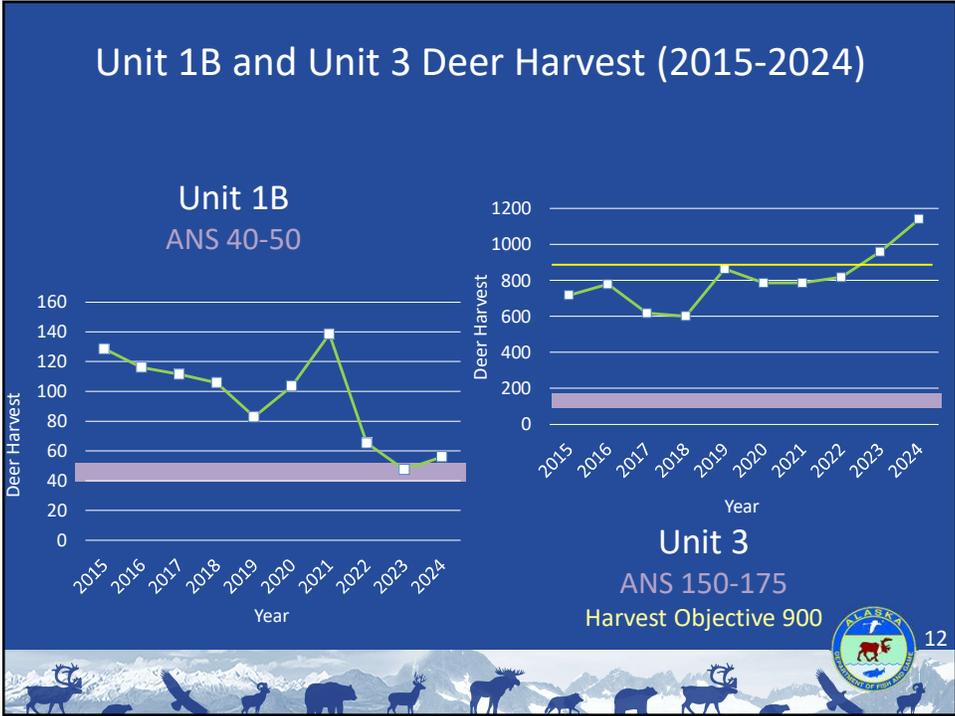


Unit 1B: Positive C&T finding, ANS 40-50
Unit 3: Positive C&T finding, ANS 150-175



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- 2021-2022 installed 40 trail cameras on Mitkof Island
- Designed to replace pellet counts to estimate annual deer population trends
- Assess possibility of monitoring other species

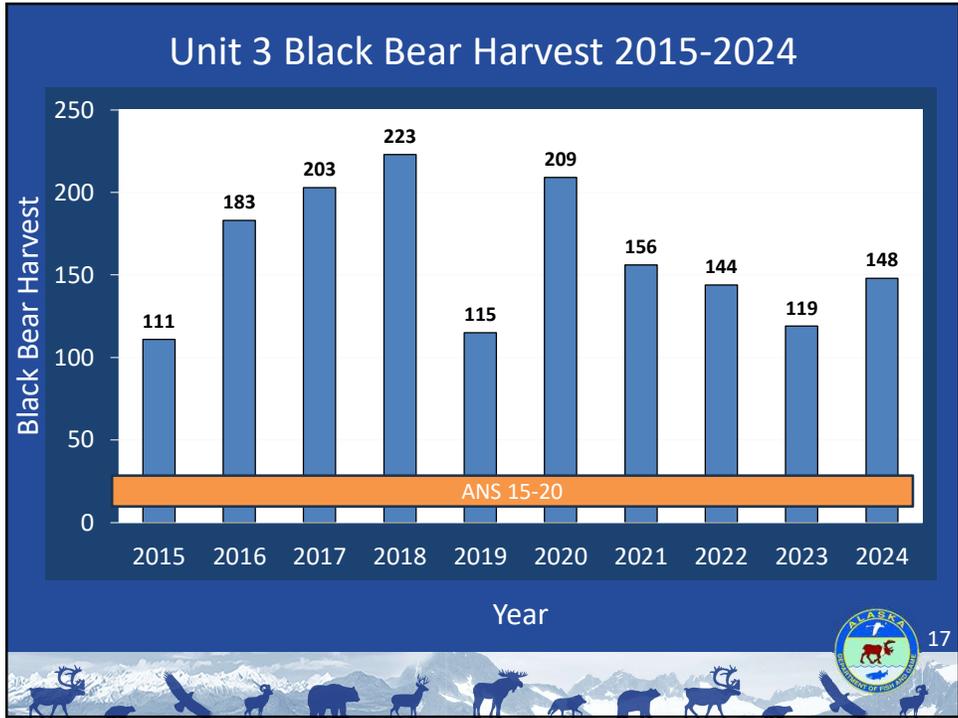
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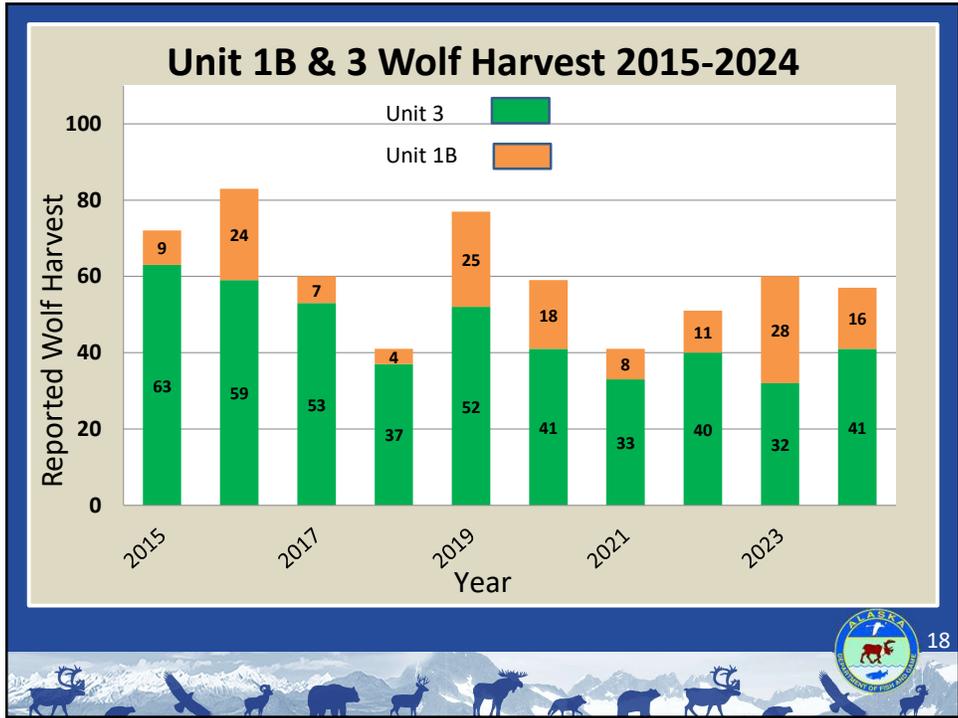
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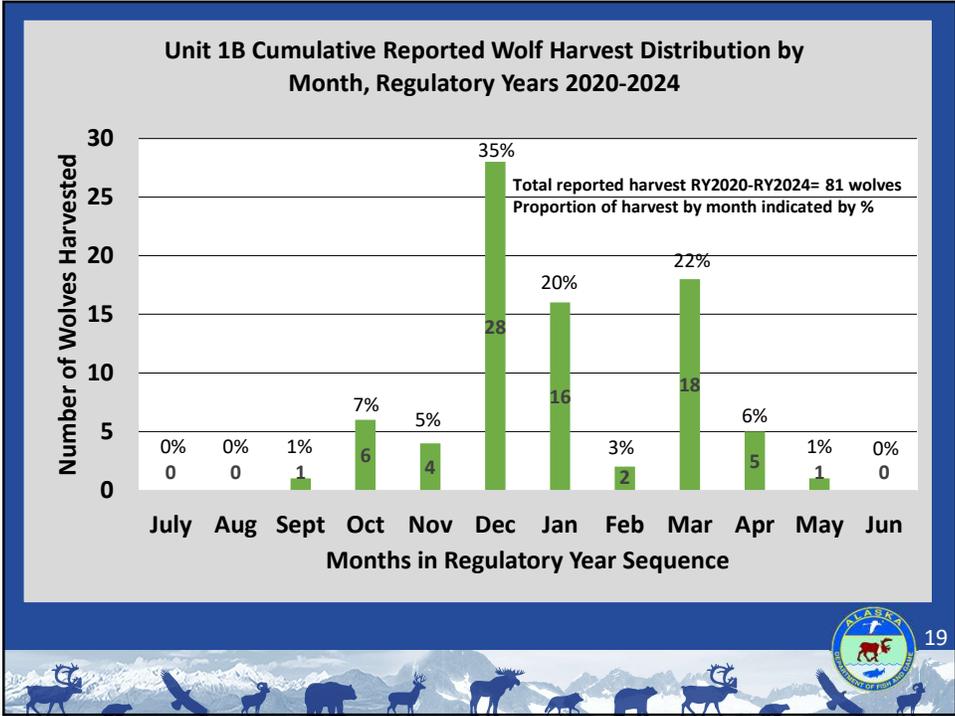
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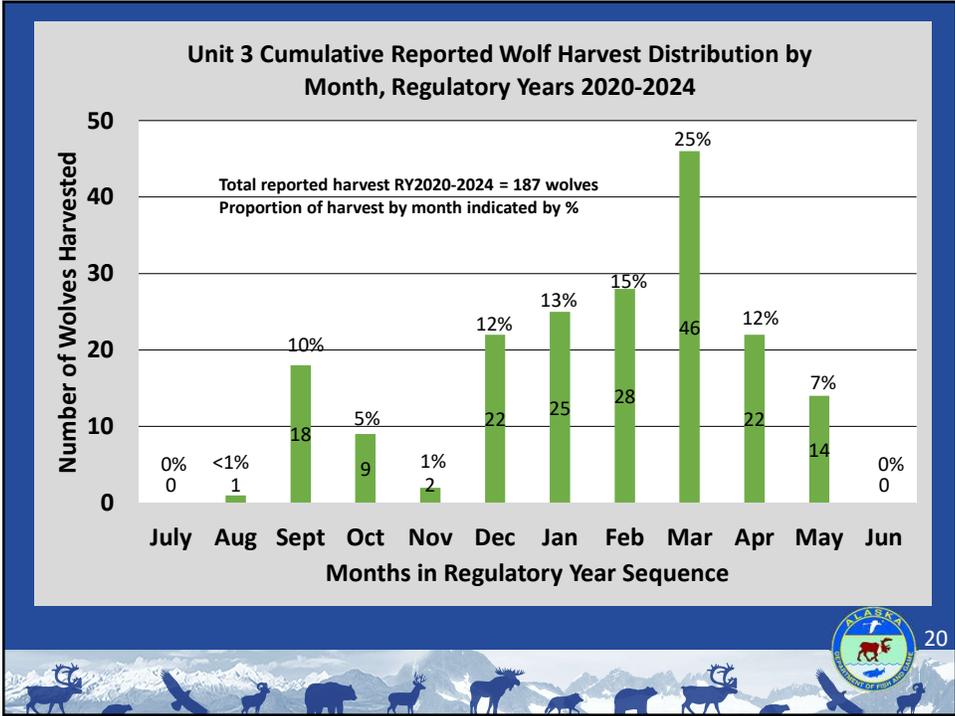
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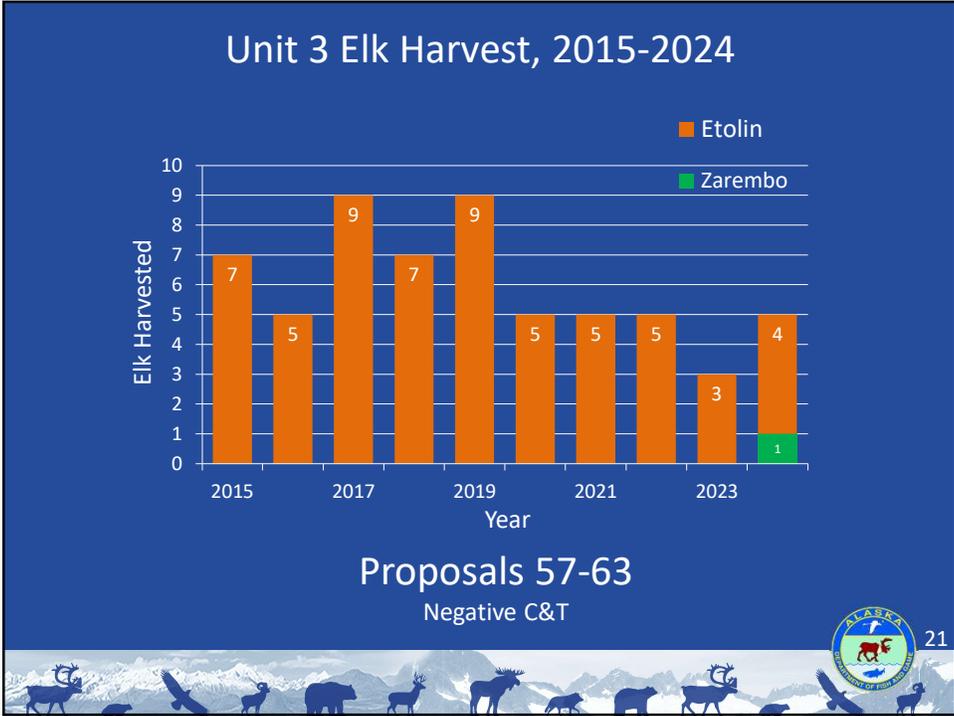
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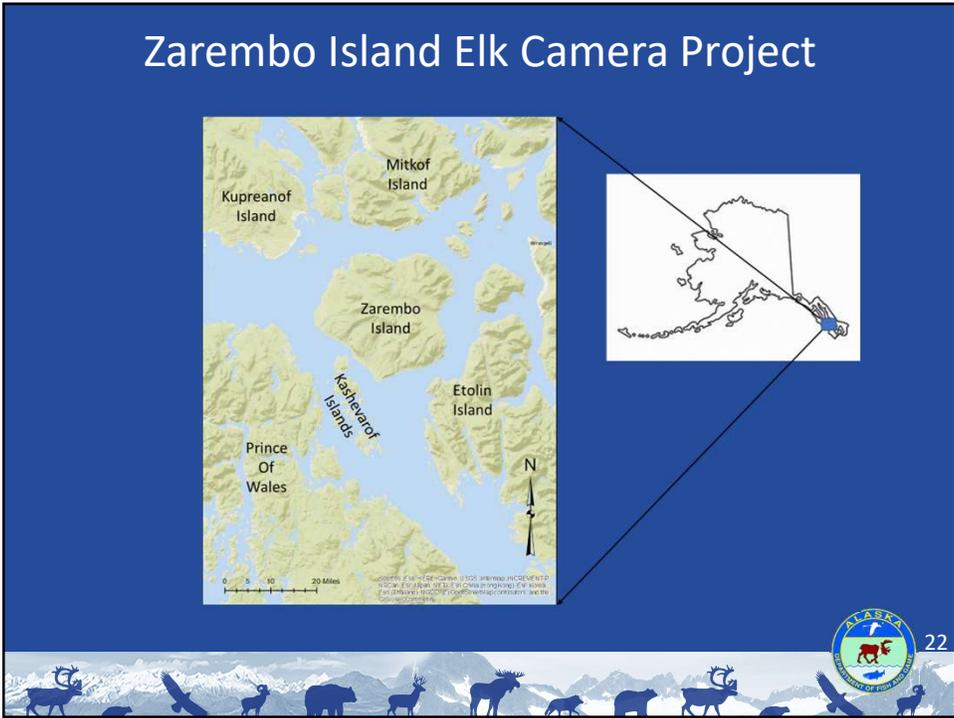
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Zarembo Island Elk Background

- The Alaska Board of Game established a new Zarembo Island elk drawing hunt (DE324) in 2023.
- No data available to make meaningful population composition estimates.
- To date the greatest number of elk observed on Zarembo was 36 in 2004.



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- Identified ~20 individual bulls in 2023 and 2024 using unique antler characteristics.



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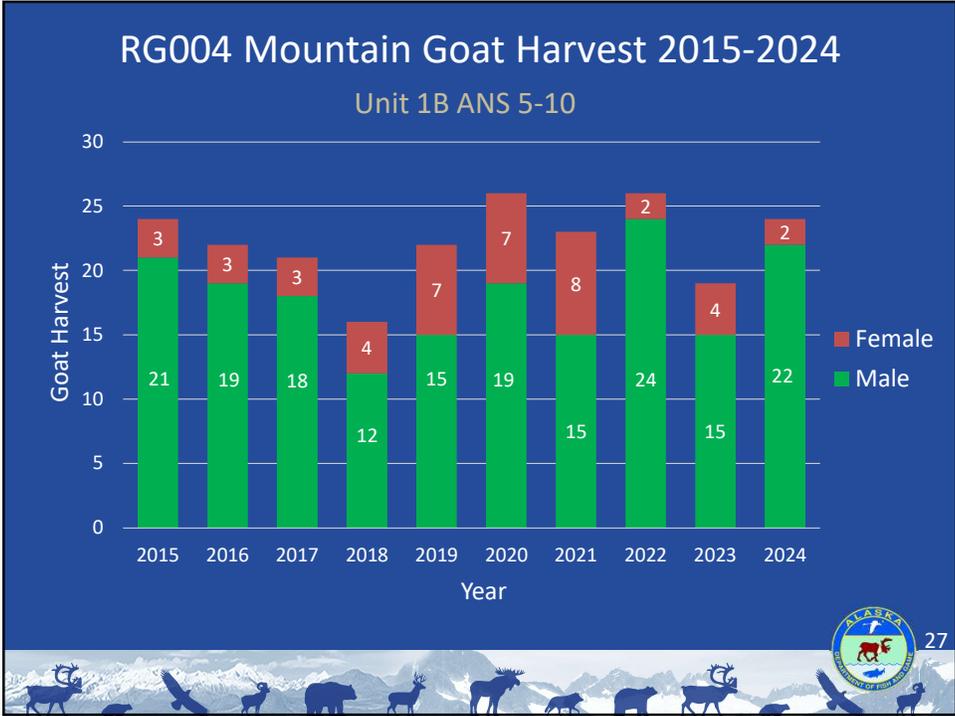
- Service cameras April 2026.
- Relocate and/or increase total number of cameras if needed.
- Investigate if current camera density is sufficient to develop a population estimate.
- Install cameras on Etolin Island to monitor elk.



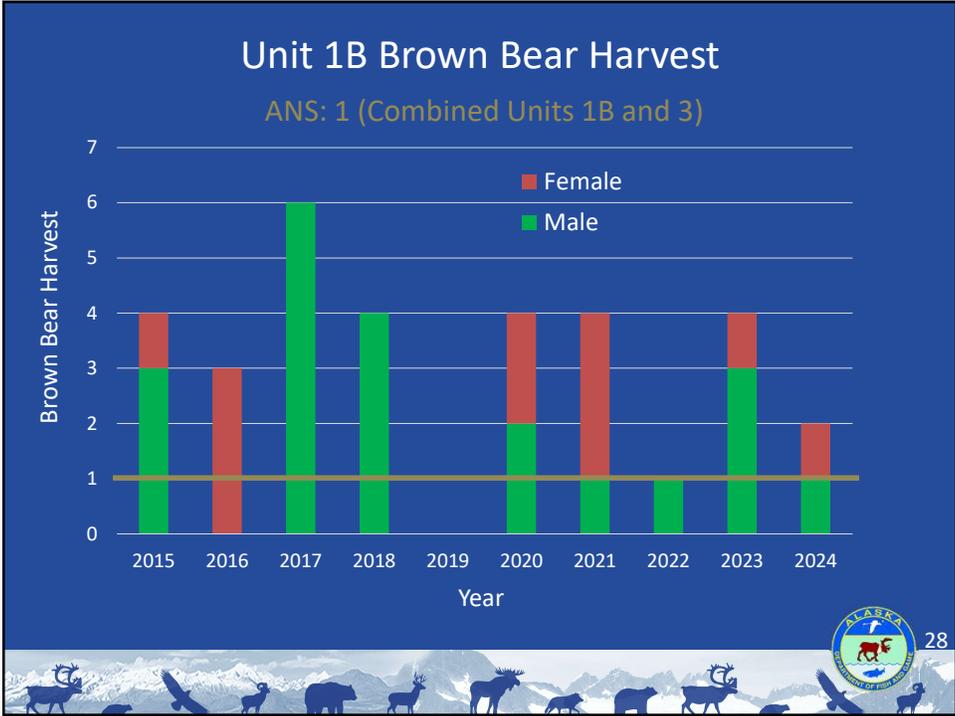
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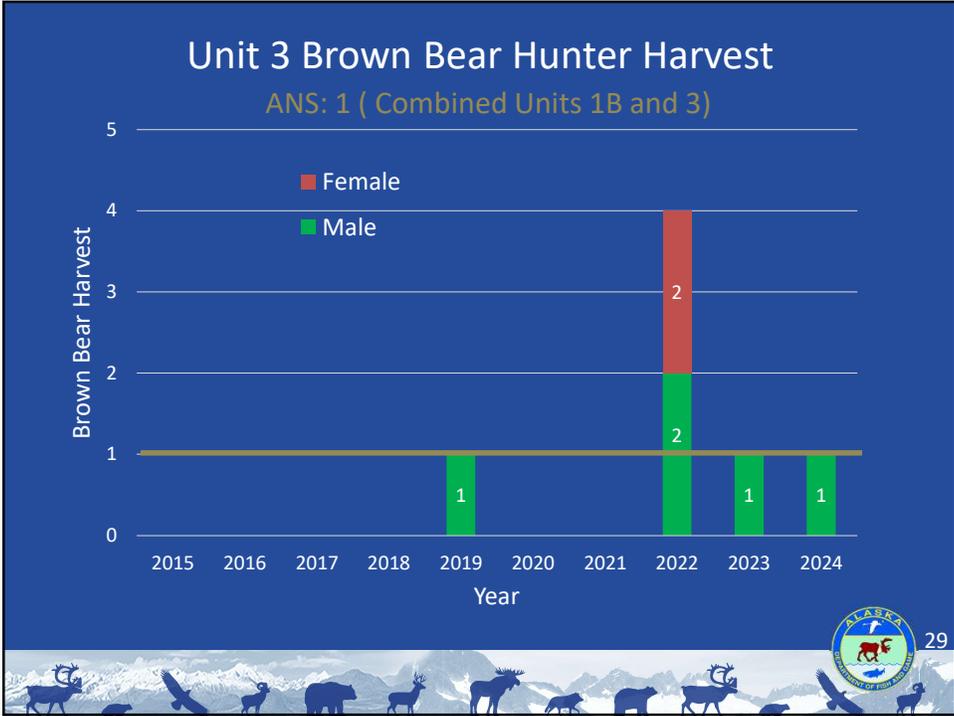
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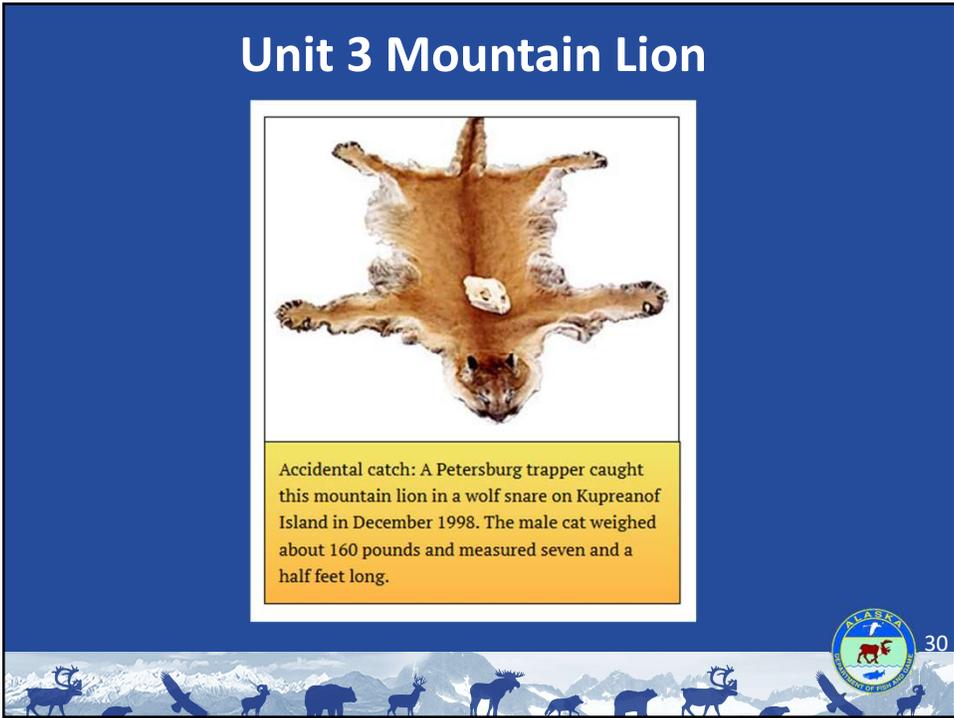
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Recent Occurrences of Mountain Lions in Unit 3

- Since 1989 there have been 5 documented observations of mountain lions in Alaska.
- In June 2024 a young male mountain lion was shot on southwest Wrangell Island.
- An adult male mountain lion was captured in a wolf snare on Kuiu Island in April 2025.



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Questions?



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