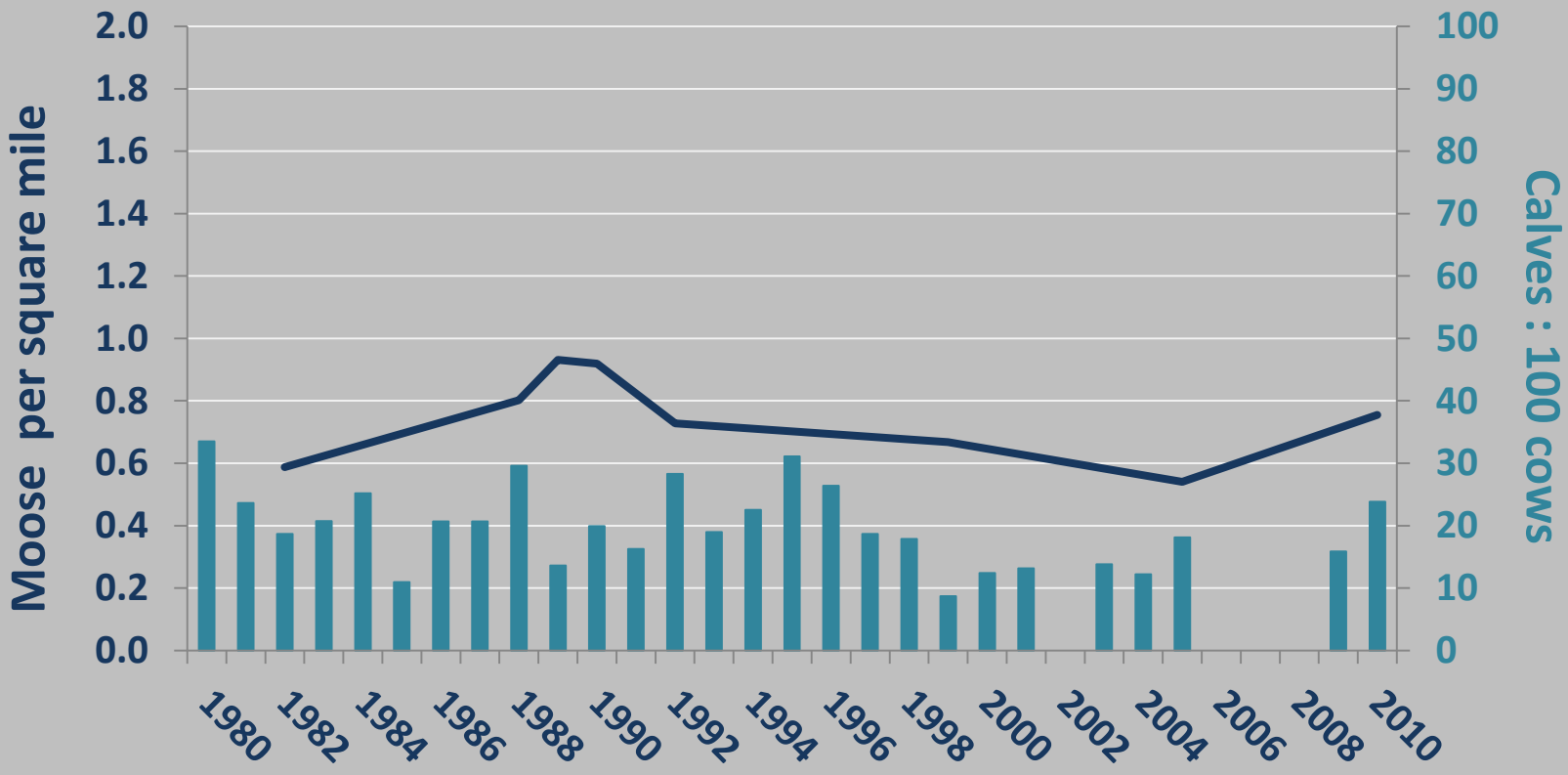


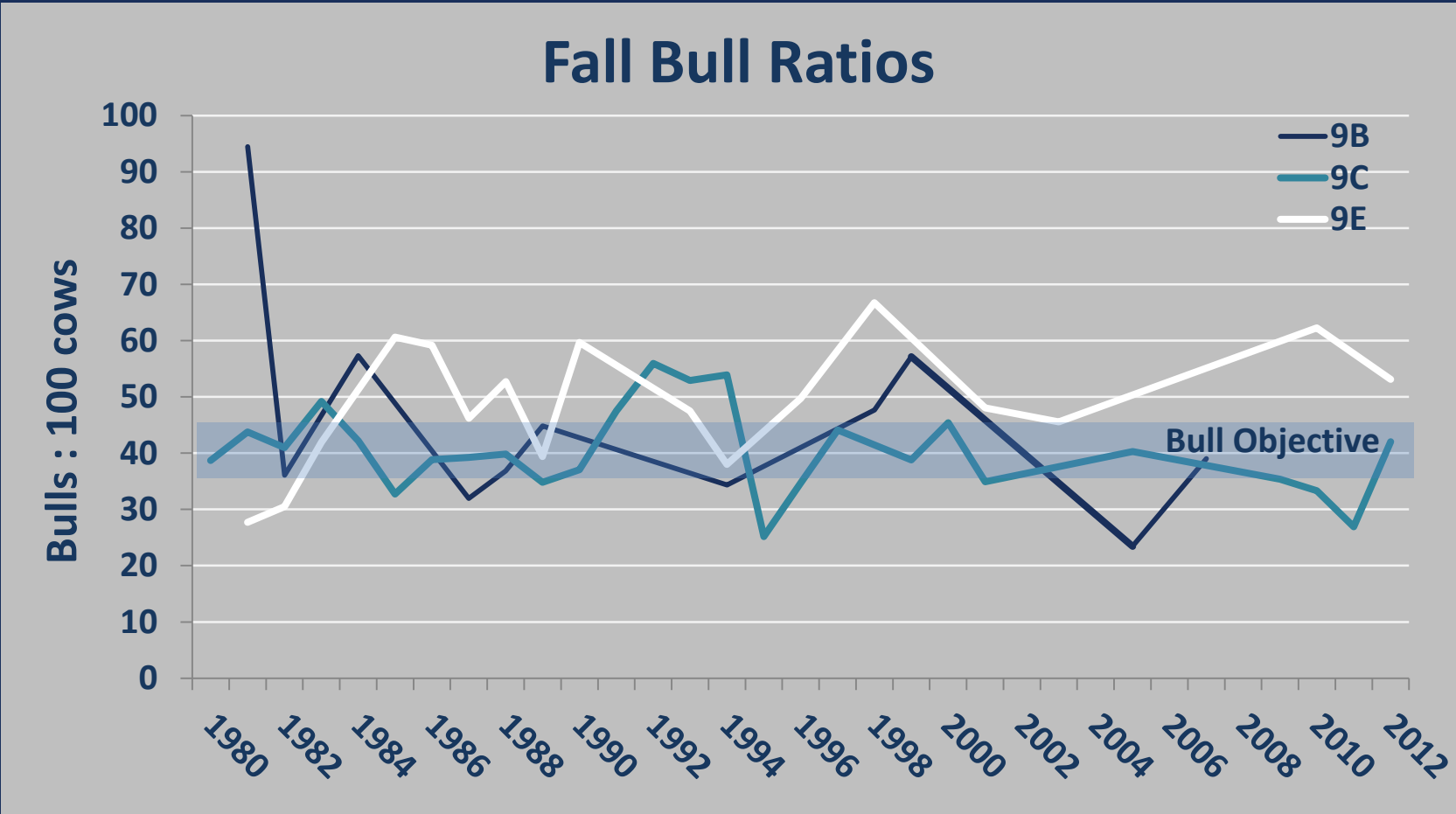
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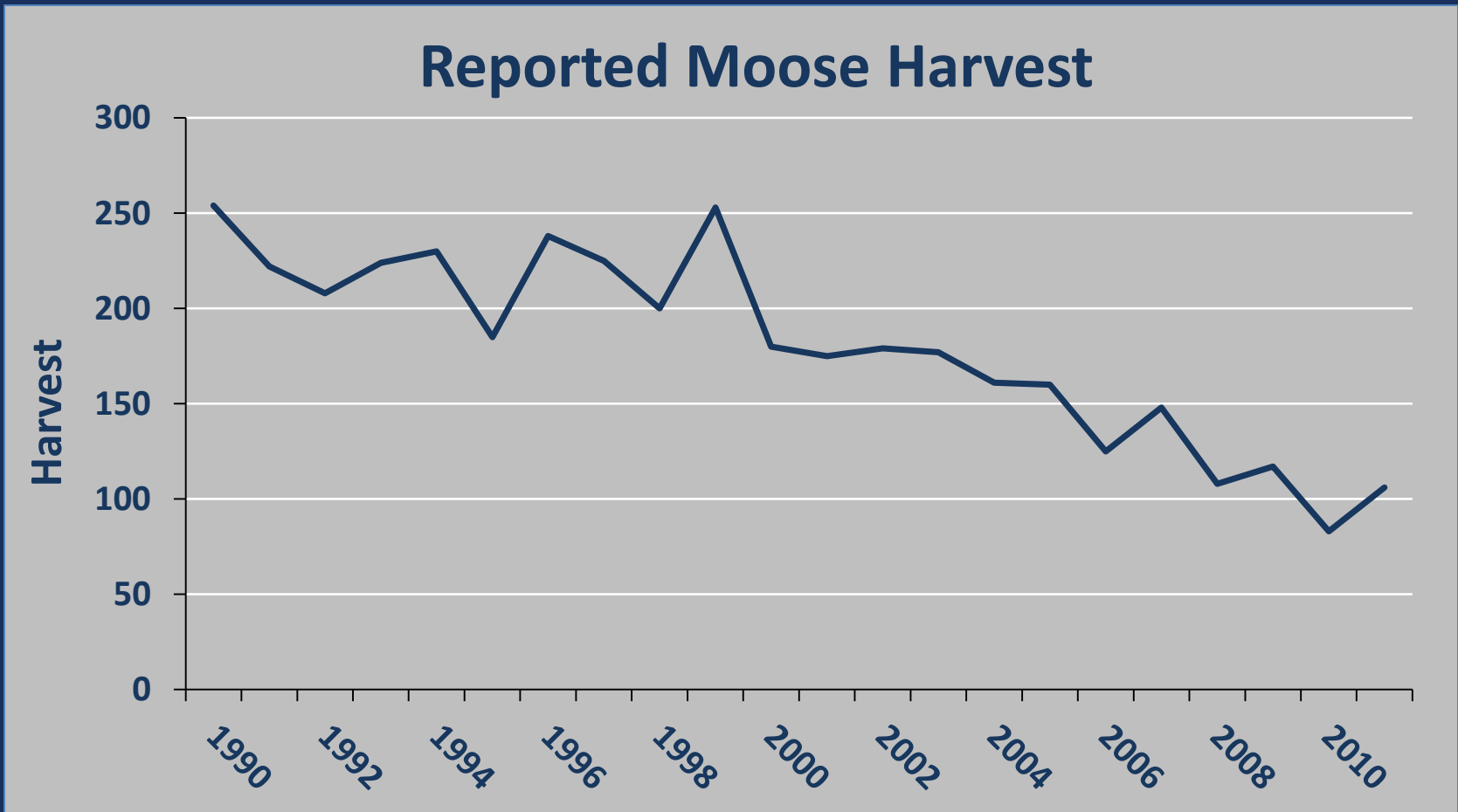
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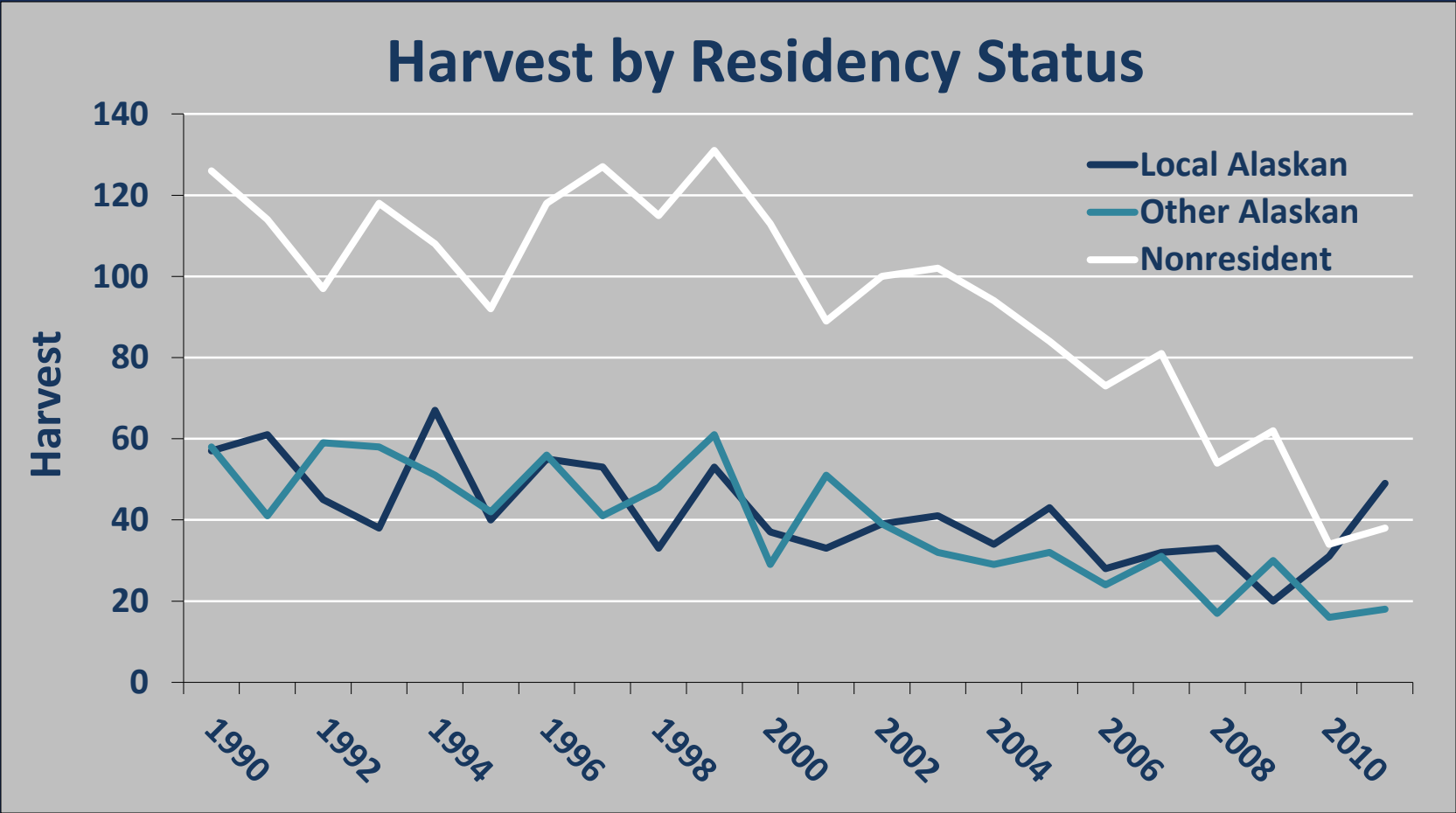
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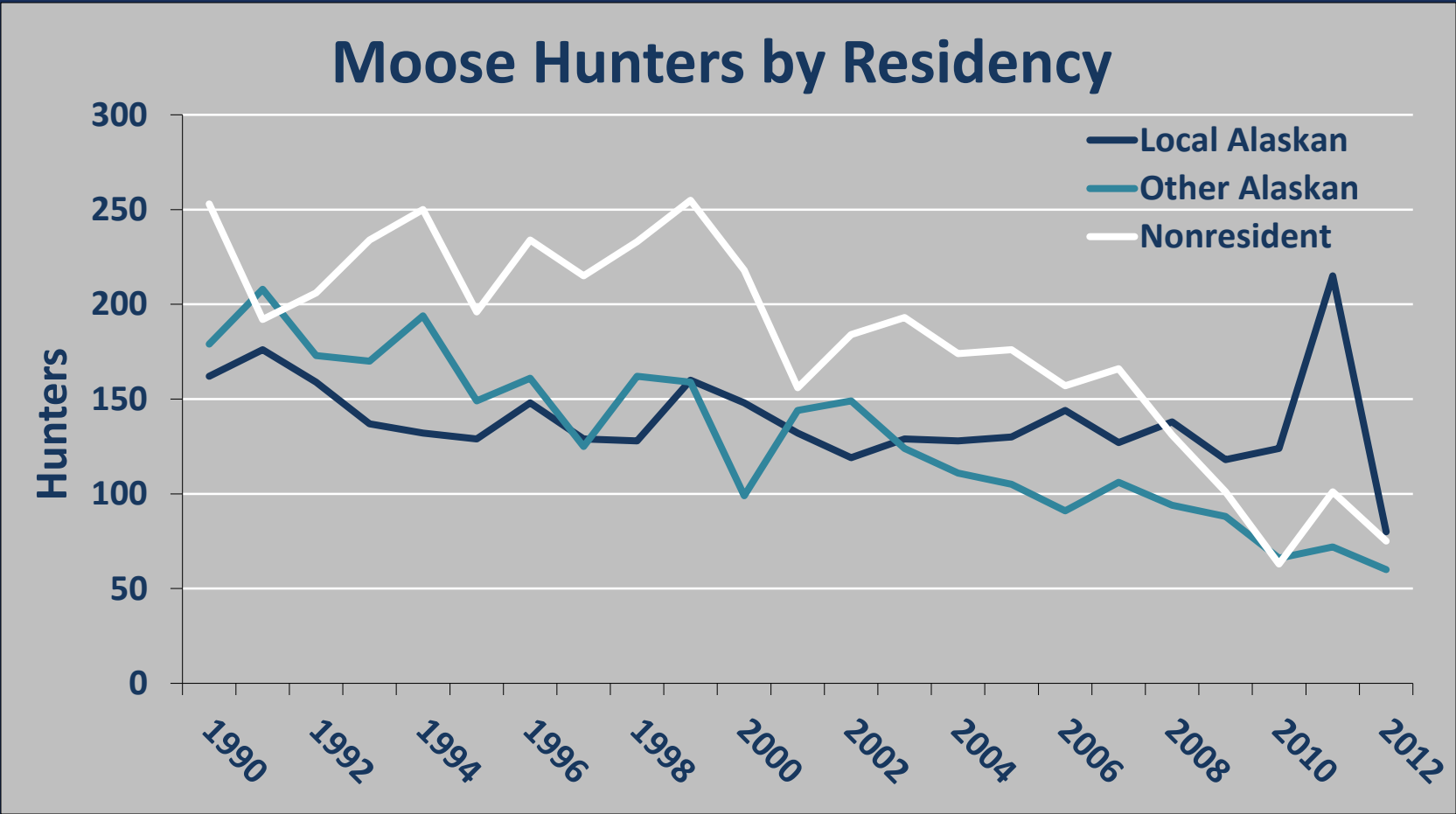
Moose Population Trends (Unit 9)

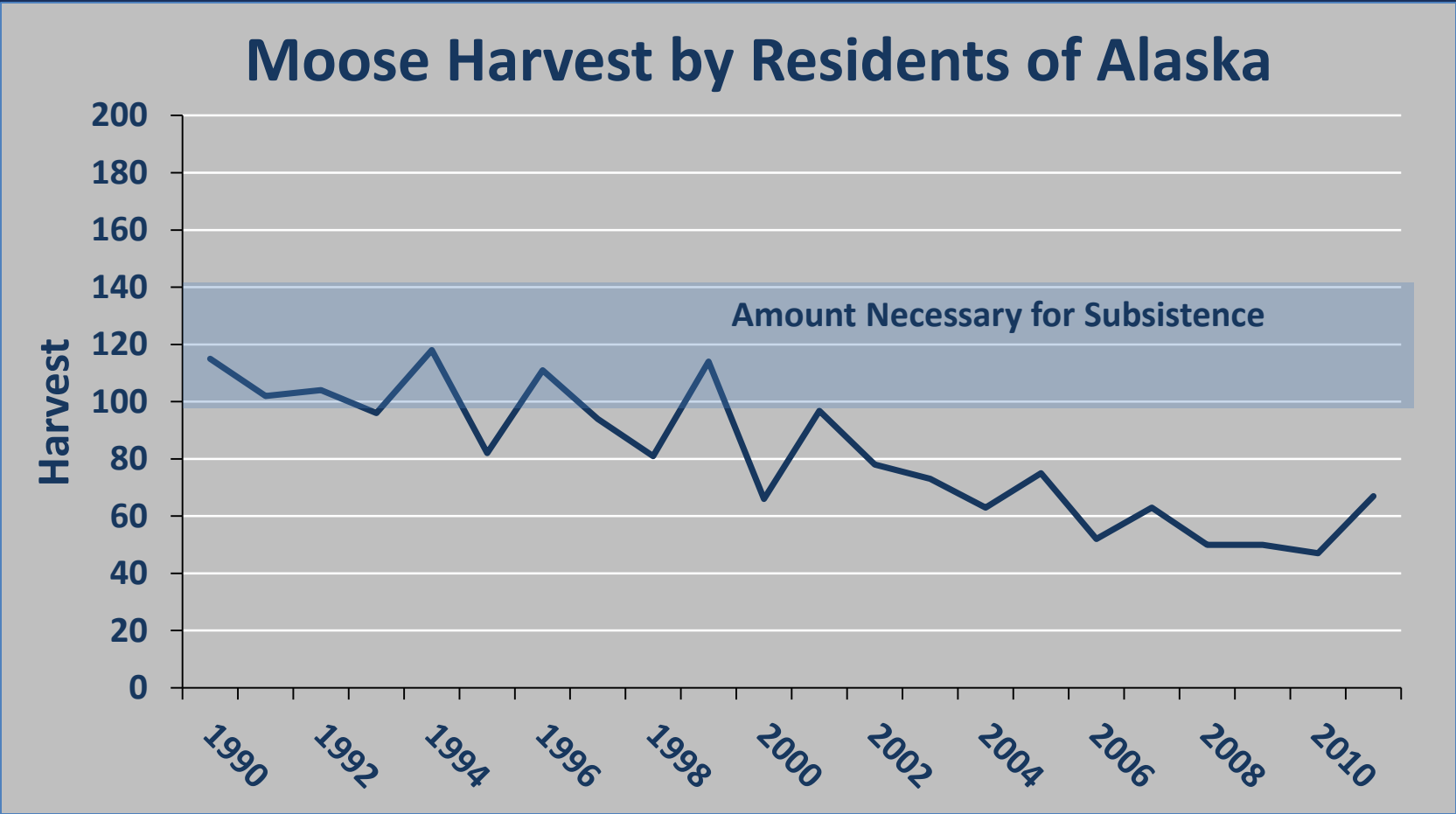






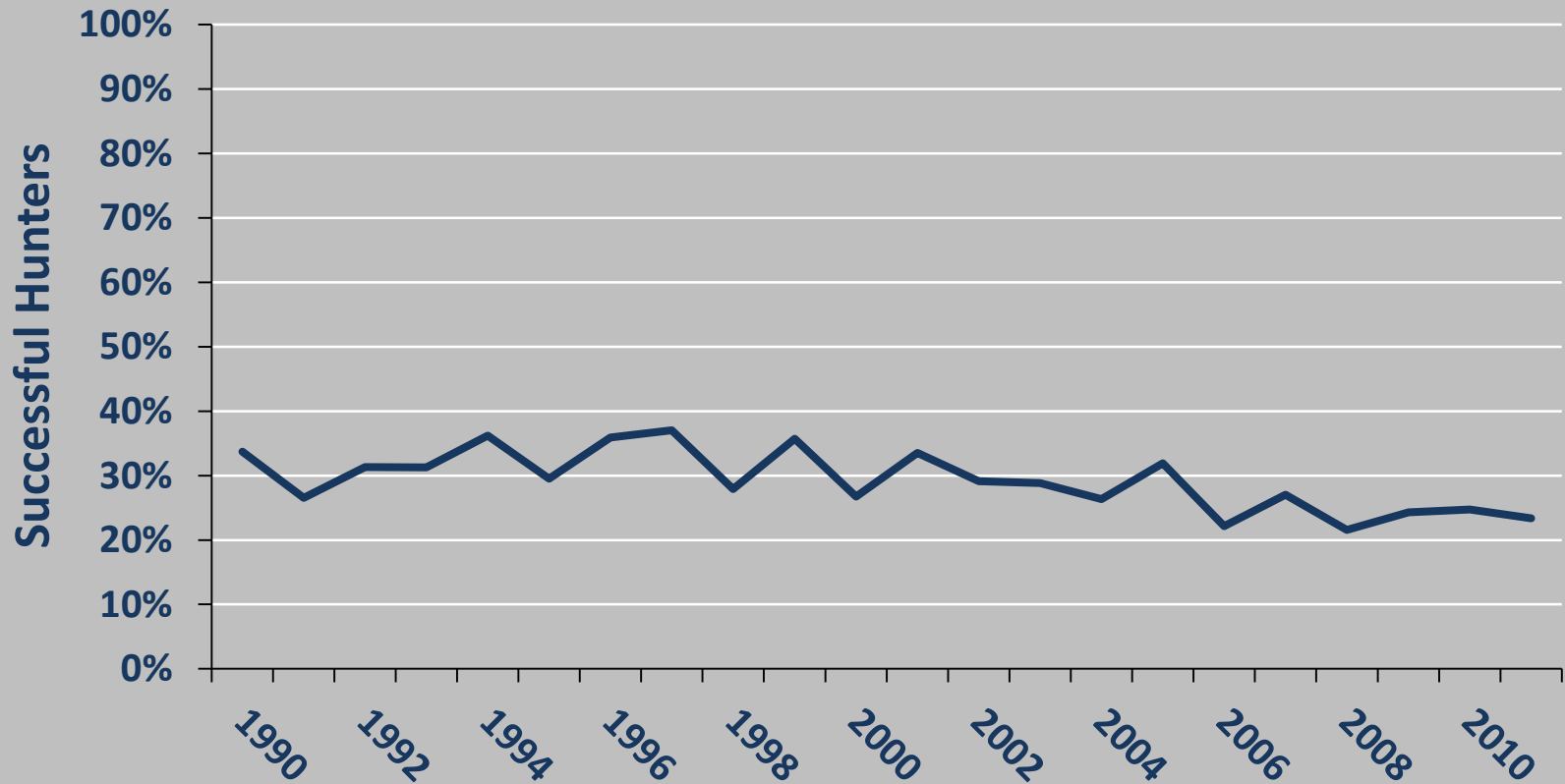






ANS for subunits 9A, 9B, 9C, & 9E: 100 – 140 moose
Negative C&T finding for subunit 9D

Alaska Resident Hunter Success



Close Nonresident Moose Hunting in Unit 9

No Recommendation

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Establish a Tier II hunt for SAP caribou

Aug 1 – Sept 30

Amend and Adopt

Amend by Adding Winter Season: Nov15 – Mar 31



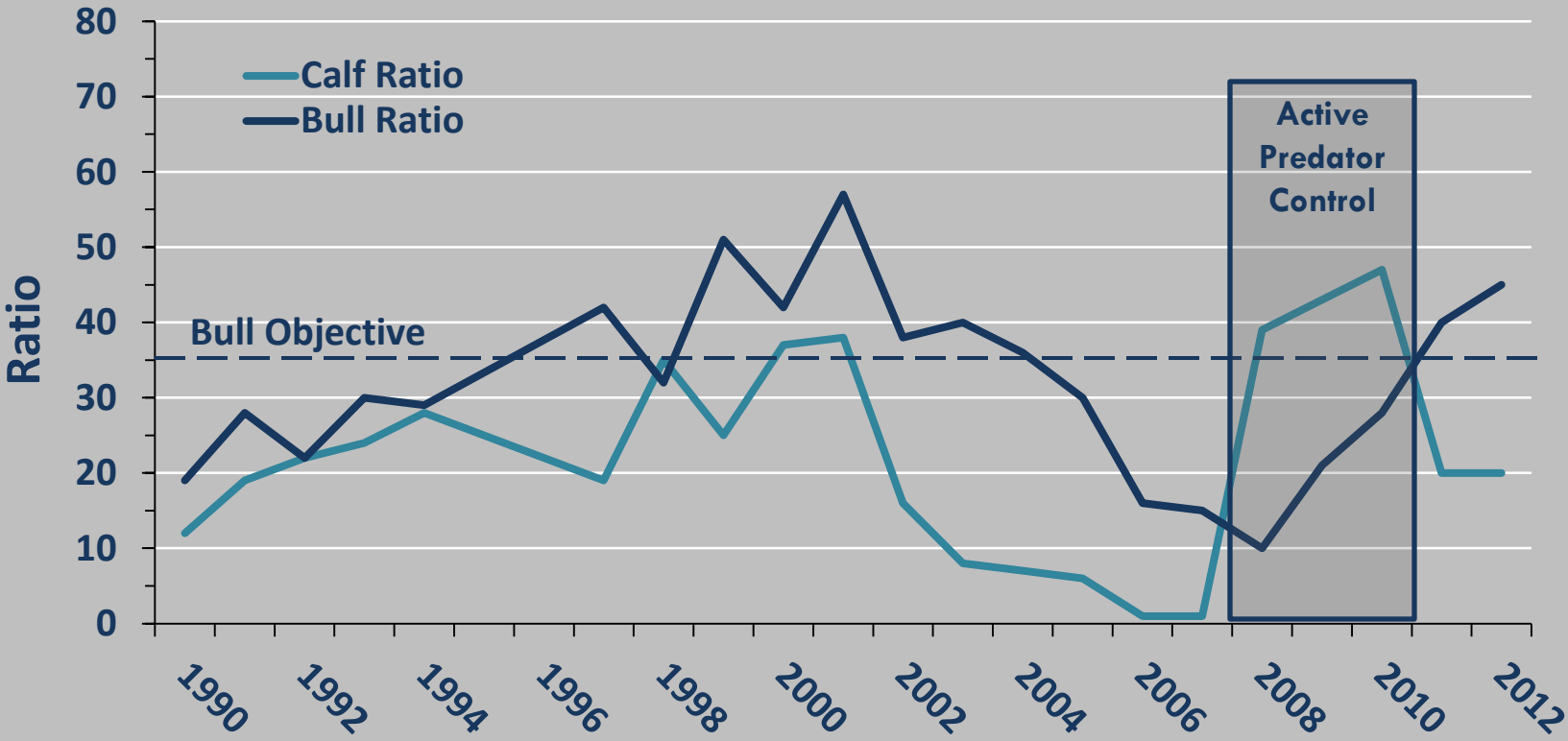
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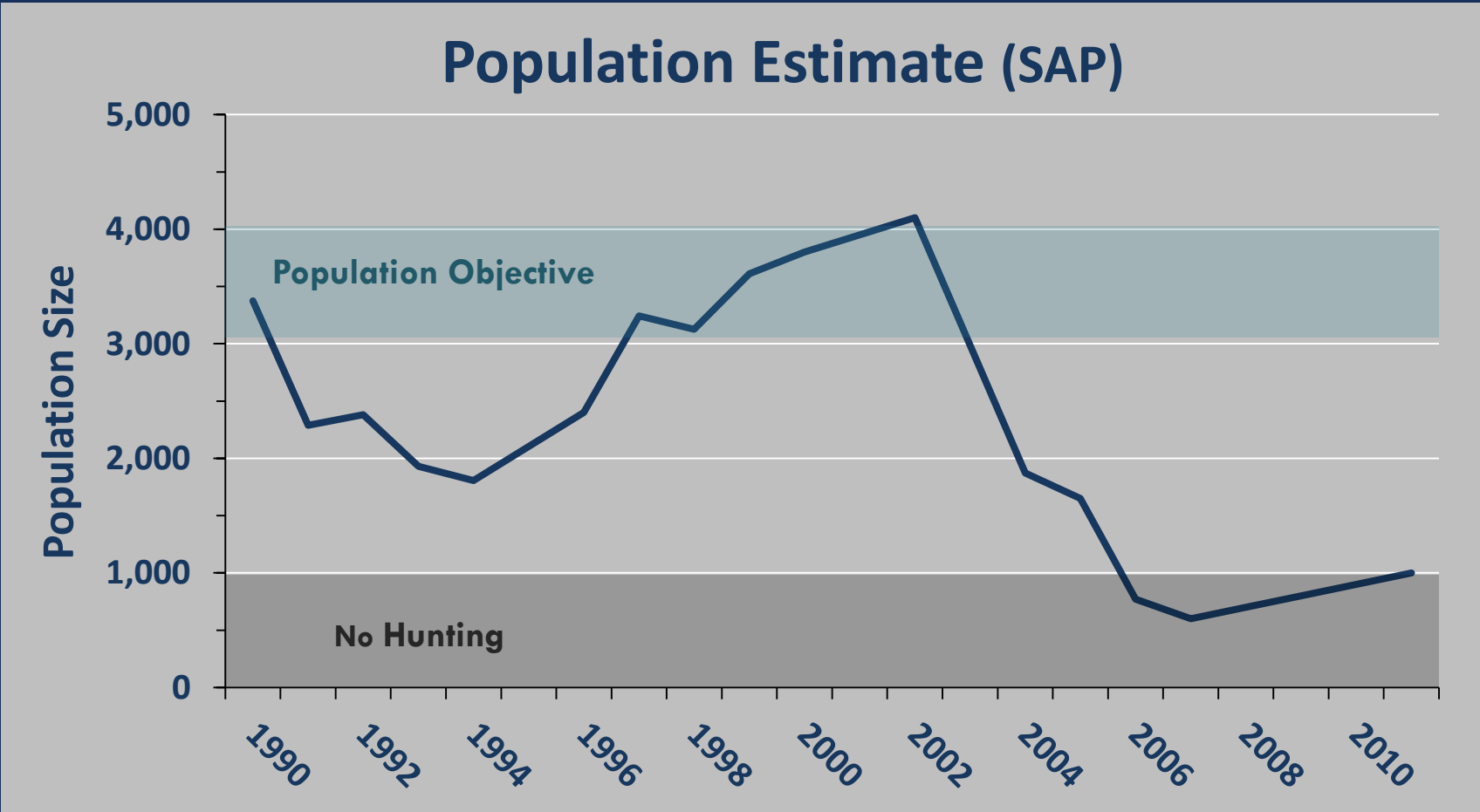
King Salmon

Current Season:	No Open Season
Proposed Season as Amended:	Aug 1 – Sept 30 Nov 1 – Mar 31

- Caribou hunting was closed by Emergency Order in July 2007
- Caribou hunting was closed by Board action in March 2009

Fall Sex and Age Composition (SAP)





Guidelines based on 2008 Operational Plan

Establish a Tier II hunt for SAP caribou

Aug 1 – Sept 30

Amend and Adopt

Amend by Adding Winter Season: Nov15 – Mar 31

Liberalize the brown bear season and bag limit

No Recommendation – Liberalizing bear hunting

Do Not Adopt – Overlap with September moose season

Chignik AC

Support if Amended (5-1) – Remove Sept. bear season

Lake Iliamna AC

Oppose (0-5)

Lower Bristol Bay AC

Support if Amended (8-0) – Extend spring season only; Every other year hunt

Naknek/Kvichak AC

Support (5-3)

Proposed Changes

Current regulations:

9 A, B, C, &E	Oct 1–21	May 10–25	(every other year)
9 B	Sep 20–Oct 21	May 10–25	(every other year)

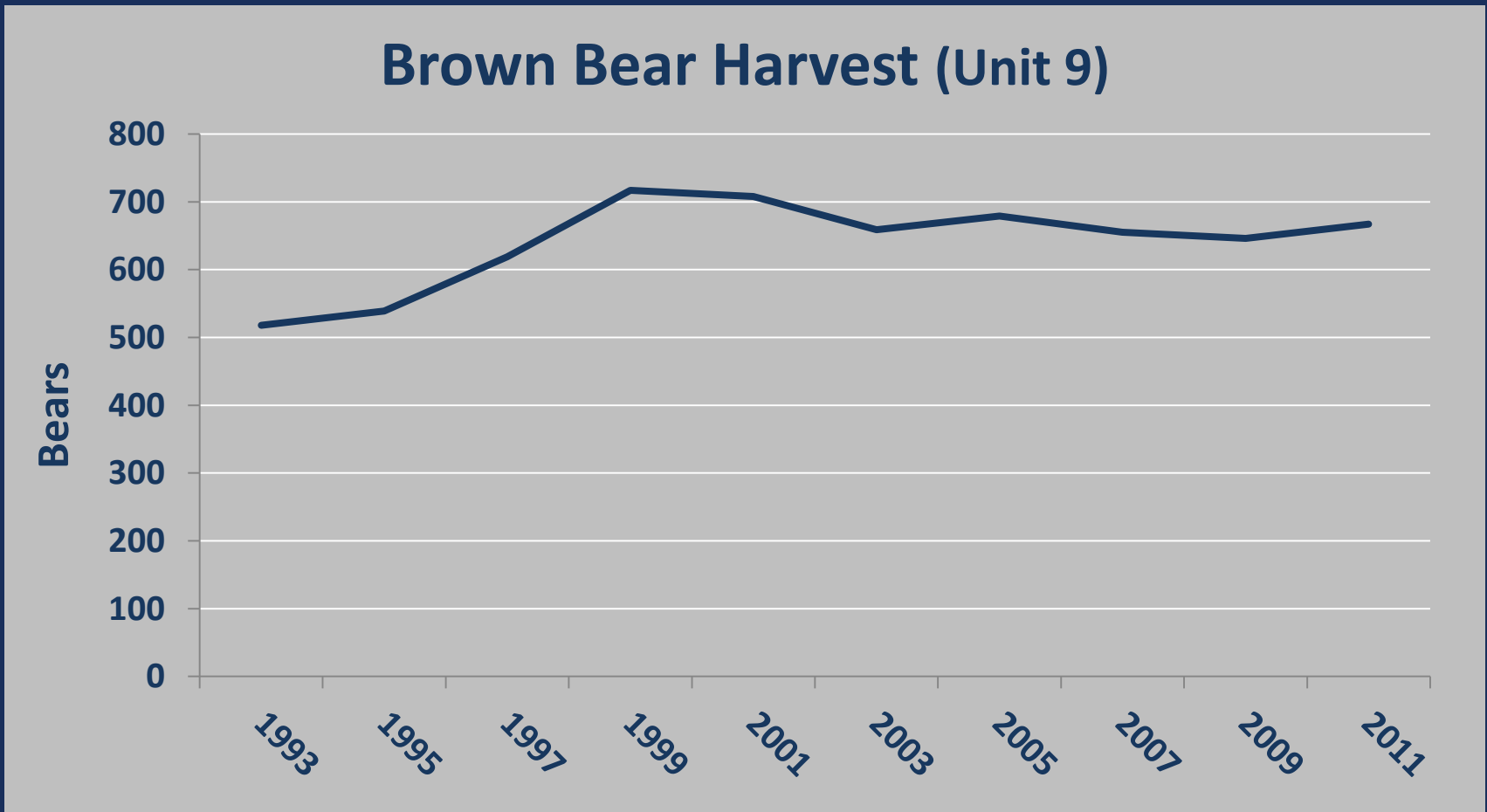
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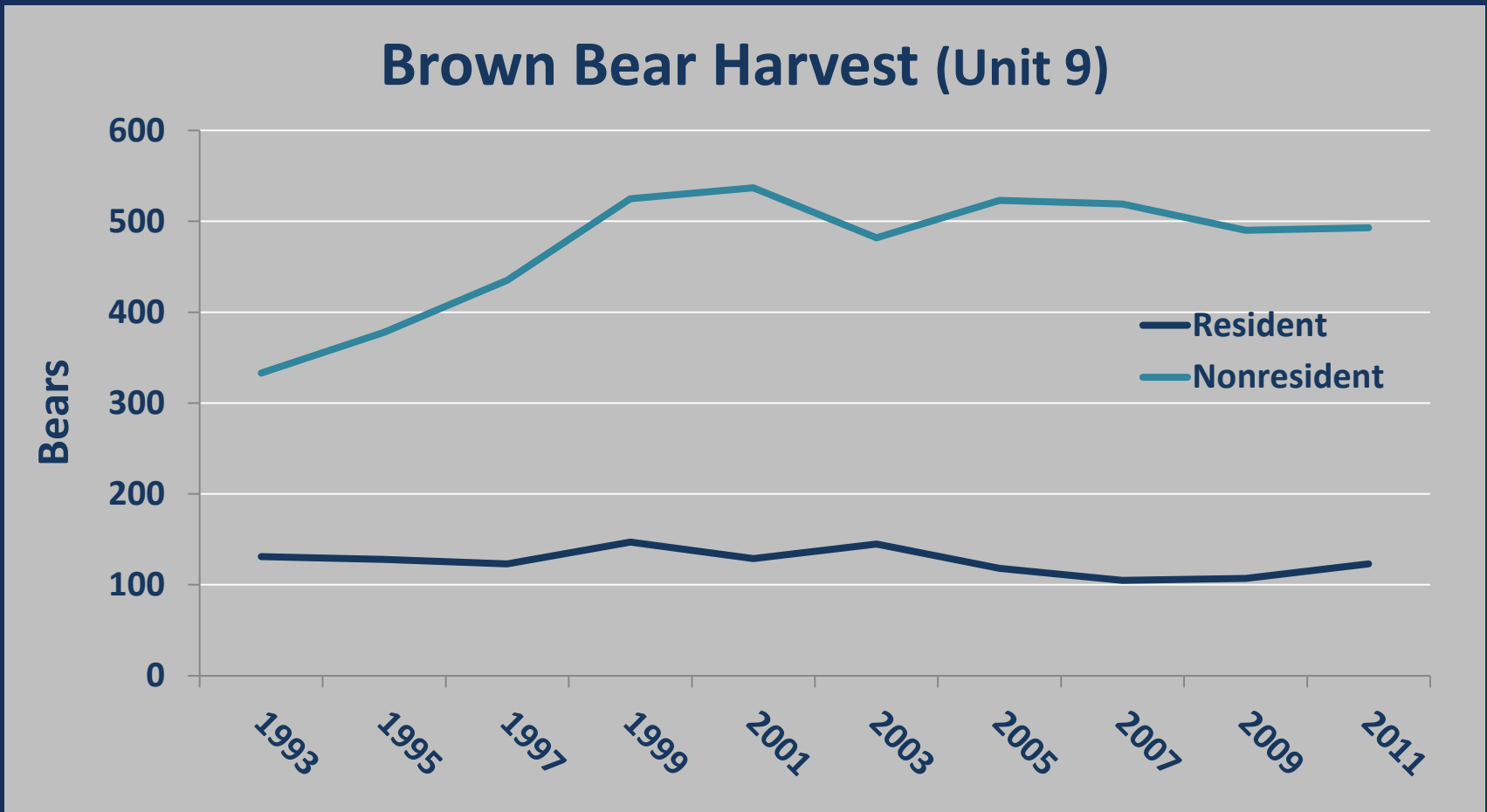
Proposed regulations:

Unit 9	Sept 1–Oct 31	May 1–31	(every year)
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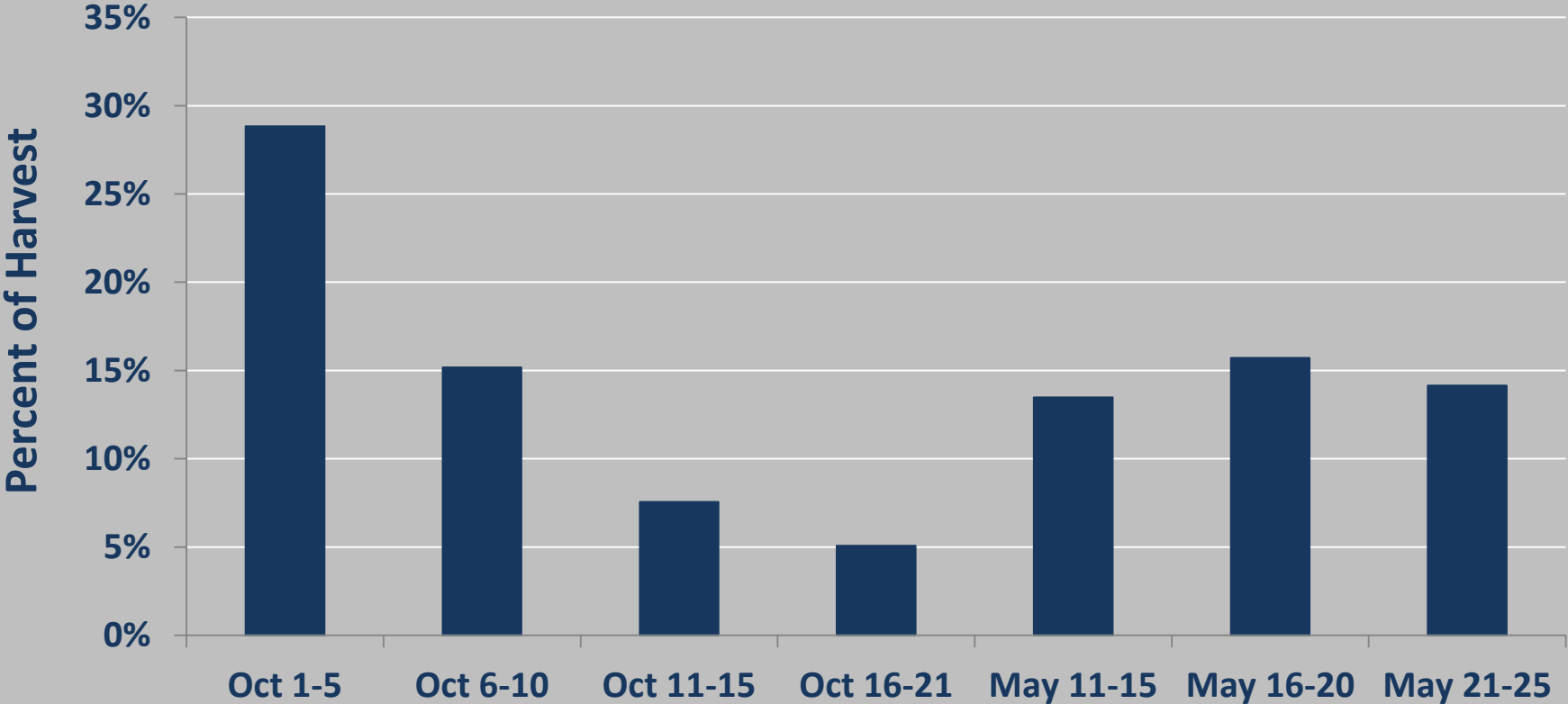
Residents: 1 bear every year; No locking tag

Nonresidents: 1 bear every 4 years; Locking tag required





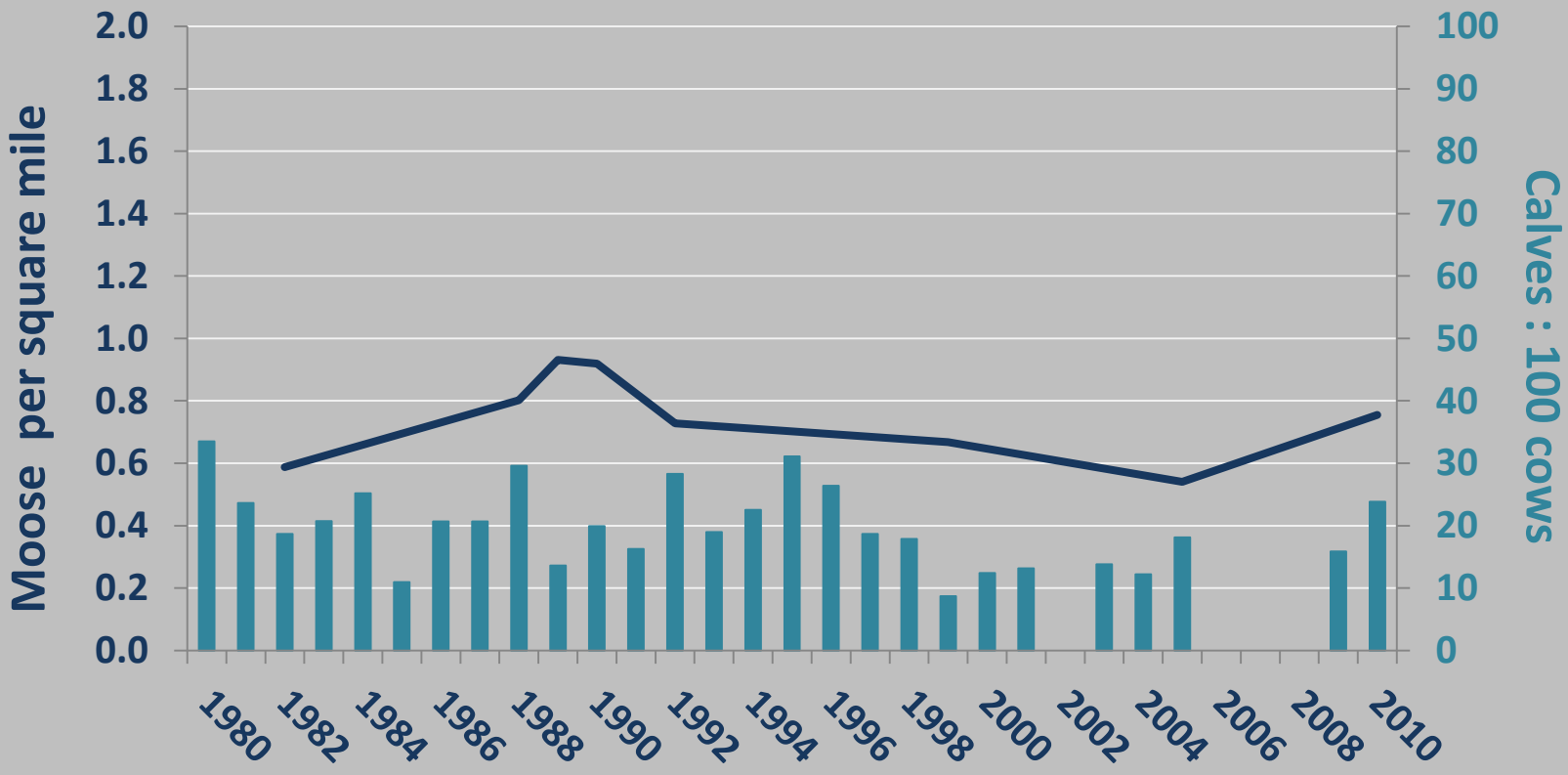
Harvest Chronology



Moose

- Population may be in a slow decline
- Limited by calf recruitment
- Status not affected by changes in this proposal
 - Bears are density dependant
 - A decrease in moose predation would require a large removal of brown bears
 - Remove ~ 5,000 bears of all sex and age classes
 - Removal must occur prior to calving
 - Not achievable with proposed brown bear liberalization

Moose Population Trends (Unit 9)



Caribou

NAP (subunits 9C&E)

- Population status is stable or increasing
- Limited by calf recruitment and nutrition
- Brown bears are a significant predator (2005-2007)
- Status not affected by changes in this proposal

SAP (subunit 9D)

- Population is increasing due to wolf control (2008-2010)
- Brown bears are not a significant predator (2008-2010)
- Status not affected by changes in this proposal

Liberalize the brown bear season and bag limit

No Recommendation – Liberalizing bear hunting

Do Not Adopt – Overlap with September moose season

Chignik AC

Support if Amended (5-1) – Remove Sept. bear season

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Oppose (0-5)

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Support (5-3)

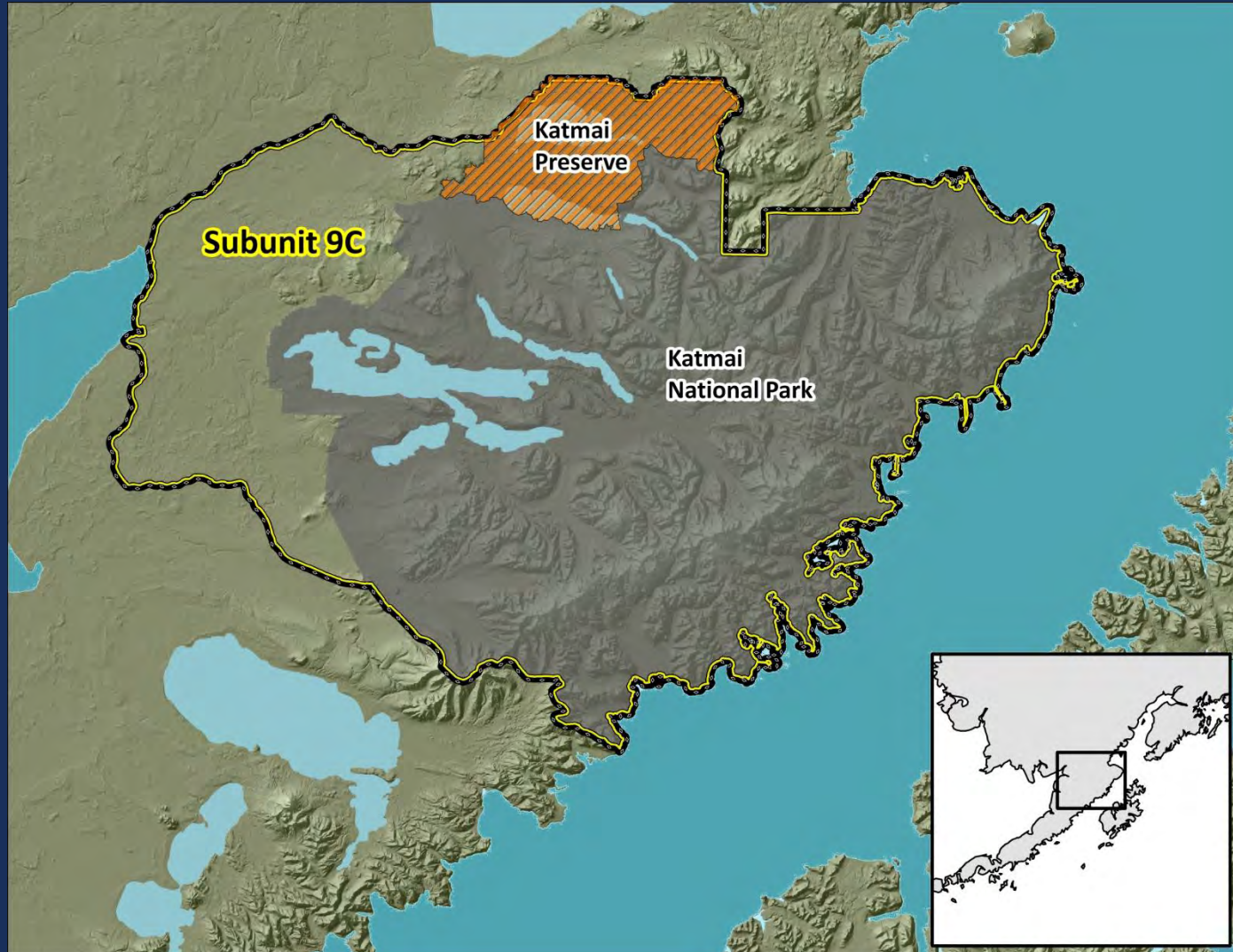
Establish a separate registration permit hunt area and quota for Katmai Preserve

Do Not Adopt

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Brown Bear / Subunit 9C

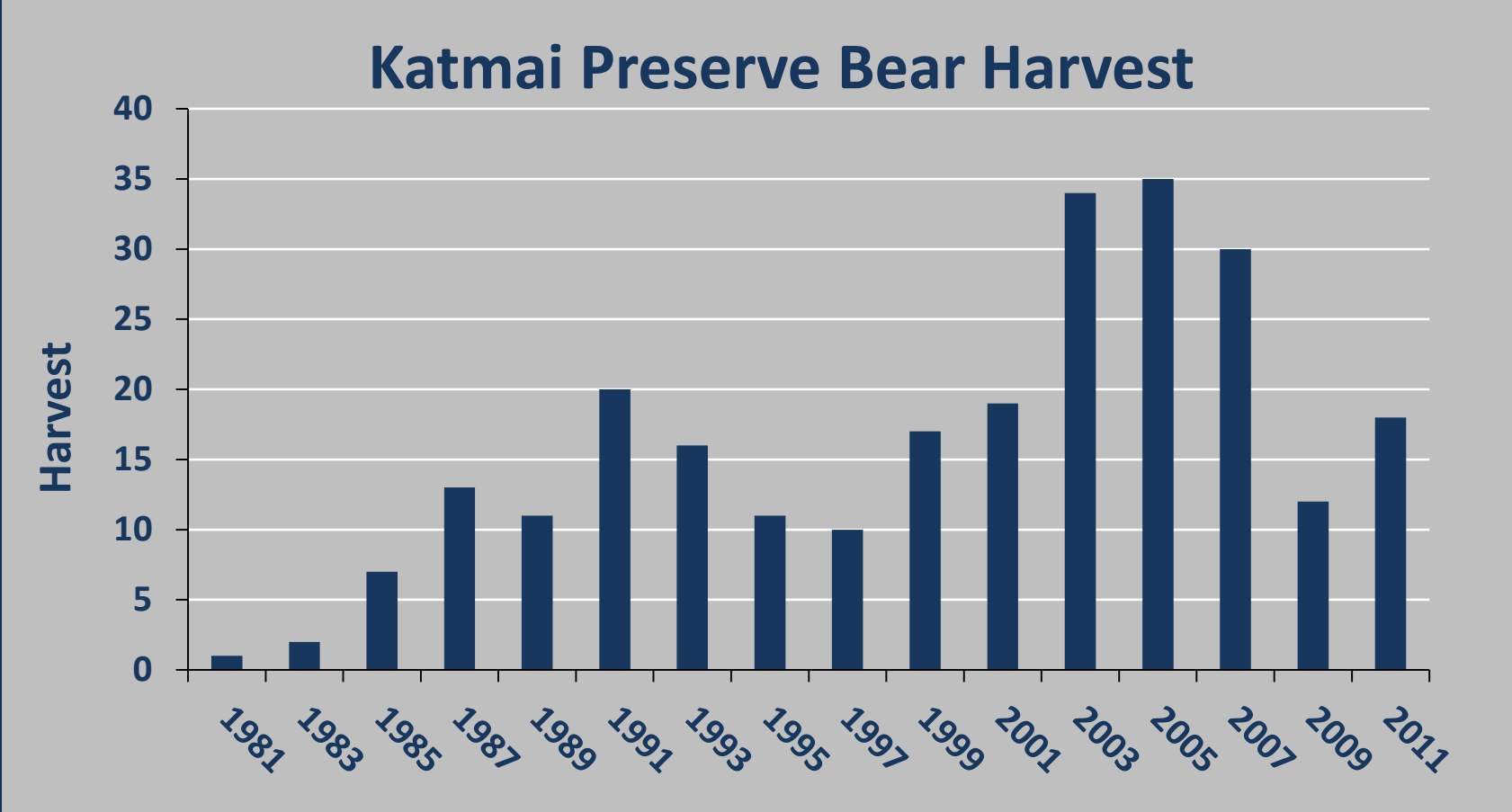


Many proposals to limit harvest since 2005

Decrease in quality of viewing opportunity

- Fewer bears observed
- Concern about harvest of bears

**Primary concern was that bear harvest increased in
2003, 2005, & 2007**



Does not include illegal harvest in 2007 (3 to 7 bears)

Analysis of bear use of Katmai Preserve

- **Increased salmon escapements**
- **Increased human presence**
- **Changes in bear distribution**
- **High bear counts in the Preserve (330+ bears)**
- **Composition and harvest data reflect a population with highly productive population with diverse sex and age classes**

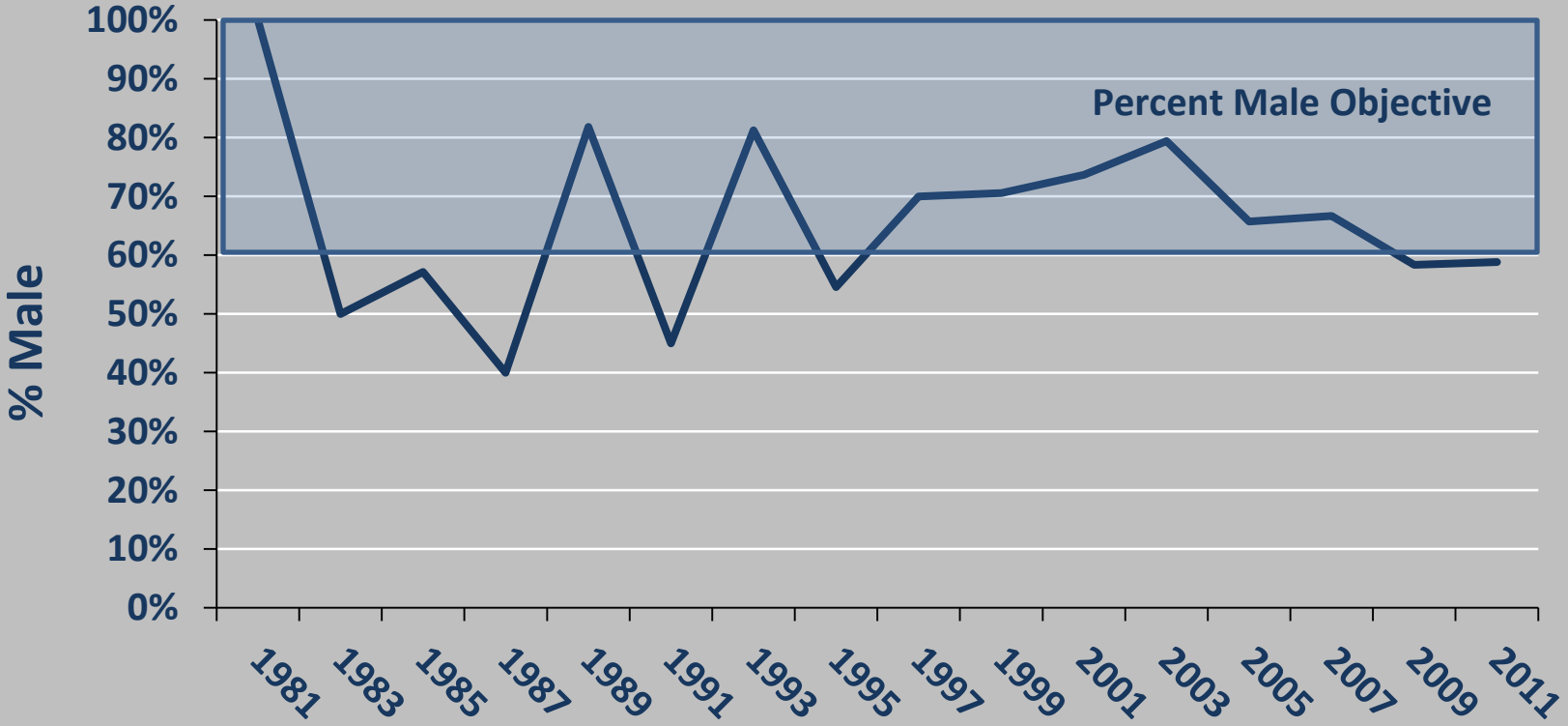
Conclusion: bear use of the Preserve was not affected by brown bear harvest

Bear harvest in the Preserve has declined since 2007

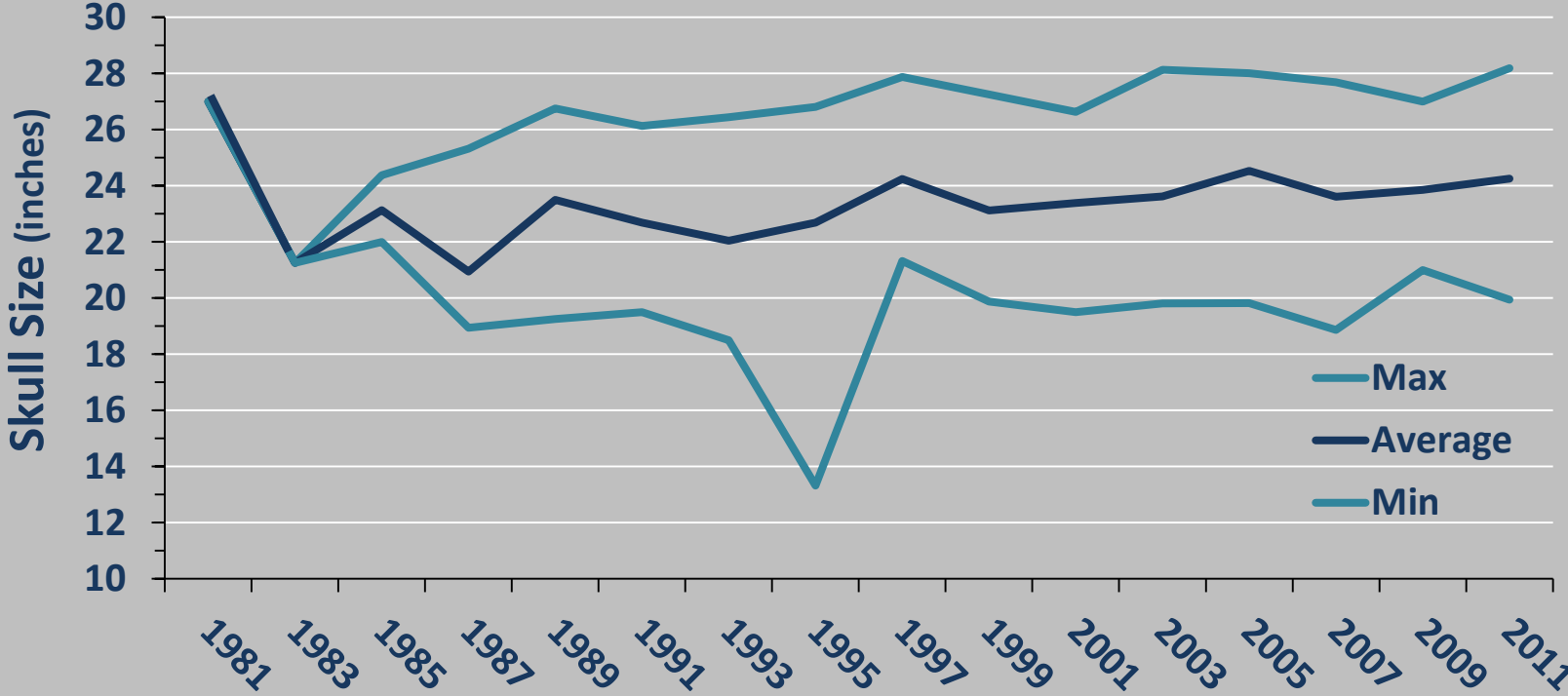
Current harvests (7 bears annually) are sustainable

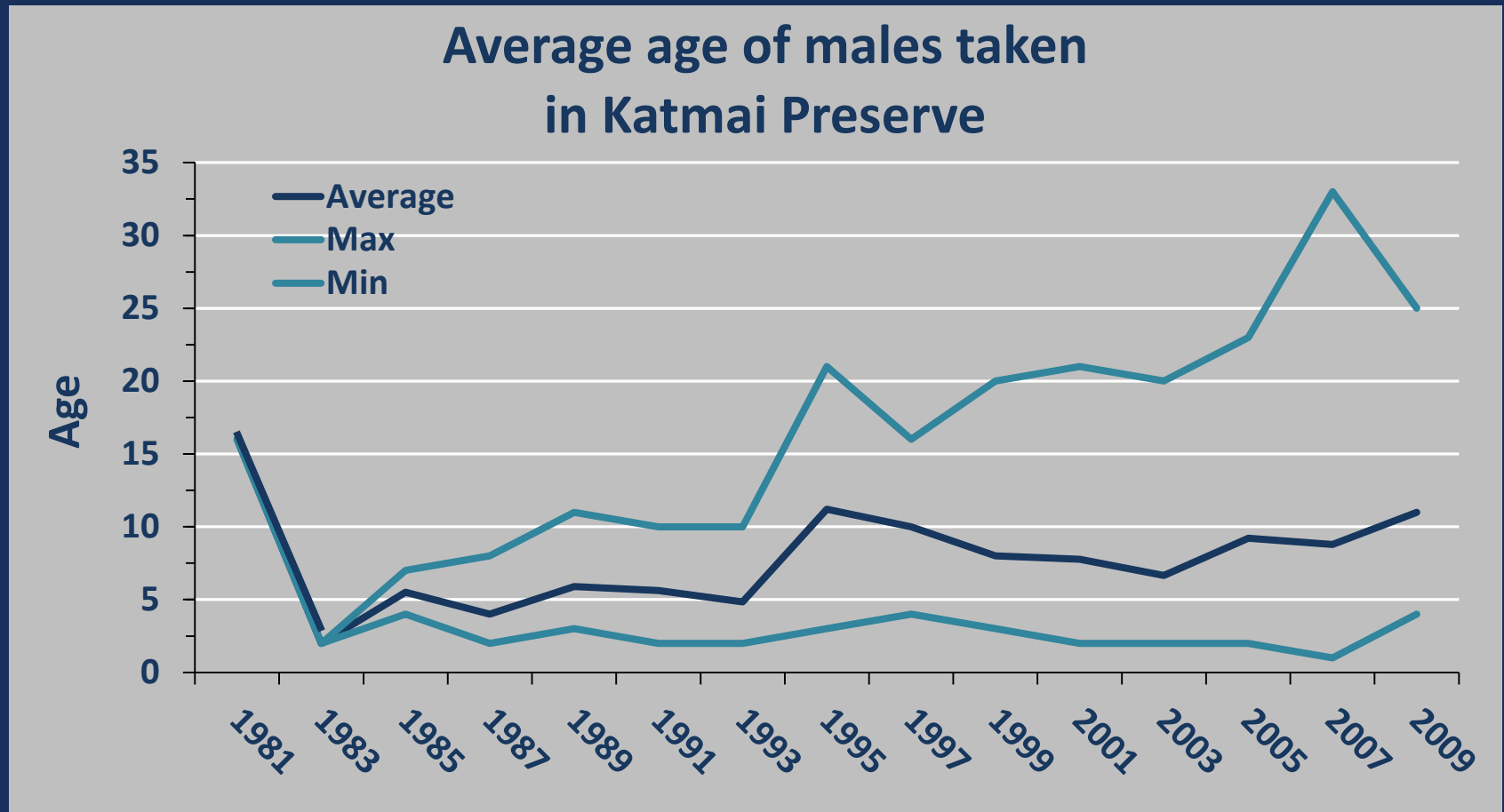
- **Current harvest rate would equate to 2.3% annually based on the NPS estimate of 300 bears**
- **ADFG estimates harvest rate at 4-6% based on bears occupying lands open to bear hunting in Units 9C, 9B, & 9E**
- **Similar to Kodiak and the remainder of Unit 9 (5-7% annually)**

Katmai Preserve Brown Bear Harvest



Average skull size of males taken in Katmai Preserve





Concern about bear harvest near villages (RB525)

- **Many brown bears are “transient”**
(home ranges average 50-60 miles)
- **RB525 was designed to address public safety concerns**
 - **Liberal seasons and bag limit**
 - **Designed to take bears that are more likely to caused a threat to life or damage property**

Registration brown bear hunt established in 2011

- **Hunt area includes all of Unit 9**
- **Provides adequate monitoring of Preserve harvest**
- **Harvest management is not improved by creating a separate hunt area in Katmai Preserve**

A fixed harvest quota for Katmai Preserve is not recommended at this time

Establish a separate registration permit hunt area and quota for Katmai Preserve

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Eliminate “village” brown bear hunts (RB525)

1 bear every year (July 1 - June 30) within 3 – 5 miles of communities

Resident only; No locking tag required

Replace with year-round bear hunt in “specified areas”

Do Not Adopt

Lake Iliamna AC

Lower Bristol Bay AC

Naknek/Kvichak AC

TNA – “Fix Problems”

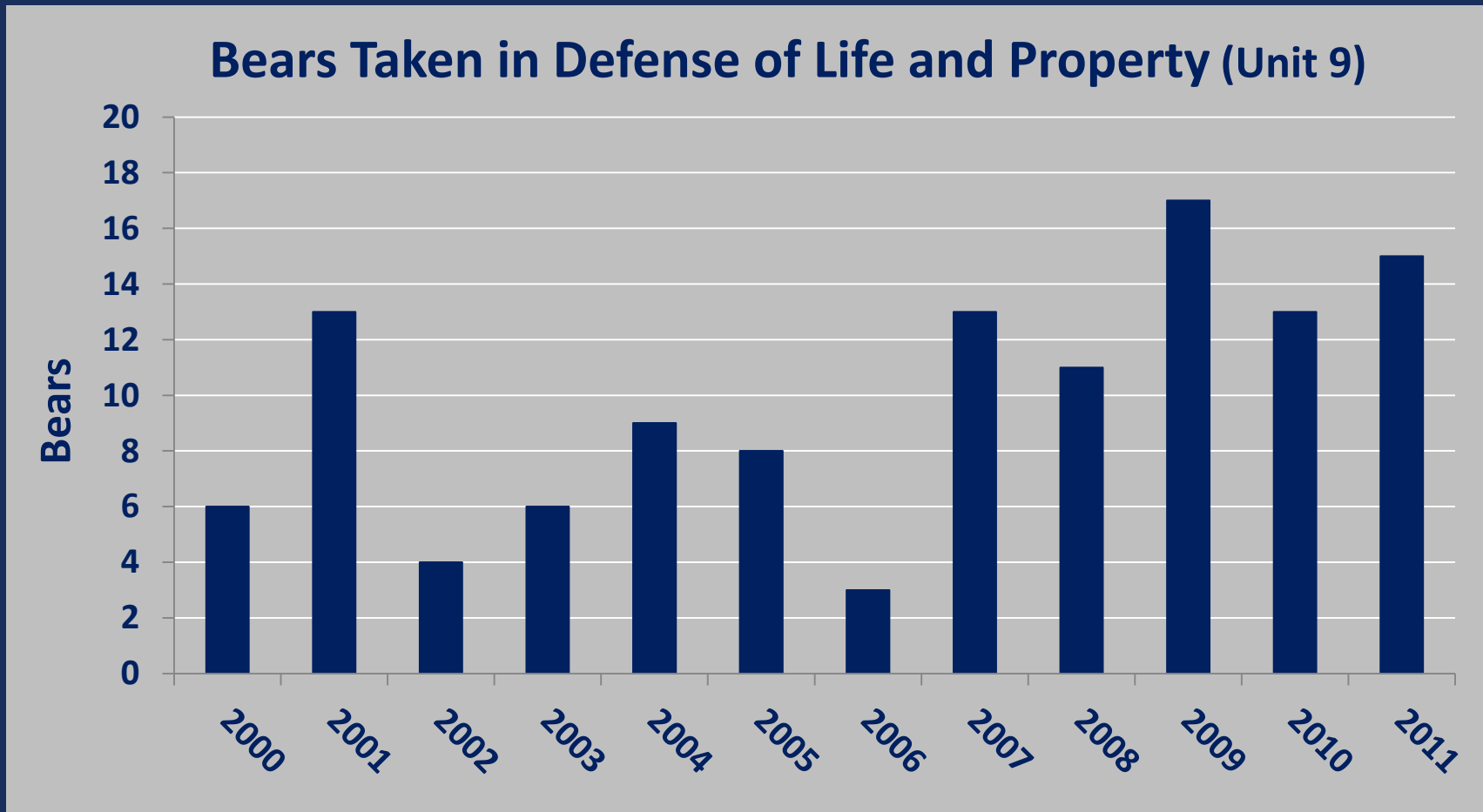
Oppose (0-9)

Oppose (0-8)

“Village” Brown Bear Hunts (RB525)

Original Problem:

- **Public safety frequently expressed as a concern**
- **Confusion over legality of shooting Defense of Life and Property (DLP) bears**
- **Problem bears were not shot due to bag limit restrictions (1 bear every 4 years)**
- **Frustration with requirement to surrender hide and skull of DLP bears**



Frequent reports of that bears are shot near communities but not reported

“Village” Brown Bear Hunts (RB525)

Designed to address public safety concerns

- **Adopted and Implemented in 2011**
- **Applies to all communities in Units 9 and 10**
- **Hunt area limited to 3 - 5 miles of communities**
- **Resident-only hunt**
- **Liberal bag limit (1 bear per year); No tag required**
- **Hunter keeps hide and skull**

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Do Not Adopt

Lake Iliamna AC

Lower Bristol Bay AC

Naknek/Kvichak AC

TNA – “Fix Problems”

Oppose (0-9)

Oppose (0-8)

Liberalize bag limit for “village” brown bear hunts (RB525)

Current Bag Limit: 1 bear every year

Proposed Bag Limit: 2 bears every year

No Recommendation

Chignik AC

Support (6-0)

Lake Iliamna AC

Oppose (0-5)

Lower Bristol Bay AC

Support (9-0) and Amend Salvage Requirements

Naknek/Kvichak AC

Support (7-1)

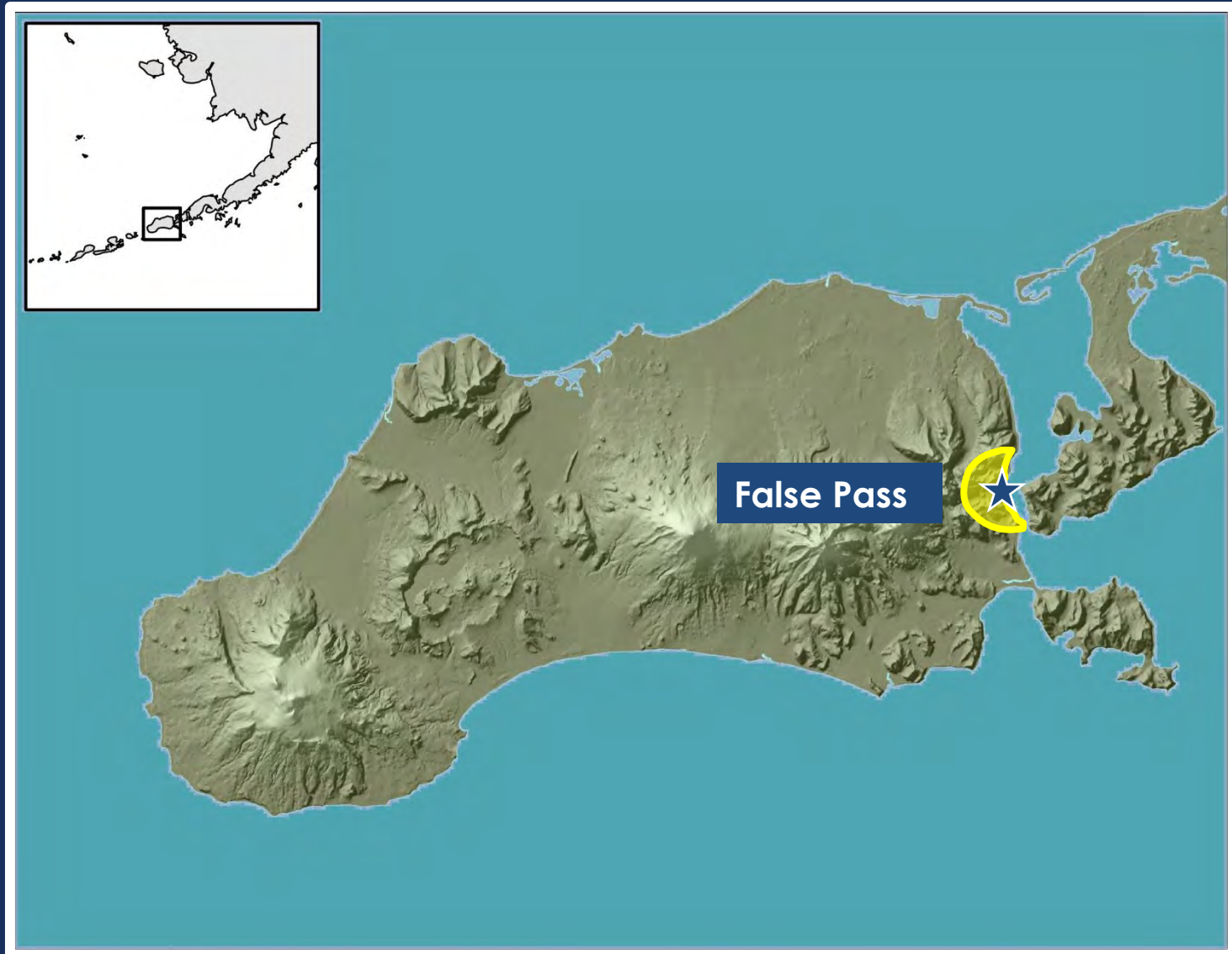
Expand “village” brown bear hunt area (RB525) near False Pass (Units 9 & 10)

Do Not Adopt

*No Advisory Committee Votes
Submitted by False Pass AC*

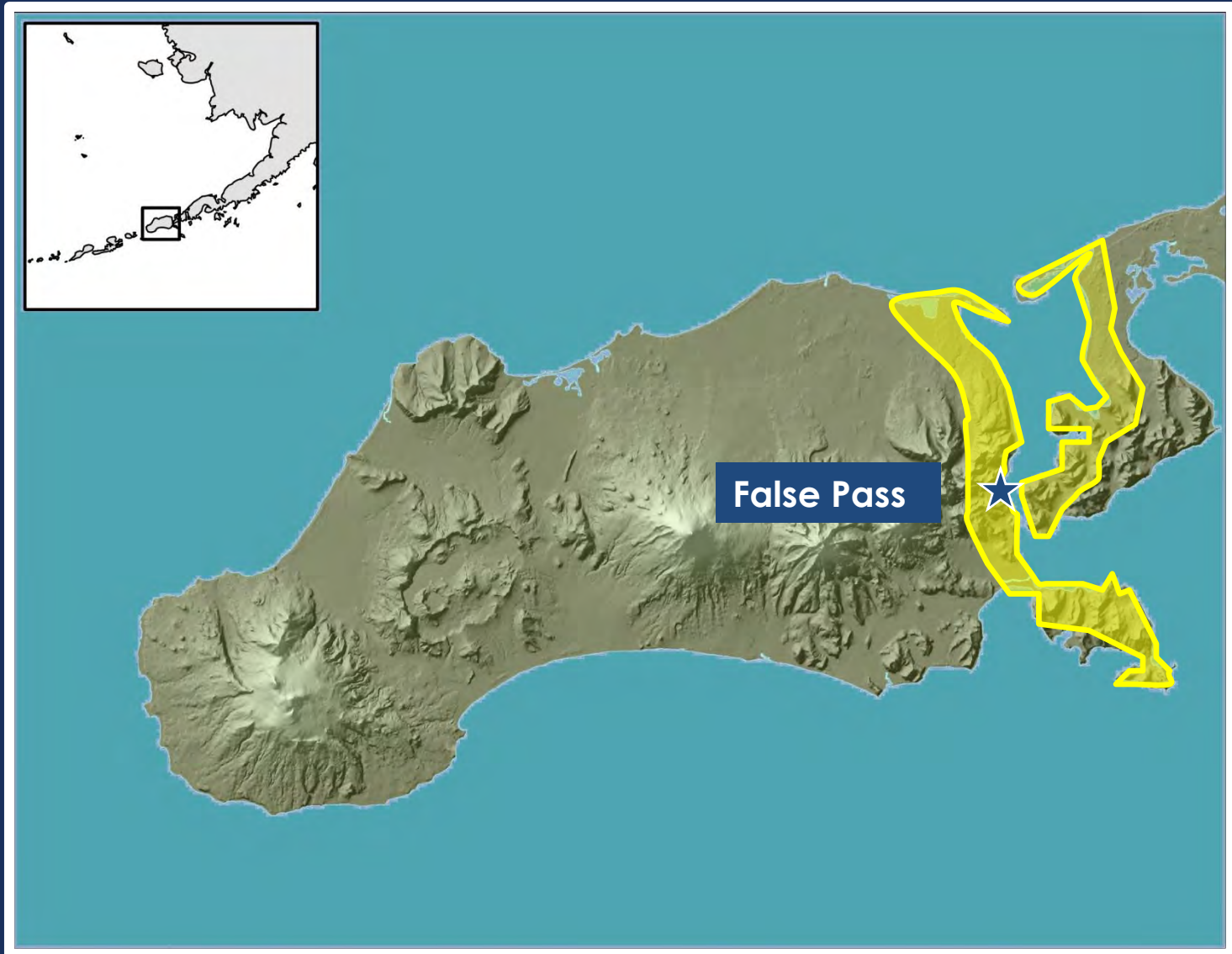
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Brown Bear / Units 9 & 10



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Expand “village” brown bear hunt area (RB525) near False Pass (Units 9 & 10)

Do Not Adopt

Allocate Unimak Island brown bear hunting opportunity

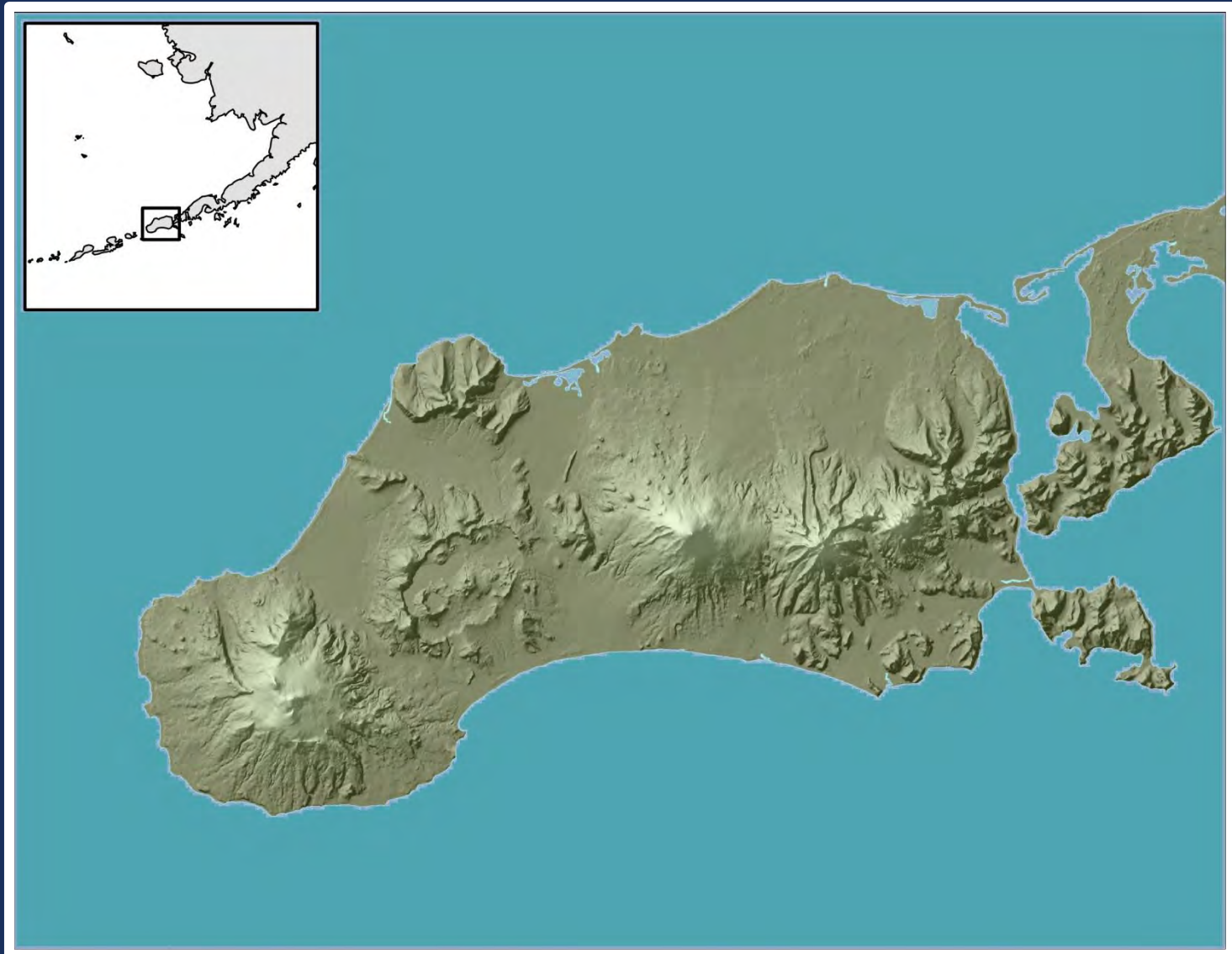
- **Allocate hunting opportunity** (residents & nonresidents)
- **2nd degree kindred included in resident allocation**
- **Require guide-client agreement**
- **Guide-client agreements limited by the number of nonresident permits available**

No Recommendation

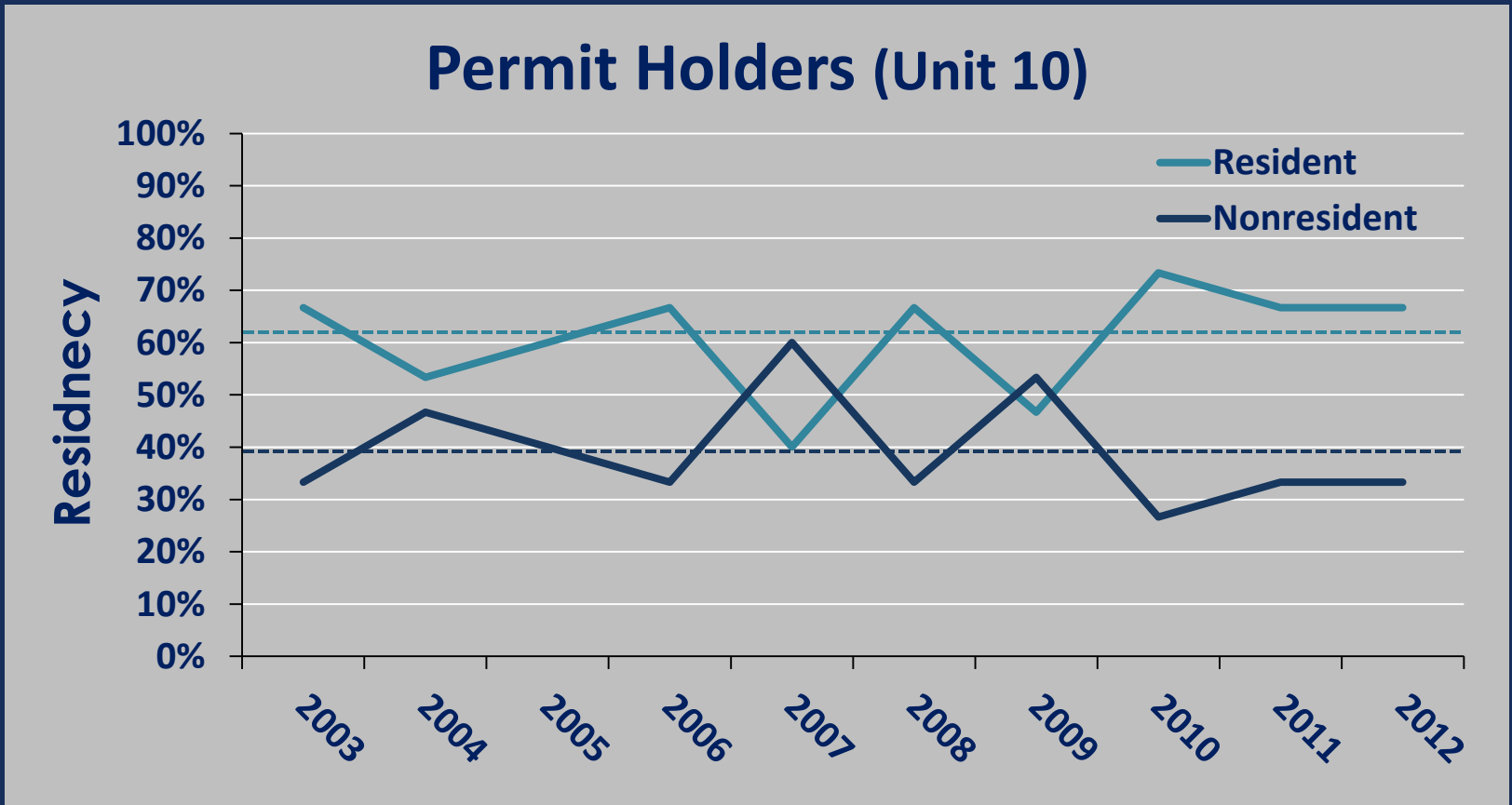
Guide Client Agreements adopted in 2009

Proposal 59

Brown Bear / Unit 10



No recommendation on allocation based on residency



10-Year Average = 39% nonresident

	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Nonresidents</u>
Permits Hunted	67% (30-80%)	73% (40-88%)
Successful	71% (20-100%)	93% (67-100%)

No recommendation on 2nd degree kindred allocation

(nonresident, 2nd degree kindred included in resident allocation)

- 1 unguided, nonresident hunter since 1981 (hunted in 2002)**
- 0 unguided, nonresident hunters during the last 10 years**

No recommendation on guide allocation

- **Limits the number of guide-client agreements per guide to the number of nonresident permits available**
- **2 guides registered on Unimak**
- **Result: 50% of the permits (on average) would go to each guide if each guide submits the maximum number of guide-client agreements (draw permit applications)**

Allocate Unimak Island brown bear hunting opportunity

- Allocate hunting opportunity (residents & nonresidents)
- Next-of-kin hunters included in resident allocation
- Require guide-client agreement
- Guide-client agreements limited by the number of nonresident permits available

No Recommendation

Guide Client Agreements adopted in 2009

Shorten Wolf Hunting and Trapping Seasons On Park Service Lands

Current Seasons: Aug 10 – Jun 30 (hunt), Nov 10 – Jun 30(trap)

Proposed Seasons: Aug 10 – Apr 30 (hunt), Nov 10 - Apr 30 (trap)

No Recommendation

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Wolf seasons were liberalized in March 2011

- **Previous season dates:**

Hunting Season **Aug 10 - May 25**

Trapping Season **Nov 10 - Mar 31**

- **Both seasons were extended to June 30**

Unit 9

17 wolves harvested in Unit 9 during May 2012

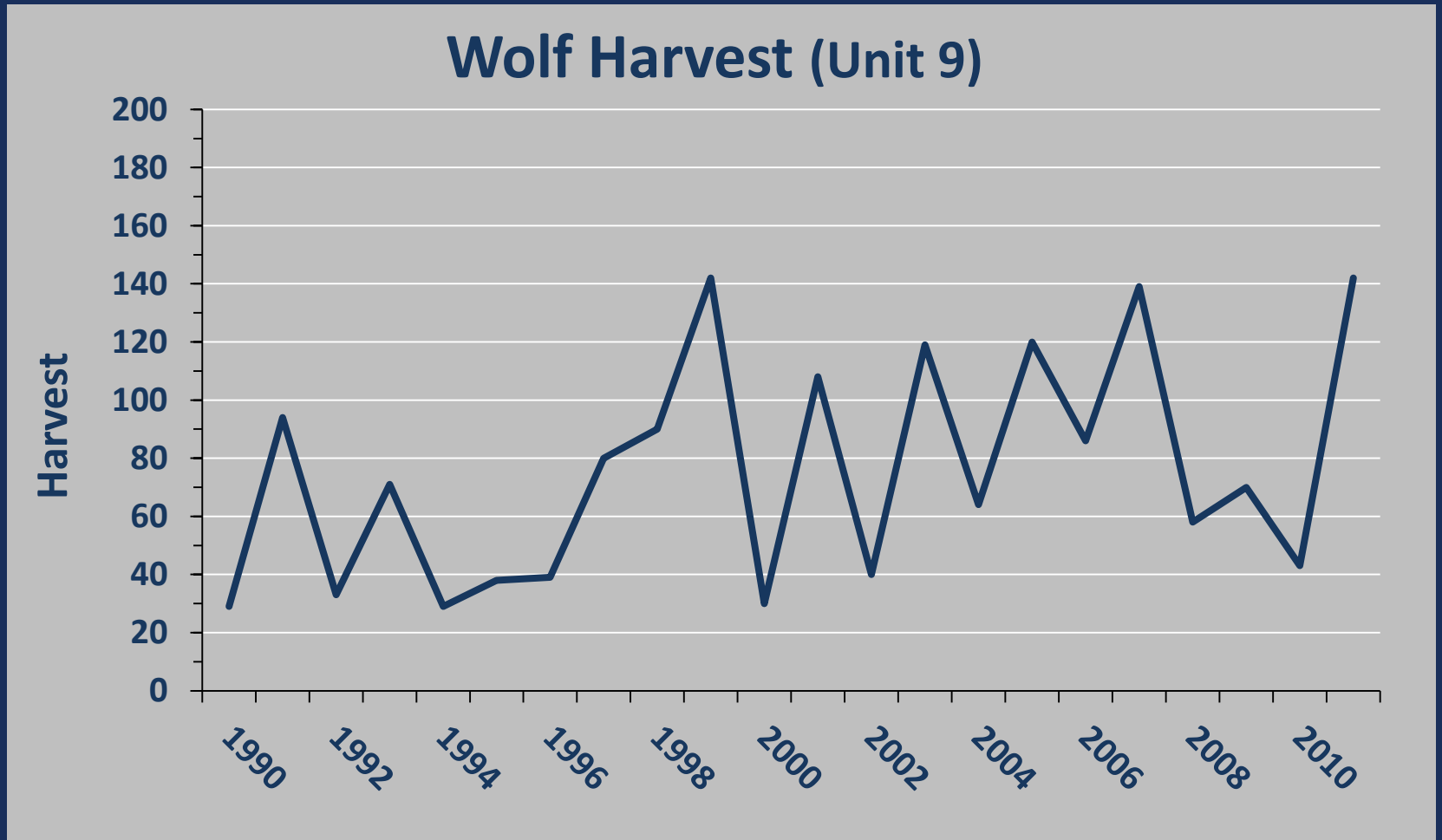
- Legal for harvest under the prior season dates
- Unavailable for harvest under the proposed season dates

No wolves harvested in Unit 9 during the extended season

NPS Lands

1 wolf harvested on NPS lands during May 2012

(No wolves harvested in June 2012)



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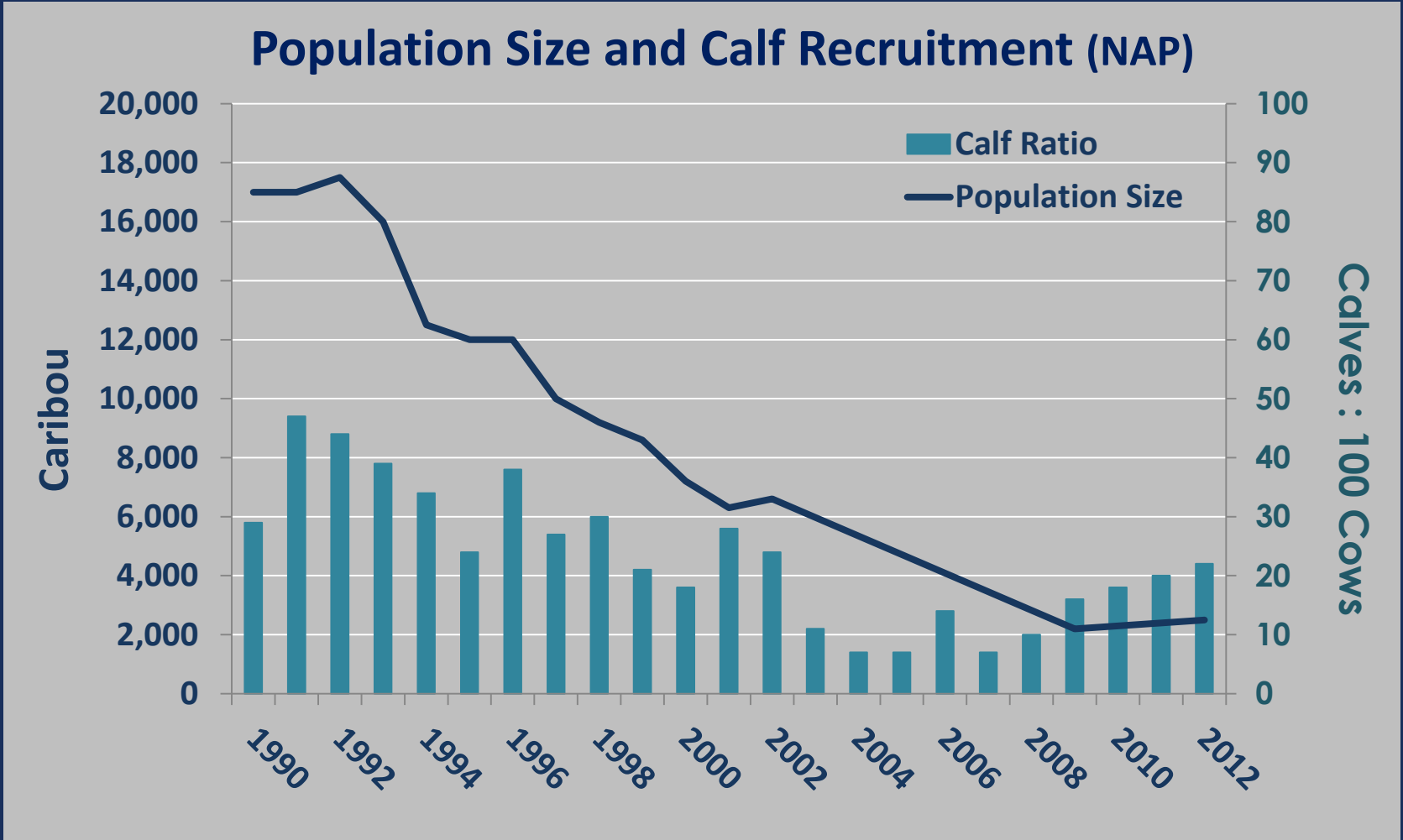
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Adopt

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Northern Alaska Peninsula Caribou Herd (NAP)

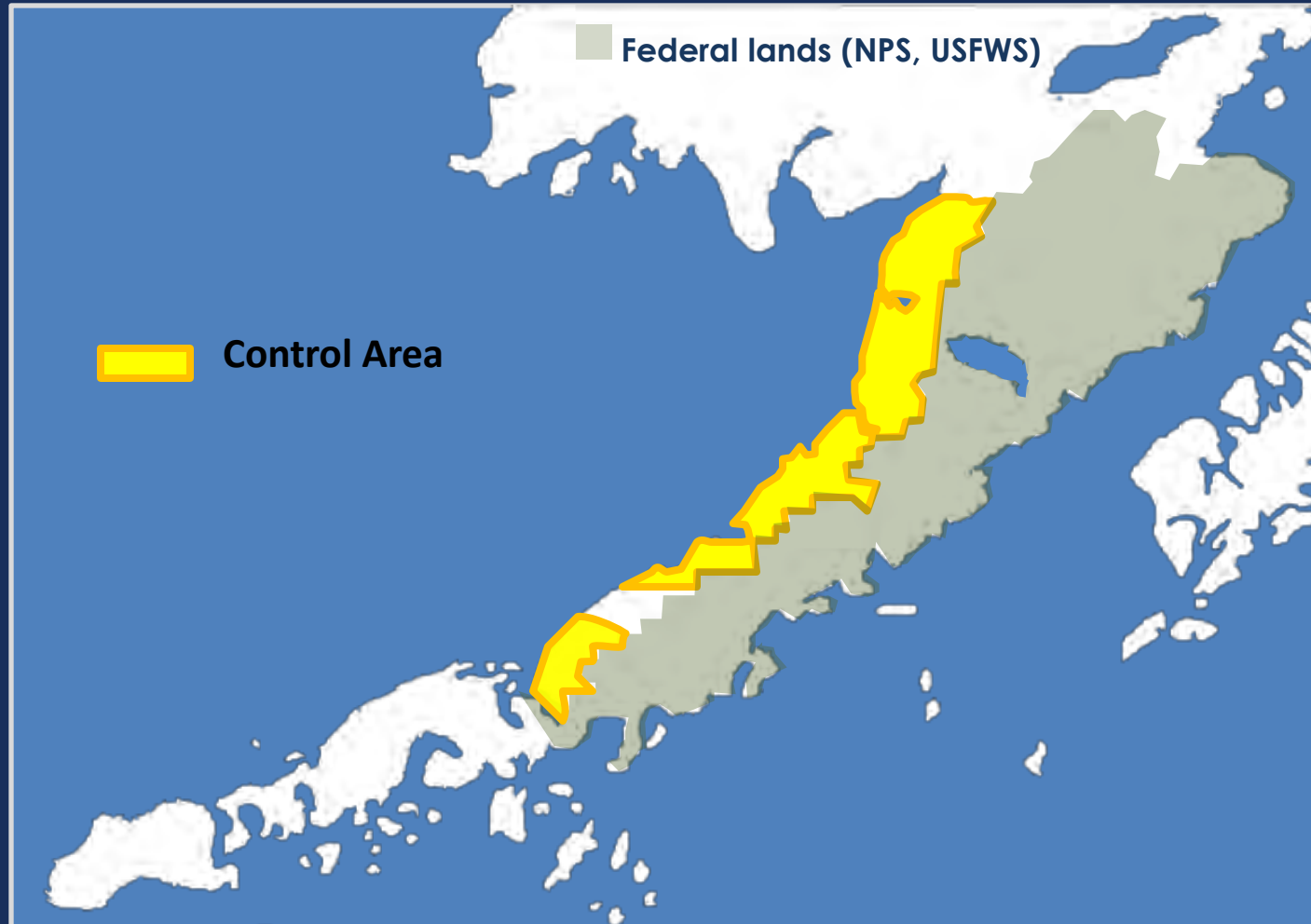




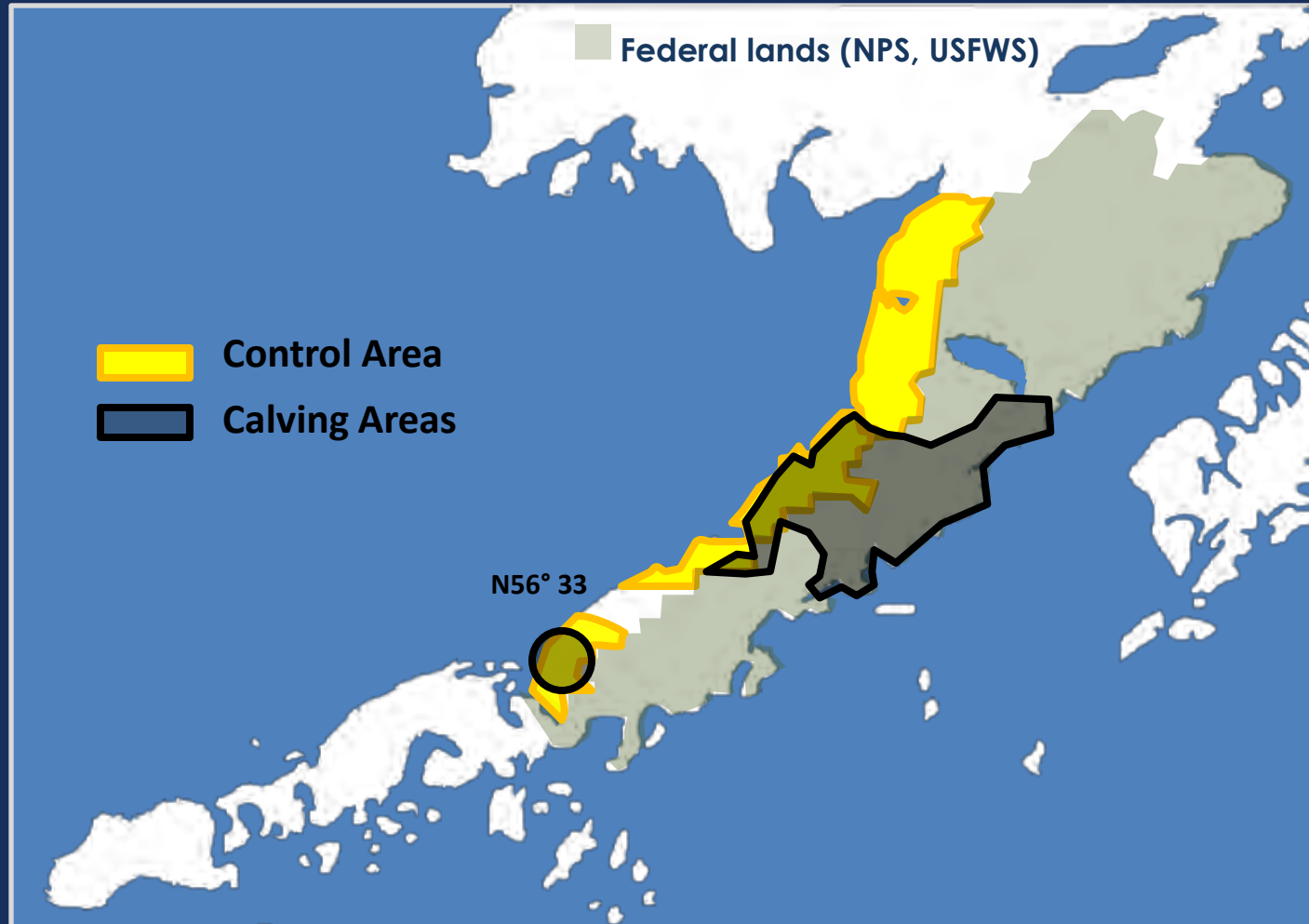
Program

- Wolf control in GMU 9C & 9E
- Primarily aerial control by public
- Original design
 - Implemented on federal lands
 - Implement in phases
 - › 1st - on primary range (80% herd)
 - › 2nd - on secondary range (20% herd)

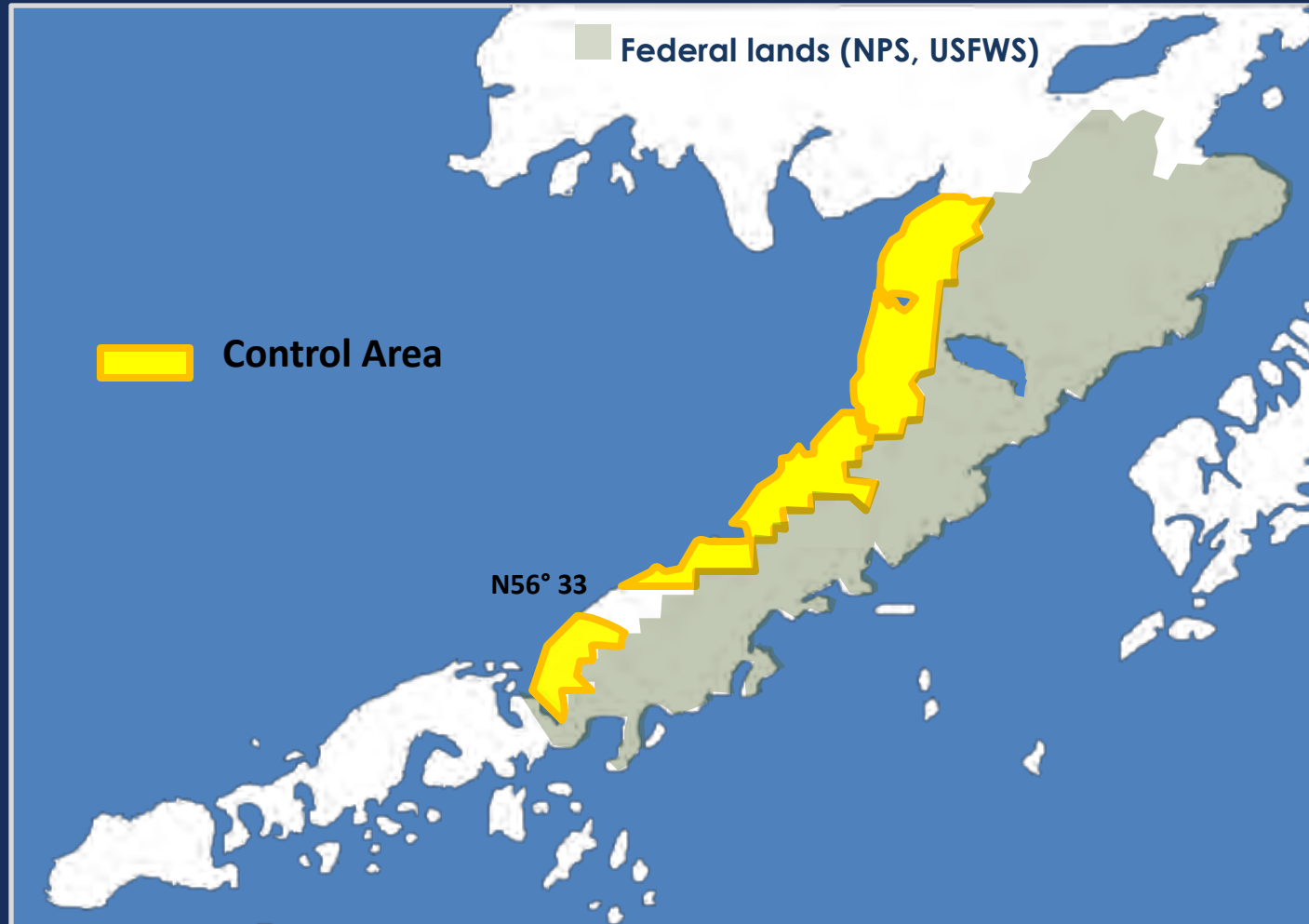
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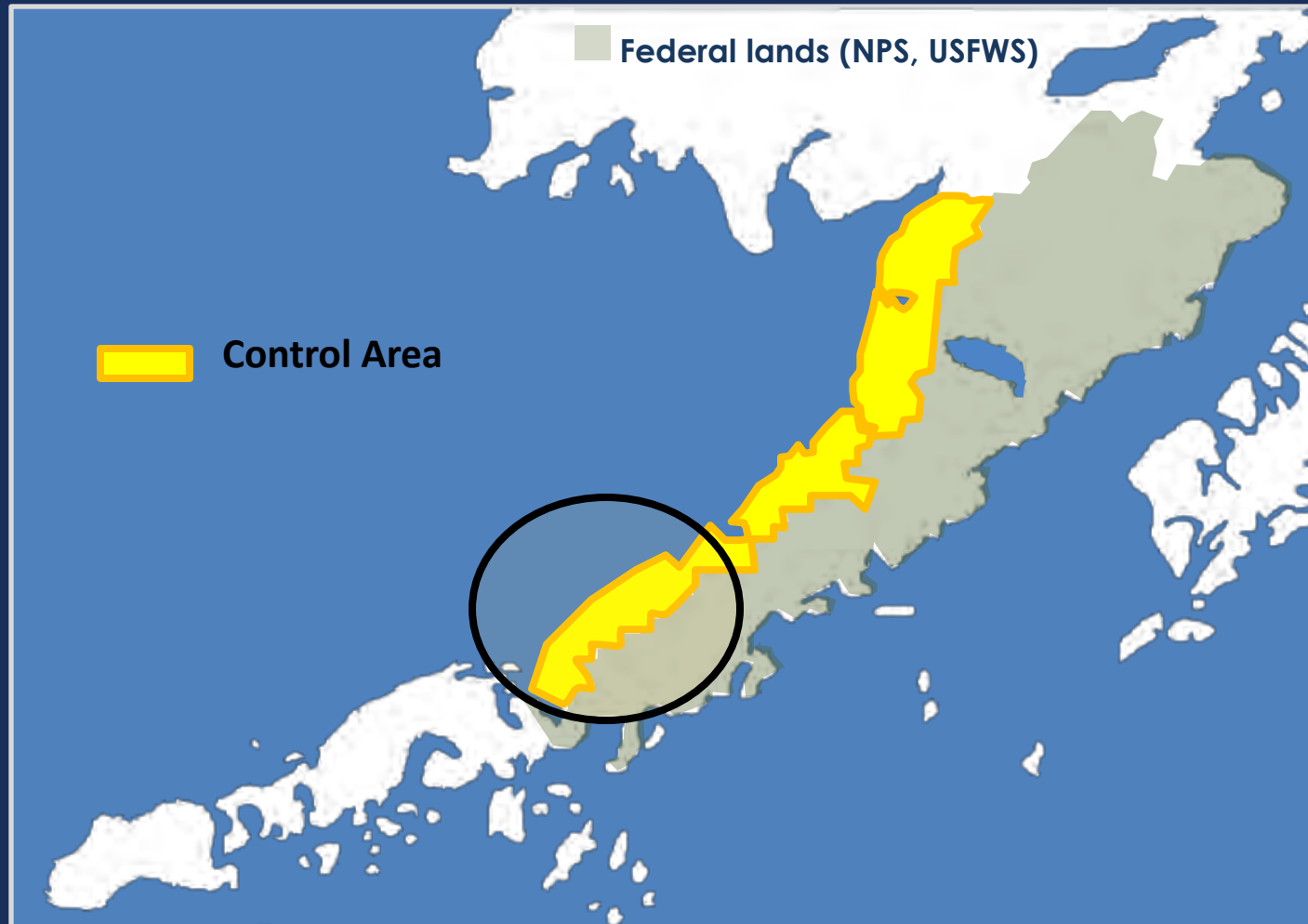
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Current Control Area



Proposed Control Area



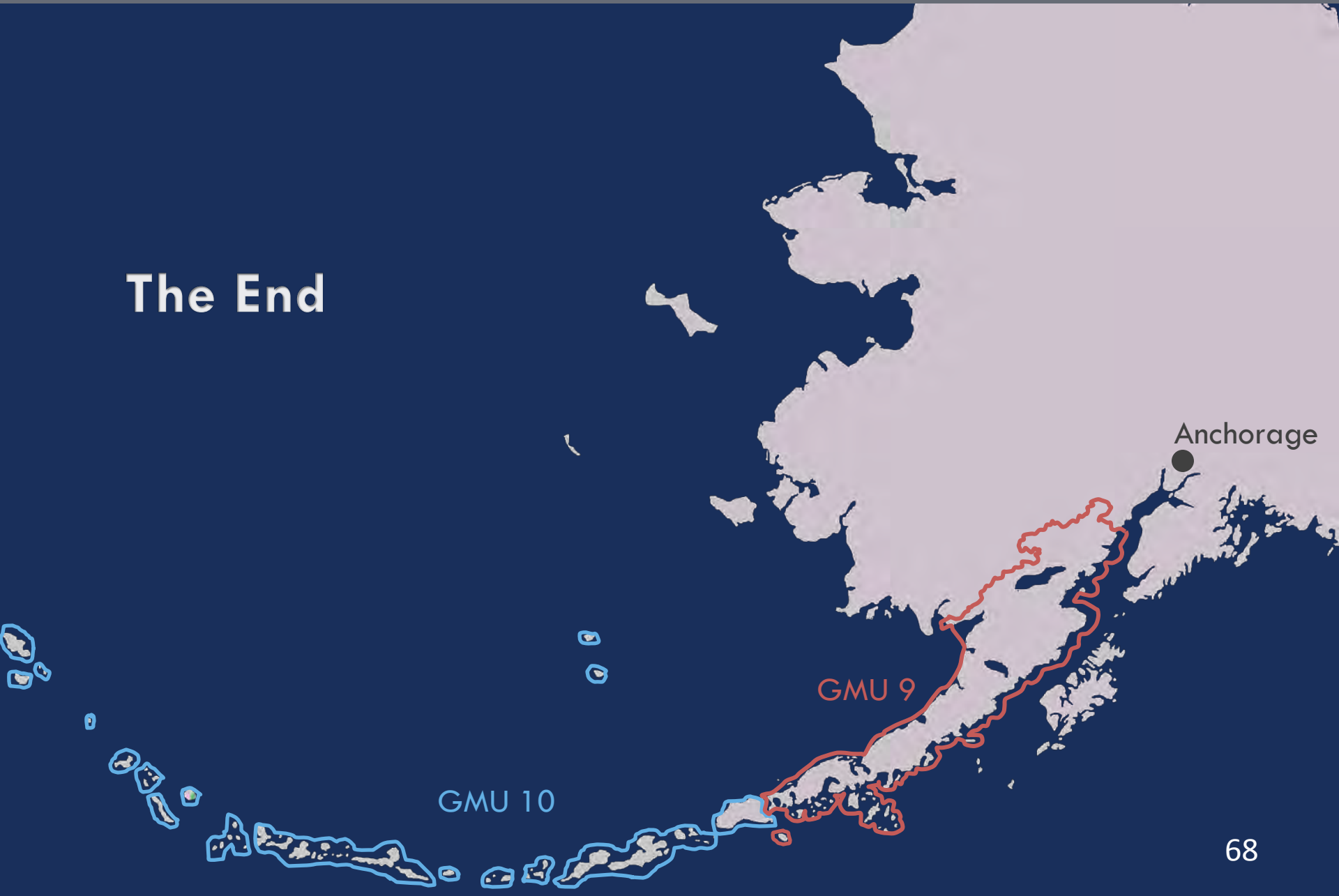
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