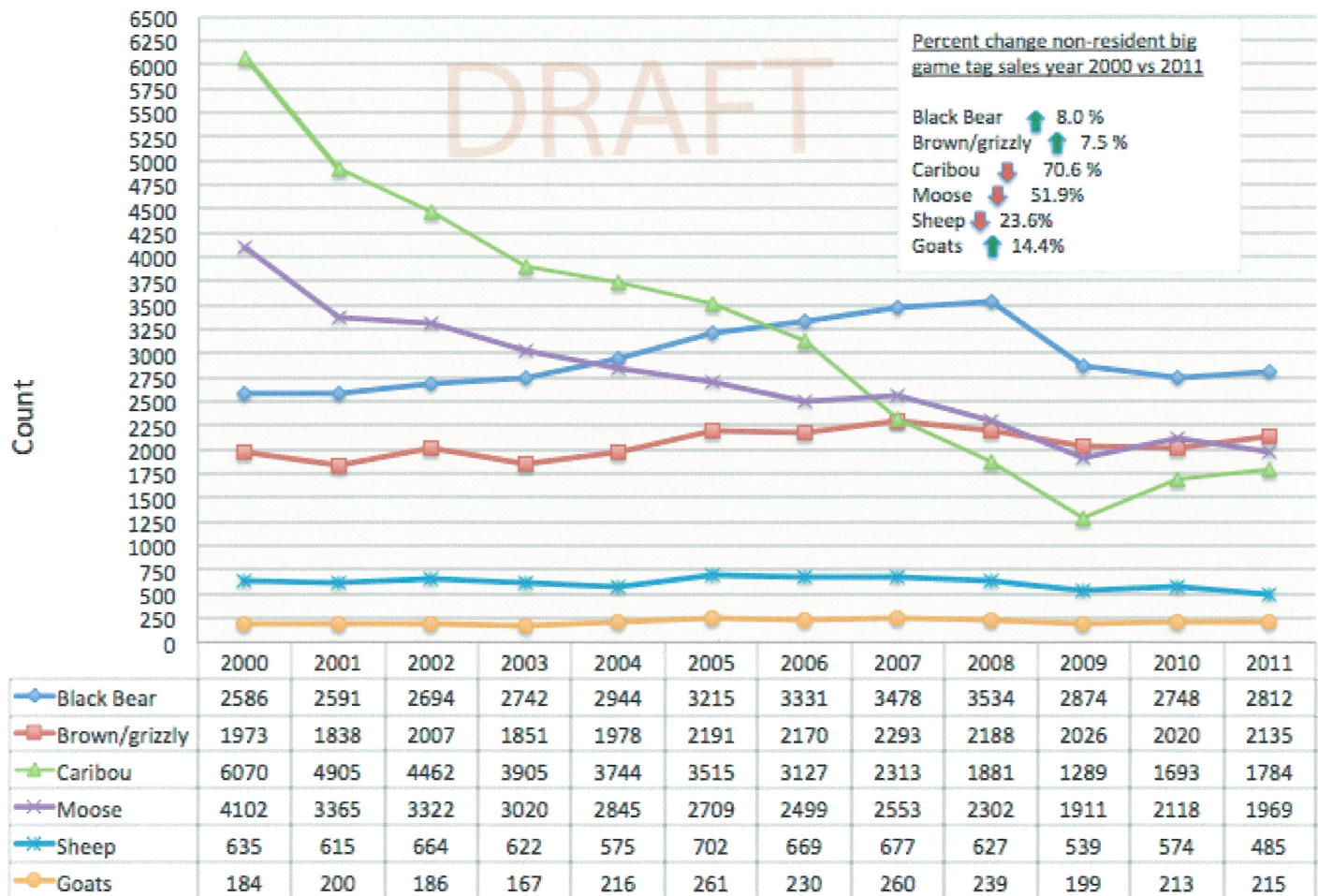


Selected Non-resident Big Game Tag Sales



This graph shows that non-resident purchases of big game tags for the three most sought after species by Alaska residents has fallen over the last decade. One of the arguments some are making against HB 161 is that it takes a possible sheep tag away from an Alaskan. However, considering that one tag represents only .2% of the available tags, and that nearly 24% of the tags that used to go to non-residents are now going to residents, we believe the potential fundraising from that one tag will help offset the loss in revenue the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is experiencing from the downturn in tag sales. If we extrapolate the 24% loss to just those tags in the drawing permit pool, then we could be looking at an approximate loss of \$44,000. The passage of HB 161 could allow the Department to actually recoup that loss.

SOURCE: ADF&G License Sales database. This information was researched by Mr Joe Want from Fairbanks who is a recognized expert on sheep and brown bear, and is being provided by the Outdoor Caucus Advisory Council.