

Ahtna Comments on Proposal 77 – Reasonable Opportunity

Proposal 77 must be amended to provide a reasonable opportunity for those communities engaged in the Copper basin CSH. The board significantly reduced the subsistence hunting season despite a presentation showing that a significant part of the subsistence moose harvest is during the August early opportunity. The board's action aligning the general and subsistence moose season should be reconsidered and some additional subsistence opportunity outside the general hunt season should be restored.

Proposal 77 should also be amended to increase the any bull harvest and any available cow harvest. The current quota is not providing a reasonable opportunity. This is especially true given the reduced hunting opportunity now from the shortened season.

Proposal 77 should be amended to allow 2 any bull or cow permits for every household in a CSH group. The current regulation is too restrictive and does not allow enough hunters in the field to get what is need for subsistence needs. This is especially true given the reduced hunting opportunity now from the shortened season.

Proposal 77 must be amended to direct the department to manage to provide the full quota even if the quota is exceeded in certain years and sub units.

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