

PROPOSAL 73

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C as follows:

Moose hunting in Unit 15C shall be an open registration hunt for residents only. Hunters who register for this hunt may not hunt bull moose in any other unit during the calendar year. Registration shall be done at Department of Fish and Game (department) offices in Unit 15C as designated by the department. The department shall cap the number of bulls allowed to be harvested. Successful hunters shall report their harvest within two days. The season shall be September 1 – September 25 or until closed by emergency order when the cap is reached. Legal bull moose are any bull except a spike or a fork on one or both sides. (These are saved for recruitment and do not have much meat on them.)

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? High bull:cow ratio, waste of sublegal bulls, and low success for meat hunters. Too restrictive for meat hunters. Prohibiting spike or fork moose will allow the harvest of more mature and larger moose and will achieve the bull:cow ratio desired sooner.

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