

PROPOSAL 100

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

Extend the resident season dates for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder as follows:

For Unit 19A Remainder moose hunt area:

Registration permit season dates: September 1 - 30.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extend the moose hunting season on the Unit 19A Eastern hunt area in and around the Holitna River from September 1 - 5 to September 1 - 30.

It is a limited registration hunt with only 30 permits given out so having a short season is not necessary. There are a lot of other restrictions on this permit making it hard to use and this might be the only chance at getting a moose if people are not allowed to have any other Kuskokwim moose permits for the year.

1) One per household; 2) no proxy hunting; 3) only moose permit for Kuskokwim; 4) Holitna control use are with 40hp restrictions, 5) very short season, and 6) permit is first come, first serve in the hunt area in July only.

Collectively these six restrictions make it difficult and stressful for hunters to put meat in the freezer. Especially if the Department of Fish and Game is only issuing a limited number of registration permits every year within the hunt area. I think some of these restrictions can be reduced and the actual hunting season can be extended because the department is in no danger of overharvesting. Another bonus to this is that hunters would not have to hunt early September when it can be very hot and buggy.

Other considerations would be to allow people to get other Kuskokwim permits after they turn in this permit (if unsuccessful) and to allow proxy hunting. Being able to put a moose in the freezer is really important for a lot of families along the Kuskokwim River and life happens so being able to have a proxy or hunt a different moose permit later if unsuccessful would really help people.

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