

PROPOSAL 108

5 AAC 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations as follows:

"Pursuant to the discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures outlined in 5 AAC 92.052(5), we propose to require the destruction of the trophy value of antlers from moose taken in Game Management Unit 21E subsistence registration RM836 moose hunts."

Trophy destruction can be required under 5 AAC 92.052 Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures: "(5) a permittee who takes an animal under a permit shall deliver specified biological specimens (teeth and antlers) to a check station or to the nearest department office within a time set by the department; the trophy value of an animal taken under a subsistence permit may be nullified by the department or in the field by the hunter cutting one side antler in half upon take;" (5 AAC 92.052(5)).

There will be four check stations established in Unit 21E in the GASH area villages, and ensure all edible meat is left on the bone as required and trophy value of antlers destroyed. These check stations can be manned by volunteers from each of the four communities of GASH (Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross) and may be vendors of the community at the city offices who serve the State of Alaska selling licenses and tags. If the GASH Advisory Committee agrees, we request ADF&G establish these four check stations to obtain necessary biological or compliance information.

All edible meat of the front quarters, hindquarters, and ribs from moose harvested in Unit 21E prior to October 1 must remain on the bone until the meat is removed from the field and presented in one of the GASH area check stations or is processed for human consumption.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Local moose hunters accessing the Paradise Controlled Use Area portion of Unit 21E compete with nonresident hunters using boats that are causing a hardship to subsistence hunters using the RM836 permit. With an estimated stable number of moose in the Paradise CUA and low bull:cow ratios in the northern portion of Unit 21E, hunters will likely shift their demand toward the local Innoko River basin area. Local hunters are not meeting ANS (amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence) and the current moose hunt is unsustainable. We would like the Board of Game to establish check stations in all the GASH area villages and establish discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures to devalue trophy value of antlers.

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