

PROPOSAL 12

5 AAC 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions.

Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18 as follows:

Establish a minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts in Unit 18 as .243 or larger.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Moose are a primary food source for many subsistence users in Unit 18. Users rely on the meat for food security. Moose are lost each year because of small caliber and low-quality ammunition that are ineffective in killing big game such as moose. While smaller calibers such as 223 Remington, 17 Remington or 22-250 may be adequate for smaller game, they lead to wounding and loss of moose. Many hunters have observed expired, or wounded moose resulting from several shots using inadequate caliber size and ammunition. Others have observed, in successfully harvested moose, infected flesh wounds that are "pus filled" and, as a result, large portions or the entire moose are unfit for human consumption.

Using a caliber of .243 or larger would minimize this waste and encourage ethical moose hunting and salvage practices.

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