

PROPOSAL 36

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

Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting as follows:

By permit available in person in Nome or at license vendors in Unit 22 villages July 15 – July 31[BY PERMIT AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [HTTP://HUNT.ALASKA.GOV](http://HUNT.ALASKA.GOV), BEGINNING JULY 24].

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Timeframe in which moose harvest tickets are made available in Unit 22. The moose population for most of Unit 22 has been in decline since the late ‘90’s with about half of the subunits under a very strict quota system and strict reporting timeframes. Examples:

- Unit 22A Unalakleet River drainage imposed a local moratorium on moose hunting, once hunting resumed very strict quotas and reporting requirements were imposed.
- Since the late ‘90’s Unit 22B Remainder had a quota that started in the low teens which is now in the low 20’s.
- Unit 22C in the past had a quota as low as nine, fall 2018 was 16 and a reporting period of 24 hours.
- Unit 22D Kuzitrin/Pilgrim/Teller had a quota around 54 but is now down in the low 20’s, reporting requirement of 24 hours. Unit 22D is still under a general moose harvest ticket but moose population surveys by ADF&G have shown that moose population has drastically declined also with very low bull to cow ratios.

Hunters from Units 22B, C & D are now going into Unit 22E because of the lack of moose in the other units. Local hunters who are the most dependent on harvesting a moose to put in the freezer for winter cannot afford to go someplace else; they are having a hard time competing with outside hunters who come to the region.

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