

PROPOSAL 50

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

Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons as follows:

Institute a new registration conventional bowhunting season for bull moose in all units and subunits that currently have a general moose season by harvest ticket. The season would extend for ten days immediately following the closure of the general moose season. The same bull and antler restrictions in effect in the general moose season in that unit or subunit would still apply.

The purpose of this new hunt being registration would be so that the Department of Fish and Game can monitor the participation and success rates more closely.

The purpose of this hunt being scheduled after the general moose hunt is to allow for less foliage and cooler weather to minimize potential loss or waste of meat.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Alaska has very few specific bowhunting seasons by comparison with most other states, which have long conventional bowhunting seasons. Conventional bowhunting seasons provide significant additional opportunity for hunters to be afield and minimal harvest of the resource. Additional bowhunting seasons could provide increased hunter interest and participation as well as possible additional Alaska state and guide revenue.

PROPOSED BY: The Alaskan Bowhunters Association

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