

**PROPOSAL 61**

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

Extend the resident moose season within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of Unit 24B as follows:

Moose Unit 24B....Resident....HT....One bull September 1-25....OR

(new language)

**Within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of GMU 24B....Resident only....One bull....Harvest Ticket....September 1- October 1....OR**

One antlered bull by permit online at <http://hunt.alaska.gov> or in person in Hughes, Allakaket, and Fairbanks beginning December 6....RM833....December 15-April 15.

Nonresident....One bull....HT....with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side....September 5-September 25.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** At the Koyukuk River Advisory Committee meeting in Allakaket on December 11, 2018, several moose hunters testified that only eight bull moose were taken that fall. In recent years moose are staying back in the hills for most of the current season. Moose hunters in Allakaket and Alatna have experienced low success rates with the current season. Moose are moving right at the close of the end of the current season.

Extend the current bull moose season from September 1 – 25, to a new season September 1 – October 1 only within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 24B.

The bull:cow ratio is more than adequate within the Kanuti CUA to support additional harvest opportunity.

A season extension to October 1 would allow hunters to hunt closer to the villages late in the season, as freeze-up is eminent. It is perceived that most bull moose that would be harvested would be traveling younger bulls that are not competitive with breeding aggregates. Large breeder bulls cannot be called away from their harem.

**PROPOSED BY:** Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee (EG-F19-046)  
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