

**PROPOSAL 56**

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

Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder as follows:

Extend the general season from September 20 to September 25 by bow and arrow only. This hunt would be subject to the same residency requirements, area, and antler restrictions as outlined in the existing Unit 11 general season hunt. Hunters during the general season in Unit 11 currently may only harvest bull moose with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with three or more brow tines on at least one side. The purpose of extending the general season by bow and arrow only would give more hunters the opportunity to spend time in the field pursuing moose within Unit 11 without having a negative impact on the resource.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Extending the general season by bow and arrow only would give more hunters the opportunity to spend time in the field pursuing moose within Unit 11 without having a negative impact on the resource. According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), from 2014 to 2018, only 1% of moose harvested in Unit 11 were taken with a bow. These reported archery harvests show the extremely low impact to moose populations. Lastly, having a season that does not extend beyond September 25 would mirror most other moose season end dates in the surrounding units.

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