

PROPOSAL 57

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

Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder as follows:

Institute a registration hunt open to certified bowhunters only with season dates starting on September 21 and closing on September 30 or by emergency order. Number of permits and harvest reporting requirements would be set by the Department of Fish and Game. 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.

Registration would be available online or in person at ADF&G offices.

The purpose of this new hunt being a registration hunt would be so that ADF&G can monitor the participation and success rates more closely.

Having an additional hunt open to non-residents would bring in more revenue to the state of Alaska as well as to local communities.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? A registration hunt for certified bowhunters 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 an additional hunt open to non-residents would give the opportunity for guides to sell additional hunts to certified bowhunters, therefore, bringing in more revenue to the State of Alaska as well as to local communities.

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