

PROPOSAL 61

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

Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E as follows:

Institute a drawing permit hunt open to resident certified bowhunters only with the number of permits to be set by the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G). This hunt would have the same season dates, area, and reporting requirements as DM339. This hunt would be for residents only and open to the take of any bull.

The purpose of this new hunt being a drawing permit hunt would be so that the ADF&G can monitor the participation and success rates more closely as well as determine the number of permits issued.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? A drawing permit hunt for certified bowhunters only would give more resident hunters the opportunity to spend time in the field pursuing moose within Unit 13 E without having a big impact on the resource. According to ADF&G, less than 1% of moose harvested in Unit 13 were taken with a bow from 2014 to 2018. These reported archery harvests show the extremely low impact to moose populations. According to the area biologist, Unit 13 moose populations are steady with Unit 13E being above objectives. Having a drawing permit hunt would allow ADF&G to collect data, closely monitor success rates, as well as determine the number of permits issued. Unit 13E currently has a drawing permit hunt open to nonresidents but no drawing permit hunts open to residents.

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