

PROPOSAL 55

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

Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units as follows:

I would like the board to consider a minimal amount of nonresident draw permits being issued as well as a decrease in the amount of resident cow permits.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Due to the increased populous within the Mat-Su Valley and Kenai Peninsula and beyond, and the number of vehicle/moose collisions that have occurred in the past ten years, I would like the board to consider a minimal amount of nonresident draw permits being issued as well as a decrease in the amount of resident cow permits.

Most vehicle/moose collisions occur during winter months and most are assumed to be pregnant cows. Yes, this would affect the guides. But up until about 2006, moose seemed to be highly abundant and were roaming just about everywhere. In the Anchorage bowl, aside from a draw hunt on JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson), moose are sanctified within no hunting zones. As we go south on the Seward Highway and north on the Parks and the Glenn Highways, it is apparently obvious that moose numbers have been in drastic decline for at least a decade.

In hopes to eventually increase moose numbers in these areas, which would provide more opportunity resident harvest of legal bulls, I am asking the board to decrease the amount of resident draw cow permits and nonresident bull permits. There's no reason why vehicle/moose collisions should contribute more to charity than local hunters contribute to our families. Thank you for your consideration.

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