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Comments of Charles Derrick
Proposal 107 non-resident moose draw permits in 20B Minto Flats
Support as Amended

I am a 42 year resident of Fairbanks and have moose hunted in Minto Flats for many of those years. I and no member of my family has been or is a hunting guide or assistant. According to Fish and Game biologists, moose numbers are high in Minto Flats as born out by this late falls Minto Flats moose survey. I would support the issuance of 8 non-resident bull moose permits if season and antler restrictions are as written in the proposal (Sept. 8-25, 50" antlers or 4 brow tines on one side). Fish and Game biologists tell me that a harvest of 125-150 bulls in Minto Flats would be sustainable. In the Minto Flats Mgmt. Area including the early ANY BULL hunt (Aug. 21-27), the GENERAL HUNT (Sept. 8-25 spike/fork, 50", or 4 brow tines on one side), and the ANTLERLESS HUNT (Oct. 15-Feb. 28) in which a small number of bull calves were harvested, in each of the last 2 years there were approx. 104 bulls harvested. With a projected 125-150 sustainable bull harvest there is more harvest opportunity not being utilized. If the Board decides to issue non-resident draw permits I would like to see the bag limit regulations different for residents versus non-residents. I suggest the Game Board change the Resident General Hunt antler restrictions from 4 brow tines on one side to 3 brow tines on one side. This would still leave the antler restriction in place reading spike/fork, 50", or 3 brow tines on one side. I feel this drop to a 3 brow tine restriction for Residents along with the 8 non-resident 50" or 4 brow tines draw permits, would raise the bull harvest closer to F&G's 125-150 without shortening the season.