

RC19

Proposal 107 non-resident moose draw permits in 20B Minto Flats Management Area  
Support as Amended

According to Fish and Game biologists, moose numbers are high in the Minto Flats Management area as born out by this late falls Minto Flats moose survey. The Fairbanks F&G Advisory Committee unanimously supports 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 feel 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 we would like to see the bag limit regulations different for residents versus non-residents. We 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 resident antler restriction in place reading spike/fork, 50", or 3 brow tines on one side. The Fairbanks F&G AC feels 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.

Submitted by the Fairbanks AC  
in reference to RC8 - submitted