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Resident Hunters of Alaska is dedicated to enhancing and prioritizing opportunities for Alaskan resident hunters in accordance with responsible wildlife management, focused on preserving our Alaskan hunting heritage for future generations.

RHAK Proposal 8

Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou populations under an ongoing Intensive Management predation control program

This proposal seeks to clarify and put in regulation the intention of our Intensive Management law to benefit resident Alaskans.

AS 16.05.255(k)(2): *“high level of human harvest” means the allocation of a sufficient portion of the harvestable surplus of a game population to achieve a high probability of success for human harvest of the game population and considering hunter demand;*

AS 16.05.255(k)(3): *“identified big game prey population” means a population of ungulates that is identified by the Board of Game and that is important for providing high levels of harvest for human consumptive use;*

AS 16.05.255(k)(4): *“intensive management” means ...to enhance, extend, and develop the population to maintain high levels or provide for higher levels of human harvest.*

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Special Action Request to close Moose hunting to non-federally qualified users

What does ADFG have to say about Unit 23 moose populations?

“The estimated moose population in Unit 23 is 7,500 moose, which is within the intensive management objectives of 3,500–9,200 moose. The harvestable surplus is 450. The 10-year average reported harvest is 153 moose, which is **below the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence** (325– 400 moose) and intensive management harvest objective (210– 920 moose).

Aerial censuses indicate low moose densities exist throughout Unit 23 and are declining throughout most of the unit.

Future hunting season and bag limit restrictions may be needed in Unit 23 for nonresidents and residents, and restricting antlerless harvest and a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses of this population is a first step to respond to declining moose numbers.”

Unanimous Support for Proposal 8 from:

Central Bering Sea AC

Central Kuskokwim AC

Lower Kobuk AC

Upper Kobuk AC

Northern Seward Peninsula AC

Southern Norton Sound AC

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