

ACR #10 – Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for moose in Unit 21E.

SUBMITTED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.

5 AAC: 92.124. Intensive Management Plans VIII.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

The current Unit 21E intensive management (IM) plan will expire on June 30, 2023, which is out of cycle with the Region III (Interior Region) regular Board of Game meeting. Due to Covid-19, the regularly scheduled Region III meeting was shifted by one year, and this IM plan is now out of sync with that cycle.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?

If the board chooses to accept this ACR, the language in 92.124 should be amended to extend the IM plan to bring it back into alignment with the regularly scheduled board meetings for the area.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1) To correct an error in regulation.

None.

2) To correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

Covid resulted in shifting the regular Region III meeting in 2023. This IM plan is now out of sync with the planned meeting date in 2024.

3) Does the request identify a biological concern for the population or a threat to meeting objectives for the population?

No. This IM plan has never been active and is in place only as a proactive measure if the population were to decline. Currently the moose population is within the IM objectives.

4) Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected event or effect that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses, as defined in AS 16.05.258(f)?

No.

5) Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such delay would be significantly burdensome because the resource would be unavailable in the future?

No.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?

The IM plan will expire, and the Department will be unable to implement the plan if the moose population were to decline.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

There is no allocative aspect to this ACR. Current moose seasons will not change whether the board accepts this ACR or not.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

Not applicable.

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR.

The Department administers IM programs and manages moose hunting in Unit 21E.

STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.

No.