

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME FINDINGS
Subsistence Moose Hunt Unit 16B North
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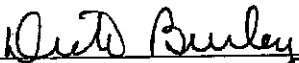
When the Board analyzed subsistence needs for game management units with customary and traditional findings for moose, it determined that an annual harvest of 160-180 moose is necessary to meet subsistence needs in Unit 16B north of Beluga River.

During the 1994 seasons, the moose harvest in 16B north of the Beluga was 188 moose reported, as of 3-25-93. This total includes both Tier II and general season hunts, in which 520 hunters participated.

After the harvest of 188 moose, there still were an estimated 600 legal spike-fork 50" bull moose remaining in 16B north of the Beluga. One resident of the area reported that any hunter who wanted a moose last season would have been able to take one. A further reflection of the degree to which moose hunting demands were met is the fact that no local residents obtained federal subsistence permits for hunting on federal land last season.

Because there are far more legal bull available than are needed to meet subsistence demands and because there appear to be enough legal spike-fork 50" legal bulls to meet all types of hunting demand, the board intends, at its October meeting to revisit the Tier II hunting UNIT 16B north of the Beluga River.

DATE: March 31, 1995



Dick Burley, Chair

VOTE: 6 Favor 0 Oppose 1 Absent