

Alaska Board of Game
Emergency Teleconference
October 4, 2005
Summary of Actions

This summary of actions is for information purposes only and is not intended to detail, reflect or fully interpret the reasons for the board's actions.

Petition: Extend the Tier II Moose Hunt Season in Unit 15C

Action: No action

Discussion: The board considered an emergency petition submitted by the Village of Port Graham to extend the Tier II moose hunt season from September 20th to October 31st. Residents of Port Graham were unsuccessful during the moose hunt season due to poor weather conditions and were also impacted by the closure of two subsistence fisheries during the summer. The Department of Fish and Game re-opened the season by emergency order from September 27 - 30. During that time, the Village of Port Graham were able to harvest two moose out of four permits.

During its deliberations, the board agreed this was a moot issue since two moose had been harvested and no action was necessary. The board recommended discussing the Department's authority to issue emergency orders at the Spring Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks, 2006.

Petition: Extend the Moose Hunt Season in Unit 21D

Action: No action

Discussion: The board considered an emergency petition submitted by the Ruby Fish and Game Advisory Committee, requesting an emergency extension of the moose hunting season in Unit 21D. The petition stated that climate changes disrupted the moose movement and rut, preventing residents of Ruby from meeting the allowable quota of harvest. The board found that the petition does not meet the emergency petition criteria under the Joint Board Petition Policy, 5 AAC 96.625. The board expressed empathy for the residents of Ruby and suggested the emergency criteria set out in the Joint Board Petition Policy at the Spring meeting in Fairbanks.

Petition: Extend the Moose Hunt Season in Unit 21E

Action: No action

Discussion: The board considered an emergency petition submitted by the Mike Smith of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, requesting an emergency extension of moose hunting season in Unit 21E. The petition stated the emergency extension was necessary due to climate changes effecting moose

migration patterns, increasing pressure from outside hunters, and local users were not able to meet their subsistence needs. The board found that the petition does not meet the emergency petition criteria under the Joint Board Petition Policy, 5 AAC 96.625. The board reiterated their desire to discuss the emergency criteria set out in the Joint Board Petition Policy at the Spring meeting in Fairbanks.