

PROPOSAL 139 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A as follows:

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(a)(15) Unit 17A

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: [Sept. 5–Sept. 15] **Sept. 1–Sept. 20**

One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with four or more brow tines on one side, by drawing permit only; up to 50 permits may be issued.

The moose population in this area is very healthy and resident hunters have a two moose bag limit, "any bull" harvest, cow harvest, a 28-day fall season, and a month-long winter season. This would not increase take, but provide for a more predictable situation.

The nonresident moose hunt in Unit 17A is limited by a drawing in which only 20 tags are issued.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Nonresident moose hunting in Unit 17A is very limited, by a drawing hunt, making a very short season completely unnecessary. A longer season would actually provide a benefit by spreading the same number of hunters out over time. Access is very limited to less than ten lakes due to a no-fly corridor along most of the rivers in the area. Regulations allow for up to 50 nonresident permits in Unit 17A but permits are limited to 20 by an agreement reached through the Unit 17A moose working group in conjunction with the Togiak Advisory Committee, Togiak Refuge and others. Twenty seems to be a reasonable number at this point due to this limited access. Resident hunters would still have the advantage of a five day head start, an any bull season and a winter season.

I would like the Board of Game to adopt a regulation to extend the nonresident moose season by ten days.

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