

PROPOSAL 5 – 5 AAC 92.990. Definitions. Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine as follows:

5 AAC 92.990(a)(13) “brow tine” means a tine emerging from the first branch or brow palm on the main beam of a moose antler; the brow palm is separated from the main palm by a wide bay; a tine originating in or after this bay is not a brow tine; an antler point or tine originating within two inches from the base, and less than three inches in length, will not be counted as a brow tine;

5 AAC 92.990(a)(46) “moose antler” definitions:

- (A) “50-inch antlers” means the antlers of a bull moose with a spread of 50 inches or more measured in a straight line perpendicular to the center line of the skull;
- (B) “spike-fork antlers” means antlers of a bull moose with only one or two tines on at least one antler; [AN ANTLER POINT OR TINE ORIGINATING WITHIN TWO INCHES FROM THE BASE, AND LESS THAN THREE INCHES IN LENGTH, WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TINE,] male calves are not considered spike-fork bulls; spike-fork bulls can be either spike and/or fork configuration;
- (C) “spike” means antlers of a bull moose with only one tine on at least one antler; for the purposes of this subparagraph, male calves are not considered spike bulls;
- (D) “fork” means antlers of a bull moose with only two tines on at least one antler;

5 AAC 92.990(a)(61) “point” means any antler projection that is at least one inch long, and that is longer than it is wide, measured one inch or more from the tip; an antler point or tine originating within two inches from the base, and less than three inches in length, will not be counted as a tine;

5 AAC 92.990(a)(80) “tine” has the same meaning as “point”;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Selective harvest regulations for bull moose have evolved from those originally envisioned (50-inch three brow tine (BT) pre-1987 and spike-fork 50-inch three BT in 1987). Today there are 50-inch 3BT, 4BT and 2BT by 2BT descriptions of legal moose in regulation. There are also spike-fork and spike categories of legal moose. Proposals have recently been considered for other configurations.

Confusion still exists by some hunters about legal bull moose. This new language attempts to clarify regulations previously passed by the Board of Game about “drop tines” or “burr tines” (points emerging from the base or very near the base). This proposal clarifies that “drop tines” or “burr tines” do not count as spikes, forks, or brow tines. In addition, this proposal clarifies the term “spike-fork” includes both spike or fork bulls. Finally we add a definition of “fork” bulls for additional clarification.

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