

PROPOSAL 78 – 5 AAC 85.045(12). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Authorize an any bull draw permit hunt in Unit 14B as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(12)		
Unit 14(B)		
1 moose per regulatory year, only as follows:		
1 bull with spike-fork antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side, by bow and arrow only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 17 (General hunt only)	Aug. 10–Aug. 17
1 bull with spike-fork antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side; or	Aug. 25–Sept. 25 (General hunt only)	Aug. 25–Sept. 25
<u>1 bull moose by drawing permit only; up to 100 permits may be issued</u>	<u>Aug. 25–Sept. 25</u>	<u>No open season.</u>
1 moose by targeted permit only; by shotgun or archery only; up to 100 permits may be issued	Winter season to be announced by emergency order.	No open season.

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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? This proposal liberalizes moose hunting in Unit 14B to provide additional harvest opportunities for resident hunters in response to a growing moose population. In 2009 the population was estimated at 1,662 moose with a bull:cow ratio of 34:100 and a calf:cow ratio of 18:100. In 2013 the population estimate was within population objective (2,500–2,800) at 2,700 with a bull:cow ratio of 30:100 and a calf:cow ratio of 28:100. The 2013–2016 average harvest was 91 moose which is under the harvest objective of 100-200 moose. Providing additional harvest opportunity through a draw hunt for any bull will aid in achieving the harvest objective while maintaining the management goal of ensuring a bull to cow ratio of ≥ 20 bulls:100 cows.

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