

PROPOSAL 127

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi as follows:

Sept. 1 [AUG. 25] – Sept. 30 **and Nov. 1 - Nov.15.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extend the TM549 open season for moose in Unit 15C, southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky and Windy Bays in order to increase hunter opportunity in the area. Inconsistent weather conditions have in the past limited hunting during the scheduled open season that is currently between August 25 and September 30. Area hunters have been experiencing effects of climate change and moose are migrating and rutting later than usual. A longer season would allow hunters more flexibility to schedule hunts around challenging weather conditions. ADF&G data shows that Tier II TM549 moose harvest has declined in recent years. From 2011-2017 hunter harvest averaged 2.4 moose/year. However, the most recent three-year average is 1.3 moose/year. ADF&G reported that no moose have been harvested between 2010-2021 prior to September 1st. The earliest date of harvest during this time was September 4th.

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