

Note: Proposal 205 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2023.

PROPOSAL 205

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

Change the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents from a registration permit to a drawing permit, with up to 20 permits available as follows:

Change the nonresident permit from RM653 for moose (legal bull) to a drawing permit for 20 total nonresident permits. In my 25 plus years of hunting, this area has seen a steady decline in the moose population. For example: Alaskans harvested 54 moose and nonresidents harvested 45 moose in the RM653 hunt area for 2022.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Limit nonresident hunters to increase the bull-to-cow moose ratio for Alaskans.

Limit the number of nonresident moose hunters to 20 for a drawing hunt in the RM653 registration hunt area.

As a long-time Alaskan who depends on moose to sustain my family, the sheer number of nonresident hunters is severely impacting our success. Example: 2022 season, 45 moose killed by nonresidents, 54 moose harvested by residents in the RM653 hunt area.

The bull-to-cow ratio is dropping at a drastic rate. In my 25 plus years hunting the RM653 hunt area, the cow/bull ratio has declined in my observation. The bull-to-cow moose ratio will decline further, and my family will no longer be able to harvest our moose meat in RM653 hunt area, which we have done for over 25 years!

My request is to sustain a healthy bull-to-cow moose ratio for Alaskan families to harvest their winter supply of moose meat.

In 2022, Alaskans killed 54 bull moose in the RM653 hunt area, 45 bull moose were killed by nonresidents in the RM653 hunt area. In my 25 years hunting the RM653 hunt area, the past several seasons, I have seen an obvious decrease in bulls (legal moose) to harvest as a family. Counting on the Board of Game to ensure that Alaskans like myself can ensure our harvest of moose meat in this area.

Been harvesting moose in RM653 hunt area for over 25 years. Myself, and other Alaskans who depend on moose meat for the winter have seen an obvious decline in success due to the sheer numbers of hunters in the area. Limiting the nonresidents would absolutely aid in Alaskans like myself to have a better chance to harvest our moose for the winter

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