

## PROPOSAL 55

This proposal asks to decrease the number of resident cow permits issued and to issue a minimum number of nonresident bull permits throughout the Southcentral region.

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### Department Recommendation

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## Background

- A concern the proposer mentions is the number of moose/vehicle collisions in the Matanuska Valley, Anchorage, and on the Kenai Peninsula. Moose/vehicle collisions vary annually due to numerous factors including weather conditions, visibility, lack of daylight, road conditions, vehicle speed, vehicle volume and snow depth.

### Recorded Road Killed Moose 2010-2019.

	Average/year	Range
Matanuska Valley	303	226-359
Anchorage	99	70-119
Kenai Peninsula	223	168-264

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## Background (Cont.)

- During RY 2022 there were numerous opportunities for residents to harvest cow moose and for nonresidents to obtain bull moose draw permits in Southcentral Region Units. Most of the opportunity occurred in Unit 14(C).
  - 8 draw hunts were open to residents and nonresidents in Unit 14(C). Up to 185 permits could be issued for all hunts combined. Four hunts were bull only, 3 were either sex, and 1 was antlerless only. A total of 121 permits were issued, 32 bulls and 20 cows were harvested.
  - 1 bull only draw hunt open to residents and nonresidents in Unit 14(C). Up to 60 permits available, 40 permits were issued, 17 bulls were harvested.
  - 2 bull only draw hunts open to residents and nonresidents in Unit 14(C). Up to 100 total permits available, 20 permits were issued, 4 bulls were harvested.

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## Background (Cont.)

- 1 bull only draw hunt open to residents and nonresidents in Unit 14(C). Up to 25 permits available, 3 permits were issued, 0 bulls were harvested.
- 2 antlerless draw hunt open to residents and nonresidents in Unit 14(C). Up to 100 permits available, 13 permits were issued, 4 cows and 2 bulls were harvested.
- 1 antlerless draw hunt open to residents only in Unit 14(C). Up to 70 permits available, 35 permits were issued, 12 cows were harvested.
- 2 antlerless draw hunt open to residents only in Unit 14(C). Up to 120 permits available, 10 permits were issued, 8 cows were harvested.

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## Background (Cont.)

- 1 antlerless draw hunt open to resident and nonresidents in Unit 15(C). Up to 100 permits available, 50 permits were issued, 29 cows were harvested.

Total permits issued and moose harvested by residents and nonresidents for 18 draw hunts referenced above.

Total Permits		Permits Issued to:		Harvest			
Available	Issued	Residents	Nonresidents	Resident		Nonresident	
				M	F	M	F
760	292	276	16	52	68	4	1

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## PROPOSAL 56

This proposal would make it illegal to take big game from a boat in Units 6, 7, and 15.

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### Department Recommendation

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PROPOSAL 56

## Background

- It is unlawful to take big game from a boat in Units 1-5; however, a person with physical disabilities as defined in 16.05.940, may hunt from a boat under authority of a permit issued by the Department.
- It is unlawful to take black bear from a boat in Unit 6(D); however, a person with physical disabilities as defined in 16.05.940, may hunt from a boat under authority of a permit issued by the Department.

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## Background (Cont.)

- “Big game” means black bear, brown bear, bison, caribou, Sitka black-tailed deer, elk, mountain goat, moose, muskox, Dall sheep, wolf, and wolverine; “big game” for the purposes of a youth hunt, does not include bison or muskox.
- “Boat” means a vehicle, vessel, or watercraft operated in or on water deep enough to float it at rest and includes hovercraft, airboats, personal watercraft, and amphibious vehicles.

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## PROPOSAL 56

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## PROPOSAL 57

This proposal would allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6-8, 14(C), and 15.

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PROPOSAL 57

## Background

- It is illegal to take fur animals by using a trap, snare, net, fish trap, or dog, except in Unit 20(D) a dog may be used to hunt coyotes after registering with the Department and the Department may use its discretionary authority under 5 AAC 92.052 as needed.
- Fur animal means a beaver, coyote, artic fox, red fox, lynx, flying squirrel, ground squirrel, or red squirrel that has not been domestically raised and a fur animal is a classification of animals subject to taking with a hunting license.

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## Background (Cont.)

- It is legal to use dogs to retrieve waterfowl and small game.
- Adopting this proposal should have no impact on the fur animal population if dogs are only used to track and retrieve mortally wounded or dead fur animals.

## PROPOSAL 57

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### Department Recommendation

NEUTRAL

## PROPOSAL 58

This proposal would require hunters to complete Goat Hunter Orientation prior to hunting goats in Units 6-8, 14(C) and 15, and asks for the orientation and quiz to be available online.

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PROPOSAL 58

## Background

- All goat hunting opportunities in Units 6-8, 14(C), and 15 are managed through drawing or registration hunts.
- The number of permits available for some hunts are based on "goat points". In most Units, a harvested billy counts as 1 point and a harvested nanny counts as 2 points.
- There are also numerous hunts with an unlimited number of permits available, but the season may close when a predetermined number of "goat points" or individual goats, are harvested.

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## Background (Cont.)

- During RY 2022, permits were issued for 34 goat drawing hunts and 38 goat registration hunts throughout the Southcentral Region. Of those, only 4 required goat hunter orientation and passing a quiz.
- Overall, goat populations in Units 6-8, 14(C), and 15 are stable. Managers can modify the number of permits issued annually based on their most recent survey and harvest data.

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## PROPOSAL 200

This proposal would create a moose hunt in Units 6-8, 14(C), and 15 for seniors with an Alaska Department of Fish and Game Permanent Identification Card. Season dates would be Sept. 26-30, with no proxy hunting allowed.

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PROPOSAL 200

## Background

- As a reminder, currently there are no moose in Unit 8, so this proposal only pertains to Units 6, 7, 14(C), and 15.
- There are currently opportunities to harvest moose in the Southcentral Region between Sept. 26-30 through drawing or registration permit hunts and a few general season hunts. A legal bull to harvest varies for the permit hunts, but it is usually limited to a specific antler configuration for the general season hunts.

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