

PROPOSAL 125

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

Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit as follows:

For all harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D, change the [HT] under column heading “PERMIT/HUNT #*” to “**RM _ _ _**”, with ADF&G assigning one hunt number to replace all ten harvest ticket hunts.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Given recent severe winter kill of moose in Unit 20D, which has extensive road-network access to hunting areas, high hunter effort and high harvest, better data is needed to aid in moose management. During 2018-2022, an annual average of 1014 hunters harvested 251 moose from this unit. Current harvest ticket hunts for moose in Unit 20D do not provide ADF&G biologists adequate hunter effort and harvest data to proactively manage the moose population. There are currently ten harvest ticket hunts in Unit 20D. Changing all harvest ticket hunts in Unit 20D to a single registration hunt, with a requirement to report the harvest to ADF&G within 14 days from the end of the season, will provide the department more accurate, reliable, and timely data upon which to base moose management decisions. It will also simplify the regulation booklet by reducing the number of different hunts to help maximize moose hunting opportunity and harvest, as well as make it easier for hunters to have the proper paperwork to hunt an area. Hunters would be able to obtain these permits at any ADF&G office or online.

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