

**PROPOSAL 129**

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

Change the bag limit for youth moose hunt YM792 as follows:

The YM792 Bison Range Youth Hunt Controlled Use Area hunt legal animal should be changed to one moose of either sex, excluding calves. At a minimum it should be changed to any bull.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The YM792 Bison Range Youth Hunt Controlled Use Area legal animal should be changed to one moose of either sex, excluding calves. At a minimum it should be changed to any bull. According to the local fish and game officials in the area, there is a large population of moose in this area. This hunt is limited to ten tags only. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce children into the sport of hunting and I think that limiting the tag to a spike-fork or 50" or more bull is unnecessarily handicapping this hunt. While it is the responsibility of the adult hunter accompanying the child on the hunt, these restrictions also have a potential of placing a youth hunter at a larger risk of taking an illegal animal. This could have a devastating effect on their view of hunting moving forward. Overall, this is a once in a lifetime tag and opportunity for these children and I believe that they should not be limited so much on what they can harvest, especially in an area that can support the low number of harvests that would occur on this hunt.

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