

## **PROPOSAL 171**

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

Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C as follows:

Require a registration permit instead of a general season harvest ticket for all general season moose hunts in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F, and 25C. No changes to seasons or bag limits.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** The Fairbanks area Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C, have some of the highest hunter effort and harvest in the state. During 2018-2022 an average of 5,088 hunters harvested 1,200 moose from these units. Units 20A, 20B and 20C are designated Intensive Management (IM) units and are managed for high harvest. Units 20F and 25C both have low density moose populations but are highly accessible and have “any bull” bag limits. The department would like to switch from harvest tickets in these units to one single registration permit. This would allow the department to collect more reliable harvest and effort data and help maximize moose hunting opportunity and harvest. Registration permits allow the department to better track how many permits are issued and have proven to provide the department more accurate and reliable harvest and effort data. Issuing one permit for all five units makes it easier for hunters to have the proper paperwork to hunt an area. Hunters would also be able to obtain these permits at any ADF&G office and they would also be available online.

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