

PROPOSAL 26

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

Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 22E by two weeks, to open on August 15 as follows:

Expanding the season in order to disperse hunting pressure, as well as allowing hunters opportunities on other species, brown bear and caribou that are in more abundance in August.

Nonresidents: Unit 22E - One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side by permit DM855 **August 15** [SEPT 1] through September 14.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? DM855 is a drawn hunt limited to ten nonresident moose tags, with the hunting season between September 1-14. Most of these nonresidents have contracted with registered guides to help with their hunt. In the past three years, the number of registered guides in this area has tripled, thus creating competitive hunting practices.

These particular two weeks in September also reduce the successful targeting of other migratory species since caribou have already moved on, and brown bears are seeking other food options along the coast in September.

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