

PROPOSAL 8

5 AAC 85.045(16). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Extend season dates for moose hunting in hunt RM617 in Unit 18 as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 18, that portion of
The Eek River drainage and
north of the and including the
Carter Bay drainage

1 antlered bull by registration permit only	Sept. 1-[Sept. 30] <u>Oct. 15</u>	No open Season.
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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The Kanektok and Arolik Rivers within this hunt area have a new and growing moose population. Over the last few years there have been numerous requests for season extensions. By extending the season to October 15th, the season dates would more closely align with those in the neighboring hunt area, reduce confusion for hunters, and provide additional hunting opportunity.

In chronological order, since the hunt began in 2019, the total moose harvest in the RM617 hunt area from RY19-RY22 was 16, 12, 7 and 9 moose. While harvest for RY22 is still preliminary due to late reporting, reported harvest is not expected to change significantly.

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