Proposal 148

Effect of Proposal: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Game Management Unit 14C

Department Recommendation: Adopt

Rationale: Department proposal
(Annual reauthorization)

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Approved by Susitna Valley and Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committees
Not approved by Anchorage BOG Advisory Committee
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Management Area

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*Survey information is for JBER and Upper Ship Creek
JBER Antlerless Moose Harvest

- Total Cow Harvest
- Number of Permits

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Anchorage Management Area

Antlerless Moose Hunt

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Birchwood Management Area, Hunter/Knik, and Peters Creek Antlerless Moose Hunts

- Birchwood DM448
- DM449*
- Peters Creek General Season DM443*
- Hunter Creek General Season DM441*

Legend:
- Drawing Hunts
- General Harvest and Drawing hunt
  * Antlerless Hunts
### Birchwood Management Area, Hunter/Knik, and Peters Creek Antlerless Moose Hunts

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Birchwood and Remainder of 14C Antlerless Moose Harvest

Number of Cows Harvested

Year

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Proposal 149

Effect of Proposal: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer Hunt area in Game Management Units 7 and 14C

Department Recommendation: Adopt

Rationale: Department proposal (Annual reauthorization)

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Turnagain Arm Antlerless Moose Harvest

Number of Cows Harvested

Year


Antlerless Harvest
Number of Permits
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Proposal 150

Effect of Proposal: Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for mobility impaired Alaska residents in Kincaid Municipal Park in GMU 14C

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale: Allocation issue

Proposed by: Public

Approved by Anchorage BOG Advisory Committee
Not approved by Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committee
Current Regulations

Unit 14(C), that portion known as the Anchorage Management Area:

1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only, and by bow and arrow, shotgun, or muzzleloader only; up to 50 permits may be issued
Ground-based Surveys

During 2014, two ground based surveys were conducted, using teams of observers walking trails.

- **February 26:** Approximately 60% of the park was covered; 4 moose counted, estimated 7 moose
- **November 6:** Approximately 70% of the park was covered; 10 moose counted, estimated 14 moose
Poor Winter Habitat

Moose abundance appears to vary within the park seasonally

During both surveys (conducted during winter), moose abundance in the park seemed to be greatly reduced from summer

During winter, moose likely move into surrounding neighborhoods in order to find sufficient forage
Issues

High density of trails

High density of recreational users

Differing opinions of recreational users

Harvestable surplus

Hunting opportunity

Possible reduction of conflicts

Not supported by MOA Parks and Recreation Department
Proposal 150

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Proposal 151

Effect of Proposal: Change the bag limit for drawing permit hunts DS140, DS141, DS240, and DS241 in Unit 14C from any sheep to any ram.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale:
• Allocation issue
• No biological concern
• Reduced hunting opportunity and success rate

Proposed by: Anchorage Advisory Committee

Approved by Anchorage BOG Advisory Committee
Not approved by Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committee
Archery Only Hunts

DS140: Residents Only, Any Sheep (57 permits)  
Oct 1- Oct 10

DS240: Non-residents, Any Sheep (3 permits)  
Oct 1- Oct 10

DS141: Residents Only, Any Sheep (24 permits)  
Day after Labor Day – Sept 30

DS241: Non-residents, Any Sheep (1 permit)  
Day after Labor Day – Sept 30
• Since 2009 population > 1000 sheep
• 2014 minimum count: 1062 sheep
• Archery hunts have low success rate
  – 2010: 0 ewes, 2 rams harvested (2% success rate)
  – 2011: 3 ewes, 3 rams harvested (7% success rate)
  – 2012: 0 sheep harvested (0% success rate)
  – 2013: 1 ewe, 7 rams harvested (7% success rate)
  – 2014: 1 ewe, 2 rams harvested (13% success rate)

• Since 1993: total harvest of sheep has averaged 3% of total population.
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Proposed by: Anchorage Advisory Committee

Approved by Anchorage BOG Advisory Committee
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Proposal 152

Effect of Proposal: Establish Chugach State Park in Unit 14(C) as a resident-only sheep hunt area.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale:
• Allocation issue
• No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

Approved by Anchorage BOG Advisory Committee
Not approved by Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committee
Dall Sheep Permits

• In March 2008, the Board of Game allocated 13% of all rifle permits and 5% of all archery-only permits to non-resident sheep hunters.

• New permit hunts were created to accommodate both non-resident and resident hunters.

• If this proposal passes, the winner of the Governor’s tag would no longer be able to hunt in 14C.
Proposal 152

Effect of Proposal: Establish Chugach State Park in Unit 14(C) as a resident-only sheep hunt area.

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale:
• Allocation issue
• No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

Approved by Anchorage BOG Advisory Committee
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Proposal 153

**Effect of Proposal:** Create 2 additional drawing permit hunts (1 permit each) for second degree of kindred, non-residents only for Dall sheep in Unit 14 (C).

**Department Recommendation:** Neutral

**Rationale:**
- Allocation issue
- No biological concern

**Proposed by:** Public

*Not approved by Anchorage or Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committees*
Effect of the Proposal

• Divide nonresident tags between second degree of kindred and guided nonresident hunters.

• Reduce hunting opportunity for nonresident hunters that do not use a guide.

• All but 2 nonresident permits would be guaranteed to guided nonresidents, regardless of number of permits issued.
Dall Sheep Permits

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• New permit hunts were created to accommodate both non-resident and resident hunters.
Current Permit Allocation

• 2014: 45 resident, 8 nonresident rifle permits
  81 resident, 4 nonresident archery permits

Under the Requested Scenario:
• 1 out of 8 (13%) rifle permits
• 1 out of 4 (25%) archery permits
• Remaining nonresident permits would go to
guided hunters only

2004-2013: 26% of non-resident hunters indicated they were not guided.
Effect of Proposal: Create 2 additional drawing permit hunts (1 permit each) for second degree of kindred, non-residents only for Dall sheep in Unit 14 (C).

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale:
• Allocation issue
• No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

Not approved by Anchorage or Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committees
Proposal 154

Effect of Proposal: Establish new goat drawing permits in Unit 14(C) open only to guided nonresident hunters

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale:
• Allocation issue
• No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

Not approved by Anchorage or Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committees
GMU 14C Goat survey data, July 2011.

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10-Year Allocation

• 2004-2013: 112 permits issued
  8% of applicants and 9% of permit winners were nonresidents (67% of these were guided)

• DG852: 5 permits
• DG854: 5 permits
• DG858: 5 permits

• Nonresident Drawing Permit Allocation Policy (2007-173): Under this policy, the proposed number of permits and ability for nonresidents to apply would exceed allocation
Proposal 154

Effect of Proposal: Establish new goat drawing permits in Unit 14(C) open only to guided nonresident hunters

Department Recommendation: Neutral

Rationale:
• Allocation issue
• No biological concern

Proposed by: Public

Not approved by Anchorage or Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committees
Proposal 155

Effect of Proposal: Create a drawing permit hunt for black bears in the JBER Management Area in Unit 14(C)

Department Recommendation: Support

Rationale:
- Department proposal
- No biological concern

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Approved by Anchorage and Matanuska Valley BOG Advisory Committees
Black Bear Hunter Harvest

Number of Black Bears Harvested

Year


Males
Females
Percent Females in Harvest

* Incomplete harvest records for 2014
Proposal 155

Effect of Proposal: Create a drawing permit hunt for black bears in the JBER Management Area in Unit 14(C)

Department Recommendation: Support

Rationale:
• Department proposal
• No biological concern

Proposed by: Alaska Department of Fish & Game

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