

PROPOSAL 33 – 5 AAC 92.069. Special provisions for moose drawing permit hunts.
Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation as follows:

Where we currently have or in future may have draw-only permit hunts for both residents and nonresidents for moose, the nonresident allocations should reflect constitutional intent to maximize the benefit to resident Alaskans and be no more than “**up to ten percent maximum**” of the available number of permits.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Draw permit allocations for moose when both residents and nonresidents are restricted to draw-only permit hunts.

Draw-only permit hunts for both residents and nonresidents reflect a need to limit the number of hunters afield for reasons that could be related to conservation, trophy-quality, hunt aesthetics, crowding etc.

Whatever the rationale for a draw-only hunt for all user groups, resident hunters should have a clear and substantial priority to draw a permit and an opportunity to hunt. Resident hunters don't currently have that preference for moose statewide.

Many draw-only moose permit hunts allow an equal opportunity for nonresidents to apply for a set number of permits. Other hunts allocate from 25 to 50 percent of available moose draw permits to nonresidents. These types of allocations often take place in units where the Board of Game has a positive finding for customary and traditional uses of moose that goes hand in hand with state law that declares that “the taking of moose...by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents.”

This type of allocation of moose hunting opportunity to nonresident hunters does not in any way comport with requirements in our state constitution to manage our wildlife resources for the common use and maximum benefit of Alaskans. Whatever label is attached to a moose hunt (e.g. subsistence, sport, trophy), residents should have a clear and substantial priority opportunity to participate in that hunt.

PROPOSED BY: Resident Hunters of Alaska

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