PROPOSAL 107

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose

Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E as follows:

The GASH Advisory Committee would like to propose a winter moose hunt in Unit 21E. Hunt conditions include the following:

- 1. Season: February 15th March 15th
- 2. Registration permits available in the hunt area and online.
- 3. Residents only.
- 4. Any moose except cows with calves.
- 5. Quota will be set by the Department of Fish and Game.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Moose densities in the Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross (GASH) area have increased since surveys began in 2000 and are currently high. Recently twinning rates have begun to decline, browse utilization is high and it is time to slow the growth of the herd. There is additional harvest opportunity available and we would like to propose a winter moose hunt. This will help spread hunter effort out throughout the year, maintain strong bull:cow ratios, and allow the harvest of cow moose. We traditionally had a winter hunt and with the increase of moose it is time to put it back on the books. Additionally, a winter hunt will allow for more access and help us achieve our harvest objectives.