

PROPOSAL 155

5 AAC 92.XXX. New regulation.

Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts as follows:

Establish a protocol to issue a limited number of resident draw permits for "any bull" moose in units managed by the selective harvest strategy as follows. In units managed by the selective harvest strategy, the department shall issue a limited number of "any bull" moose permits consistent with the sustained harvest principle.

As an example, in the following (current) selective harvest units or portions of Units: 1B, 1C, 3, 6A, 7, 9E, 11, 12, 14A, 14B, 14C, 15A, 17B, 17C, 19B, 19C and 21A, the department could issue a limited number of "any bull" moose permits consistent with the sustained harvest principle. Unless a larger number is warranted in an area, 3 to 10 any bull moose permits will be offered annually in the draw.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Under the current system, there are only three units under selective harvest management where a small number of "any bull" permits are offered for hunting moose. In Unit 13, five permits were offered and 8,815 applications received; in subunits 15B and 15C, 28 permits were offered and about 9,000 applications received; in subunit 16A, 10 permits were offered and 2,918 applications were received. These three hunts generated \$103,665 for wildlife management during a time when management funds are in decline. Currently, there are 17 additional units or portions of units managed under selective harvest that should be opened to a small number of any bull permits, consistent with the sustained harvest management principle. Equally important, by providing more areas hunters will be afforded an opportunity to apply in their local area, resulting in improved odds for all hunters.

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