

**PROPOSAL 83**

**5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.**

Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A as follows:

Regulation to read: spike/fork and "must have three or more brow tines".

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Enforcement of 50-inch three brow tine regulation. To many sublegal moose are being taken. To many times I hear and see 44 to 48-inch moose taken with only two brow tines and people either leave them lay or take them out of the field in hopes to not get caught. This has to change. Our moose population is diminishing to fast. Last survey we had 1,700 moose counted, a year later only 895 were seen. The chairman even asked what happened? With the winter of 2019-2020 we have had a lot of moose winter kill. Around a 3-mile radius of my house alone I know of four winter kills. I expect to see way more as snow melts. We need a change! We need the 50-inch requirements removed.

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