

PROPOSAL 203

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

Establish a moose drawing hunt within Unit 14C in Kincaid Park for hunters that meet the 70% disability standard with mobility impairments as follows:

The proposal is for a drawing tag for antlerless moose in Kincaid Park in Anchorage (Unit 14C) for hunters that meet the 70% disabled standard and require a mobility device like a wheelchair or prosthetic limbs to get around (similar to hunting with a motor vehicle in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge). This hunt would occur later in the fall than many other moose hunts due to the abundance of organized events in the early fall. This hunt would require short-range firearms such as shotguns with slug or black powder rifles and a proficiency exam similar to DM666. Not all portions of the park will be open for this hunt. hunters issued this permit will require an able-bodied assistant to ensure the safe and efficient removal of the harvested animal.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There are no current moose hunting opportunities for hunters with mobility impairments that are not US military Veterans in the State of Alaska.

Kincaid Park has many documented moose attacks on park users with EMS calls and many more undocumented attacks where the victim or an associate took them to receive medical attention.

This hunt would solve both an equity and a public safety issue.

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