

PROPOSAL172

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

Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A as follows:

We would like the Board of Game to consider creating a new draw hunt in Unit 20A for certified muzzleloader hunters. A legal animal would be defined as any bull for residents and four brow tines or 50” or more for nonresidents. The hunt area would be the Yanert River drainage, above Revine Creek, including the portion of the Moody Creek drainage above the mouth of Copeland Creek. The hunt dates would be the same as the current DM766 permit (Nov. 1-Dec. 15). The proposed area is away from residential housing and the highway; and would therefore take some planning to be successful, similar to DM766. The number of permits would be set by the local moose biologist’s recommendation annually, but I would anticipate up to 40 permits be made available.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There are a limited number of winter moose hunts available. The current muzzleloader hunt in Unit 20A (DM766) is becoming more popular and is only available to hunters at most every other year, due to the regulation limiting hunters to not apply for draw hunts the following year after they have been awarded a permit. Creating a draw hunt in the Yanert and Moody River drainages with a limited number of permits would enable hunters to access an area that is normally difficult to access during general season. Harvesting a limited number of bulls would likely have little impact on the overall population.

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