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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 4) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game (board) requesting to change 5 AAC 85.045(a)16. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. The proponent asks the board to move the boundary between Zone 1 and Zone 2 of the RM615 hunt on the Kwethluk and Akulikutak rivers downstream of the current boundary. This would mean that hunters would have easier access to Zone 2 where the season is approximately one month longer. The department uses its discretionary authority to create the boundaries of the two hunt areas, and each area has a distinct harvest objective.

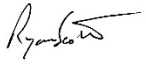
With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A. The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B. The department is unaware of any effects of regulations that were unforeseen when the regulation was adopted.
- C. The department is unaware of any biological concerns. The two Zones within the RM615 moose hunt have different seasons to reflect different patterns of use. Zone 1 has easy access and as a result a much shorter season. Zone 2 is more difficult to access and as a result a much slower harvest which equates to a longer season.
- D. The department is unaware of any unforeseen or unexpected events that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses as defined in AS 16.05.258(f).
- E. The department is unaware of any unexpected resource situation that would cause a biologically allowable resource harvest to be precluded by delayed regulatory action.

The current hunting seasons, bag limits and boundaries for Zones 1 and 2 of the RM615 moose hunt were established at the January board meeting in 2017. The current framework allows the department to manage moose hunting in two distinct areas under one permit, which takes into account different access patterns and allows the department to maximize opportunity in both areas while minimizing the possibility of unsustainable harvest.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for the Western Arctic/Western Region is during winter/spring of 2026/2027. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March meeting in Wasilla to allow for more public input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Scott", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ryan Scott  
Director  
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