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An Agenda Change Request (ACR 7) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 85.045(20). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. The proponent asks the board to shift the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 22B Remainder, which is west of the Darby Mountains, to open and close later in September. This would mean that the resident open season under registration permit RM840 would change from Sept 1–Sept 14 to Sept 6–Sept 20 in Unit 22B Remainder.

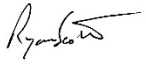
With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- 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 that would occur as a result of this ACR. Moose hunting in RM840 is managed with a quota system and an emergency order would be issued once the quota is met to prevent overharvest of bulls.
- 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). The September 1 season open date for RM840 may be better suited for hunters using off-road vehicles or ATVs to pursue moose rather than individuals pursuing moose by boat, because residents of White Mountain report that moose are in higher elevations in early September and do not move to riparian areas until later in September.
- 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 request will change the resident open season dates for the RM840 moose hunt in Unit 22B Remainder from September 1 – 14 to September 6 - 20. The later season opening date may allow for more access to moose when they are more mobile with pre-rutting activity for residents of White Mountain who primarily use boats to hunt for moose along the river in the fall and result in more equitable opportunity for moose harvest between residents of White Mountain, Golovin, and Nome as moose and may be.

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 January 2025 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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