

PROPOSAL 65

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

Decrease the number of antlerless moose permits for Unit 14A as follows:

Aug. 25 - Sept. 25 1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; up to **1,000** [2,000] antlerless moose permits may be issued;

1 moose by targeted permit only; by crossbow, shotgun, or bow and arrow only; up to 200 permits may be issued. Winter season to be announced by emergency order.

Total annual permits that may be issued to harvest antlerless moose in Unit 14A shall not exceed 1,000.

In order to better control moose reductions in specific habitat areas, all November and December Unit 14A moose permits may only be issued in the same specific hunt areas as the fall permit hunts — Not Unit-wide.

Note: this proposal only seeks to address the portions of 5 AAC 85.045 allowing harvest of antlerless moose by permit(s) in Unit 14A.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Antlerless moose permit hunting regulations in Game Management Unit 14A are too liberal with amounts of permits allowed far in excess of what has ever been granted. Issuing hundreds of November and / or December permits adds stress to the moose population at times when they may already be struggling through winter conditions, and can result in over harvest of moose in easily accessible areas with prime winter habitat.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee? YES. This proposal was considered and approved without objection for submission at the April 17, 2024 Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting, which included considerable discussion with ADF&G game division staff about this proposal.

PROPOSED BY: Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee (HQ-F24-020)
