

PROPOSAL 172

5 AAC 92.130. Restrictions to bag limit.

Include wounded moose to count towards bag limits for all hunts in the Joint Base Elmendorf Richards Management area in Unit 14C as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

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JBER proposes to include wounded animals be counted towards bag limits for all Unit 14(C), JBER Management Area moose hunts: DM421, DM422, DM423, DM424, DM426, DM427, DM428, and DM430.

Unit 14C Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (DM421, DM422, DM423, DM424, DM426, DM427, DM428, and DM430): **If you wound a moose, it counts towards your bag limit for the regulatory year.**

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER) would like to include wounded game count towards bag limits, as it is for bears in Units 1-5 and bear and elk in Unit 8. Recreation on military land is subject to safety, security, and military mission. It is the policy of JBER to provide public access for outdoor recreation and the harvest of fish and wildlife when compatible with the military mission and natural resource management objectives. The 10 year annual average reported wounded, not recovered is eight moose. Wounded moose not recovered present a safety risk to military missions and other recreators. They may draw in large predators to the training areas and increase in human-wildlife conflicts. For example, during the fall of 2024, during a military training exercise a brown bear with cubs on a cached moose was encountered, delayed training and increased risk to training. When a moose is wounded, every effort to track and completion of taking the moose that was attempted, rather than pursuing another moose.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

The concerns and proposal were discussed with the ADF&G Anchorage area biologist.

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