PROPOSAL 207

5 AAC 85.030(a)(6). Hunting seasons and bag limits for deer.

Change the bag limit for deer in Unit 8 for Guide Use Areas 08-01, 02, 026, 027, and 028, to require a fork on at least one side as follows:

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

Proposal: Spike/Fork Restriction - Unit 8

This restriction would take place in Guide Use Areas 08-01, 08-02, 08-26, 08-27 and 08-28. Bucks must have a fork on at least one side of their antlers in order to be harvested.

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

This restriction would allow bucks to age past their first year and help the biological diversity of these areas. The mortality rate, when we have hard winters, the first age group of deer to die off are the younger age groups, thus this proposal would give the younger animals a chance of maturing if they make it through the harder winters. The younger age group of bucks and does has been substantially decreasing in these area's due to the increased pressure and ease of access.

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

This proposal was not developed in coordination with the local advisory committee. Their has been conversations within the City of Port Lions.