

PROPOSAL 80

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

Create new archery and any weapons drawing hunts for moose in Unit 6D along the Richardson Highway from Valdez to milepost 25 as follows:

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

Hunt Details

Location and Zones:

Archery-Only Zone: From Valdez (milepost 0) to milepost 12 on the Richardson Highway. Archery hunting reduces noise and disturbance near Valdez, a more populated area.

Any-Weapon Zone: From milepost 12 to milepost 25 on the Richardson Highway. Offers flexibility in a less populated stretch while ensuring safety and access.

Restricted Area: Hunting is limited to within 100 yards of the highway right-of-way on either side. Focuses harvest on moose most likely to cross the highway, enhances accessibility, and aids enforcement.

Season Dates:

October 1 to February 28.

This extended season targets late fall and winter, when moose are most active near the highway due to snow and foraging patterns, coinciding with peak collision risks.

Bag Limit and Restrictions:

Eligible Moose: Harvest is permitted for bull moose and cows without calves.

Protected Moose: Cows accompanied by calves are off-limits to safeguard calf survival and population stability.

Permit Limit: A limited number of draw permits (e.g., 20-30, to be determined by ADF&G based on population data) to maintain sustainable harvest levels.

Hunt Type:

Draw hunt requiring application through ADF&G's permit system.

Limits hunter numbers, prevents overcrowding, and allows precise management of harvest quotas.

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

Overview

This proposal outlines a new draw hunt for moose in Game Management Unit (GMU) 6D, along the Richardson Highway corridor from Valdez to milepost 25. The hunt aims to mitigate the increasing frequency of moose-vehicle collisions, reduce preventable moose mortality, and offer a sustainable harvest opportunity for hunters. The hunt would be archery-only from Valdez to milepost 12 and any-weapon from milepost 12 to milepost 25, restricted to within 100 yards of the highway. The season would run from October 1 to February 28, allowing the harvest of bull moose and cows without calves, while protecting cows accompanied by calves.

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

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