

## **PROPOSAL 91**

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

Shift the moose hunting season and the motorized vehicle restriction in Unit 15C from September to October as follows:

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

Just move the moose season to Oct. 1 – Oct. 25 with the dates for restriction number three for Unit 15C also moved to Oct. 16-19 and Oct. 22-25 with the rest of the regulations for the season remaining the same.

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

Move open season for moose from [September 1- September 25] to October 1 to October 25.

Also from restriction number three for Unit 15C change dates for closed to anyone using a motorized vehicle restrictions from [Sept. 16-19 and Sept. 22-25] to October 16-19 and October 22-25.

This would move the open season for moose after the start of the rut. This would allow the dominant bulls to breed some of the cows before the season opens without any hunting pressure. That would pass on the best bulls' genes which would improve the herd. The October season would also be cooler and most of the leaves would drop from the trees. This would increase visibility which would make identification of legal bulls easier which should minimize the shooting of illegal bulls. The cooler weather would also help with preserving and processing of the meat.

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

This proposal was developed from conversations with other hunters. Some expressed concerns about shooting bulls during the rut and the effect on the meat. My answer to that is that many of the bulls are currently shot during the rut and that problem may be more a result of how the meat is treated in the field and in the processing. Also, I attended two meetings of the Central Peninsula Advisory Committee. I was asked to give an overview of this proposal and answered some questions. After the presentation I was told to submit the proposal.

**PROPOSED BY:** Arnold Mason

(OI-F25-016)

\*\*\*\*\*