

Proposal 120

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

Amend Moose hunt under Permit RM653 to a Quota Hunt as follows:

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

Moose 19C west of the South Fork Kuskokwim, East of the Windy Fork Kuskokwim and north of a line between 62° 24' N, 154° 7' W and 62° 30' N, 153° 32' W (Farewell Area), Permit RM653 (unlimited permits issued), Quota Hunt, Sept 1 – Sept 20. Successful permit holders are required to report harvest within 12hrs of take to ADFG. Hunt will be closed by Emergency Order when the quota has been reached.

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

Over the past 5 years the department has issued an unlimited number of RM653 permits. Beginning in 2024, the BOG significantly reduced nonresident hunters in the Farewell area from approximately 100 hunters to 20 hunters. This BOG action was taken to both improve the bull cow ratio and to reduce user conflicts. After two seasons of reduced hunting effort, the bull cow ratio continues to decline below ADFG population objective.

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

Consulted several Alaska residents who have hunted this area for many years. We believe this proposal would allow ADFG to best control over moose take in the permit area, prevent continued over harvest, allow the moose population to recover, while providing an opportunity for all hunters to participate in the hunt. Many camps and transporter schedule 2 hunt periods to accommodate 2 groups of hunters during the 20-day

season. With an Emergency closure likely to occur before the 20th, a 2nd hunt party is less likely to occur, reducing take.

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