

Proposal 122

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

Establish a Tier Permit Hunt Area in Unit 19C, Farewell area defined by Registration Hunt RM 653 as follows:

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

Establish a Tier Permit Hunt Area in Unit 19C, Farewell area defined by Registration Hunt RM 653.

Request the Subsistence Division to assist the Board do come up an Amount Necessary for Subsistence

(ANS). Scoring should be based on land ownership within the unit, number years hunting/eaten meat from the unit and years as an Alaska resident.

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

I have been going to Farewell for 48 years. In 1981, I staked 25 acres through the State's Remote Parcel Program within RM653 hunt area. Over time, I built a cabin, outbuildings, and a runway. My family spends 4–6 weeks there each year from May through September. I harvested my first moose in 1980, and we have taken one at Farewell every year since, along with caribou, bison, sheep, and both black and brown bear. Farewell is more than a hunting area—it is a central part of our lives, and protecting its resources is a top priority.

Over the decades, I've seen major changes. In the 1980s, hunters were scarce, and the season ran through October 10. Today, it is a limited registration hunt. While ADFG has managed harvests well, moose numbers continue to decline despite restrictions. As a long-time subsistence user, I am concerned our opportunity to harvest moose is at risk. Others who have hunted here for 20–30 years face the same issue. I ask the Board to protect long-term subsistence users until the population recovers.

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

Consulted several Alaska residents/long term users of the unit. All who I spoke to were in favor of this proposal.

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