

Proposal 123

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

Shift the season dates for all moose hunters in Unit 21A from September 5-25th to September 1-20 as follows:

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

The McGrath AC would like to shift the season dates for all moose hunters in Unit 21A. Currently the season is September 5-25th and this proposal would make the season September 1-20. This change will maintain 20 days of opportunity, and two 10-day hunt periods which is important to guides and transporters. We anticipate an earlier season end date will result in a small reduction in harvest which should stop the decline in the bull to cow ratio.

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Unit 21(A) RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 antlered bull by registration permit only **Sept. 1 – Sept. 20** [SEPT. 5 - SEPT. 25] NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side by registration only **Sept. 1 – Sept. 20** [SEPT. 5 - SEPT. 25]

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

Overharvest of bull moose in Unit 21A. Moose hunting pressure in unit 21A has been steadily increasing over the last 10 years, while at the same time the bull:cow ratio has been declining. The McGrath AC would like to reduce harvest slightly in an effort to stop this decline and ensure the bull:cow ratio remains above 25 bulls:100 cows.

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

This proposal was developed by the McGrath AC and was unanimously supported.

PROPOSED BY: McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee (OI-F26-177)
