

Proposal 125

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

Extend the season dates for resident moose hunters in Unit 21E for the winter any moose (except cows with calves) hunt on the RM837 registration permit to Feb 15th – March 31st as follows:

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

The GASH AC would like to extend the season dates for resident moose hunters in Unit 21E for the winter any moose (except cows with calves) hunt on the RM837 registration permit. Currently the season is Feb 15th – March 15th, and this proposal would make the season Feb 15th – March 31st. This change will provide an extra two weeks of hunting opportunity during a period that typically experiences warmer weather, and improved snow conditions for travel. We anticipate this change may improve the harvest on the RM837 permit, which is extremely low (average = 7.3 moose/year). The most recent population estimate (2025) for 21E is above the IM objective range of 9,000-11,000, which supports the liberalization of the winter moose hunting season.

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Unit 21(E) RESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 moose by registration permit only, a person may not take a cow accompanied by a calf **Feb. 15 – Mar. 31** [FEB. 15 - MAR. 15] NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No open Season

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

Weather (extreme cold) and snow levels often make the Feb 15 – Mar 15 difficult for residents of the GASH (Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross). Extending the season for an additional two weeks to the end of March would provide more opportunities to harvest moose for residents that were unable to harvest during the fall season.

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

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

PROPOSED BY: Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH) Fish & Game Advisory Committee
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