

## **Proposal 165**

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

Establish a winter registration moose hunt within a portion of the Hammond River drainage of Unit 24A as follows:

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

Establish a winter registration hunt within a portion of the Hammond River drainage of Unit 24A.

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Unit 24(A), that portion of the  
Dalton Highway Corridor  
Management Area, **outside the  
Hammond River drainage  
downstream from the Canyon  
Creek drainage**

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by drawing permit; Sept. 1 – Sept 25  
up to 70 permits may be issued (General Hunt only) in combination with Unit  
25(A), that portion within the  
Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area

#### **NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 5 – Sept. 25  
antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on one side by drawing  
permit only; up to 70 permits  
may be issued in combination  
with Unit 25(A), that portion  
within the Dalton Highway  
Corridor Management Area

**Unit 24(A), that portion  
within the Hammond River  
drainage upstream and  
including the Canyon Creek  
drainage**

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

**1 bull; or Sept. 1 – Sept 25  
(General Hunt only)**

#### **RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

**1 antlered bull, by registration Dec. 15 – Apr. 15**  
**permit only**

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: No Open Season**

Remainder of Unit 24(A)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull Sept. 1 – Sept 25

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or Sept. 5 – Sept. 25  
antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on one side

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

Currently, due to the revocation of Public Land Orders (PLO) 5150 and 5180 under PLO 7966 on February 25, 2026 - 2.1 million acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in the Dalton Highway Corridor are now State selected lands and no longer under Federal subsistence priority as of March 27, 2026. To allow for subsistence opportunity within Gates of the Arctic National Park, a winter moose hunt is being requested. This additional hunting opportunity is necessary to allow for subsistence utilization of available Federal lands in Gates of the Arctic National Park in Unit 24A because hunting opportunity has been lost on BLM lands.

Opening a winter moose season would provide opportunities for Federally qualified subsistence users to harvest a moose utilizing snowmachines. This would be a contiguous regulatory hunt since there's already a similar hunt in Unit 24B.

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

This proposal was developed during a discussion Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting and with ADFG Area Biologists.

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