

Proposal 192

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

Maintain current antlerless hunt closures (2026) in 20A remainder as follows:

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

Maintain current antlerless hunt closures (2026) in 20A remainder. Maintain no open season for antlerless moose

by drawing permit hunt and by registration permit only as shown in 2025-2026 regulations. Reject any incoming proposals for 2027 that establish dates of Aug 15 - Nov 15 for antlerless moose by drawing permit hunt and dates of Aug 25-last day of Feb for registration permit only.

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

The Minto-Nenana AC has held a long standing position against antlerless hunts, and only supports taking of cows for ceremony. Some young moose harvested in the area have fully grown live tapeworms, which may indicate declining health. Local residents report fewer moose harvested for communities. The lower end of the confidence interval for the population estimate 10,155 is not very much above the lower end of the IM population objective of 10,000. With the hard winters and

continued climate uncertainty, precautionary management that eliminates antlerless hunts would better sustain population.

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

Yes, local ACs are concerned about low moose populations and moose health. Additionally, the winters of 2021 and 2025-2026 were extremely hard on moose, especially calves.

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