

Proposal 204

5 AAC 85.045; 92.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose; Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Create a limited draw Moose hunt for nonresidents in the Lake Minchumina area of GMU 20C as follows:

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

The Lake Minchumina area of GMU 20C, as defined by all Lake Minchumina watersheds draining into the Muddy River and Birch Creek as far as the Kantishna, shall have a limited permit drawing for Moose hunting once per year for non-Alaskan residents. The initial drawing will take place in the Lake Minchumina Community Building during the first week of June and consist initially of three permits awarded. Permits shall be awarded only to those participants physically present during the drawing.

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

Increased hunting pressure in the Lake Minchumina Area of GMU 20C has led to a lack of sufficient local moose numbers.

Although GMU 20C encompasses a vast area of the Alaskan Interior, Lake Minchumina lies along the extreme western rim of GMU20C. As such we have a limited watershed upon which to effectively hunt. Our principally accessible hunting area is the Lake Minchumina out flow Muddy River sometimes down to its confluence with Birch Creek and the Mckinley Fork of the Kantishna. Our accessible hunting portion of GMU 20C has rarely received any moose number attention other than hunter tag data. Yet, we are a community wholly dependent upon this valuable resource. To put matters in perspective: of the 13 moose harvested locally last fall only three remained for community consumption, the rest of them left with the hunters.

What would happen if nothing is changed?

A high volume hunting /transporting /guide operation simply does not bode well for our vulnerable, moose dependent, community of Lake Minchumina. We seek to mitigate, at least to a degree the impact of high volume operations upon this community.

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

Yes, this proposal was developed by the Lake Minchumina Fish & Game Advisory Committee

PROPOSED BY: Lake Minchumina Fish & Game Advisory Committee (OI-F26-182)
