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Proposal 208

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

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Unit 20(F), that portion drained by the Yukon River downstream from, but not including, the Hess Creek and Tanana River drainages

1 bull by registration permit only Sept. 5 - Sept. 25

[DEC. 1 - DEC. 15]

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

Moose numbers in Unit 20F have declined to a point where having a winter hunt can no longer be justified. The winter season is for bulls only, but there have been observations of illegal cow harvest during the winter season. The area is accessible by winter road and snowmachine from the Elliot Highway and gets too much pressure. Cows are hauled out in the dark during winter. This area used to have a nice little herd of cows that hung out in the wintertime, but they are gone.

Moose population surveys have never been conducted in this area. Residents of Rampart have reported seeing less moose in recent years and it is taking more time and effort to harvest moose. The Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council (EIRAC) has requested surveys of the 20F moose population for years through letters and their Annual Reports, but neither State nor Federal managers have been able to prioritize them to date.

Based on these reasons, management needs to be more conservative and reduce harvest opportunity by closing the winter season.

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

This proposal was discussed and developed in a public meeting. The EIRAC Chair serves on the Tanana-Rampart-Manley Advisory Committee as the Vice Chair.

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