

Proposal 212

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

Change the bag limit in RM 781 and RM 749 registration moose hunts to: One bull with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side as follows:

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

Change the bag limit on all the above nonresident registration moose hunts to:

One bull with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20B RM 781 **Nonresident** within Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge Sept 1 – Sept 30 and Nov 21 – Nov 27

One bull by bow & arrow only with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20B RM 781 **Nonresident** Remainder of Fairbanks Management Area Sept 1 – Sept 30 and Nov 21 – Nov 27

One bull by bow & arrow only with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20B RM 781 **Nonresident** drainage of the middle (East) fork of the Chena River Sept 26 – Sept 30

One bull by bow & arrow only with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20B RM 781 **Nonresident** Salcha River drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek Sept 26 – Sept 30

One bull by bow & arrow only with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20D RM 749 **Nonresident** within the Healy River drainage Sept 1 – Sept 20

One bull with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20D RM 749 **Nonresident** north of the north bank of the Tanana River including the Volkmar River drainage, east to include the Billy Creek drainage, including the Healy River drainage Sept 1 – Sept 20

One bull with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

Unit 20D Remainder RM 749 **Nonresident** Sept 1 – Sept 15

One bull with 50" antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side

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

Nonresident Registration Any-Bull or Antlered-Bull Moose Hunts

The opportunity to take a bull moose without antler restrictions should be reserved for residents only as it is a meat hunt that provides special opportunity for resident moose hunters to fill their freezer.

Resident hunters continually ask for more any-bull moose hunts as it is so much more likely to be able to harvest a moose without antler restrictions. But they are told by the Department that only so many any-bull hunts can be offered. With such limited any-bull over-the-counter moose hunts available, it makes no sense to allow nonresidents to have that same bag limit. An archery only hunt or weapons restriction hunt is not a reason to allow an any-bull bag limit.

We don't want to eliminate nonresident over-the-counter moose hunting opportunity in Unit 20, however we do want there to be antler restrictions for all nonresident moose hunts.

There are several nonresident registration moose hunts in Unit 20 that have a bag limit of any-bull or antlered bull, listed below.

Unit 20 Nonresident Registration Moose Hunts with Any-Bull or Antlered Bull Bag Limit

Unit 20B RM 781 within Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge

Sept 1 – Sept 30 and Nov 21 – Nov 27 **One bull with spike fork antlers or greater by bow & arrow only**

Unit 20B Remainder of Fairbanks Management Area

Sept 1 – Sept 30 and Nov 21 – Nov 27 **One bull with spike fork antlers or greater by bow & arrow only**

Unit 20B RM 781 drainage of the middle (East) fork of the Chena River Sept 26 – Sept 30 **One bull by bow & arrow only**

Unit 20B RM 781 Salcha River drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek Sept 26 – Sept 30 **One bull by bow & arrow only**

Unit 20D RM 749 within the Healy River drainage Sept 1 – Sept 20 **One bull**

Unit 20D RM 749 north of the north bank of the Tanana River including the Volkmar River drainage, east to include the Billy Creek drainage, including the Healy River drainage Sept 1 – Sept 20

One bull

Unit 20D Remainder RM 749 Sept 1 – Sept 15 **One bull**

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

PROPOSED BY: Resident Hunters of Alaska

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