

Proposal 33

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

Limit moose hunting permits to one permit per household in Units 22B Remainder, 22C, and 22D; and
Require hunters to select a designed hunt area at the time of permit issuance as follows:

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

Amend regulations to:

- Limit moose hunting permits to one permit per household in Units 22B Remainder, 22C, and 22D; and
- Require hunters to select a specific subunit or designed hunt area at the time of permit issuance, restricting them to that area for the duration of the hunt.

This change would distribute hunting pressure more evenly, reduce overcrowding in key areas, and improve hunting success for local subsistence users.

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

Current moose hunting regulations in Units 22B Remainder, 22C, and 22D do not adequately limit the number of permits per household or require hunters to select specific hunting areas. This has resulted in increased hunting pressure from non-local hunters, particularly in accessible and high success areas.

The lack of permit limits allows multiple members of a single household to obtain permits, intensifying harvest pressure. Additionally, hunters are not restricted to specific subunits, allowing concentrated use of prime hunting areas. This reduces hunting success for local subsistence users who rely on these areas to meet their food needs.

If left unchanged, this imbalance will continue to disadvantage local hunters and reduce the effectiveness of subsistence hunting across these units.

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

Yes. This proposal was developed through discussions with local hunters, community members, and leadership within the City of White Mountain. Observations from recent hunting season and ongoing community concerns informed the need to expand this approach beyond Unit 22B Remainder to include Units 22C and 22D.

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