

Proposal 39

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

Amend hunting season in 22E for "one antlered bull" from Aug1-Mar 15 to Aug1-Dec31 as follows:

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

Close the "one antlered bull" season in 22E. Jan 1-March 15.

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

The current moose season for residents in 22E is one of the longest in the state, August 1st- March 15th. Moose being hunted with snow machines during the winter months is concerning. In the past 10 years, snow machine, navigation, and communication technology has greatly improved; ownership is more abundant in the region.

This has led to increased hunting pressure in 22E from surrounding villages.

Another contributing factor is the RM840 closing sooner & sooner annually. Hunters outside of 22E are now going into 22E, contributing to the increase in the potential harassment of moose in the winter. The prolonged hunt puts undue pressure on all 22E moose, not just the bulls. The odds of seeing an "antlered bull" during Jan 1-March 15 is low and not worth conducting this hunt.

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

It was not. I live outside of the local area and was unable to attend those meetings on Zoom due to a schedule conflict.

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