

Proposal 59

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

Create a Draw Hunt for Youth hunters from the ages of 10-17 in Unit 18 Zone 1 with season dates of August 1 to August 15 as follows:

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

In-Acting a Draw Hunt for Youth hunters from the ages of 10-17 in Unit 18 Zone 1 with season dates of August 1 st to August 15 th . The number of permits can be determined by Fish & Game by issuing 30% youth / 70% adult DM612 draw hunt winners. If this proposal is approved, this early youth hunt draw will not take effect until 2028 Season.

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

Unit 18 Zone 1 Youth Draw Hunt starting August 1st to August15 th

With the increase of Moose hunters that are on the Lower Kuskokwim River, there has been questions about doing a Youth Early Draw Moose hunt for Antlerless Moose. Each year there are more hunters on the river trying to fill their harvest ticket for an Antlered Bull, and a lot of the residents of the area are starting to state that the river is getting crowded with hunters. Fall

of 2025 the Lower Kuskokwim had its first antlerless draw hunt which was a success. The Lower Kuskokwim School District is no longer having a week off in September for students, so having this youth draw hunt will give them opportunities in early August to try and harvest an Antlerless Moose.

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

The BAC has developed this proposal with-in its committee and is for future youth hunt opportunities.

PROPOSED BY: Bethel Fish & Game Advisory Committee (OI-F26-065)
