

Proposal 63

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

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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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RESIDENT HUNTERS:

Remainder of Unit 18

3 moose of which only 1 may be an antlered bull; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf

JULY 16 [Aug. 1] - Sept. 30

3 antlerless moose

Oct. 1 - Nov. 30

3 moose

Dec. 1 - Apr. 30

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

The Unit 18 remainder moose population is very high and there are local concerns about over-browsing and habitat degradation. There are no conservation concerns for moose and additional harvest can be supported. There are so many moose at times they are causing safety issues in the villages. There are major food security concerns due to salmon shortages that an additional harvest opportunity could help mitigate. It is unlikely that urban hunters would travel to this remote part of the State in the summer while the weather is warm, but local people would be able to hunt close to home and get meat into the freezer quickly reducing the chance of spoilage.

The Federal Subsistence Board recently passed WP26-45 which extended the Unit 18 remainder Federal moose season to open July 16. This proposal seeks to align State and Federal opportunity for Alaska residents and reduce regulatory complexity.

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

The YKDRAC is comprised of 13 representatives from across the YKD region in Unit 18, many who also serve on their local Fish and Game Advisory Committees. Extending the resident moose season in Unit 18 remainder was discussed in two separate YKDRAC public meetings and supported by attendees.

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