

Note: Proposal 165 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Central/Southwest Region Meeting in February 2018.

PROPOSAL 165 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A as follows:

Replace the closed area of Unit 19A with a registration Tier I permit hunt. Permits would be available at the store in Sleetmute. Permit application would be for one week, one month before opening season. Anyone acquiring this permit can have no other hunting permits in the Kuskokwim drainage.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The closure of Unit 19A above the George River to moose hunting. The fish and game survey of spring 2017 showed there is a harvestable population for the first time since the closure in 2006.

This hunting season should have been available in the 2017 cycle of the Board of Game for Interior-Northeast Arctic Region, however weather conditions did not allow for aerial surveys to validate this opening until the board cycle was past. The advisory committee was not able to put an agenda change request together because of all the summer activities of its members.

If the problem is not solved prior to the regular cycle, the local people will not have an opportunity to take moose in close proximity of their communities.

This will be a Tier I registration permit hunt available to all Alaskans.

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