

PROPOSAL 27 – 5 AAC 92.050(a) Required permit hunt conditions and procedures.
Modify the required permit hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits as follows:

5 AAC 92.050(a)(2) except as provided in 5 AAC 92.061 and 5 AAC 92.069, a person may not (A) apply for more than six drawing permit hunts for the same species per regulatory year[, WITH NO MORE THAN THREE FOR BULL MOOSE HUNTS];

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5 AAC 92.050(a)(3) the commissioner shall void all applications by one person for more than six hunts for the same species, [OR THREE HUNTS FOR BULL MOOSE AS DESCRIBED IN (2)(A) OF THIS SUBSECTION,] and all applications by one person for more than one moose hunt for a nonresident in Unit 23;

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? In 2012 the Board of Game (board) increased the number of moose hunts applicants could apply for to six, but limited the number of bull hunts to three to encourage applicants to apply for antlerless hunts. When the board made the increase, the provision that required all applications be invalidated for that species remained in place, and the result was many applicants unknowingly invalidated all of their chances at any moose hunts.

The restriction on the number of bull moose hunts a person can apply for has resulted in a large number of invalidated applications. The recent change to allow applicants to apply for each hunt more than once exacerbated this problem to the point that corrective actions had to be taken.

The Department of Fish and Game believes the restriction is no longer necessary and requests the board consider removing the restriction. The original issue the board attempted to address in 2012 was undersubscribed antlerless moose hunts, and the department has started to identify those and submit proposals to change them to registration hunts where appropriate.

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