

Note: Proposal 150 was accepted by the Board of Game as an Agenda Change Request for consideration at the Southcentral Region meeting in March 2019.

PROPOSAL 150

5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Establish a September registration hunt for one bull moose in Unit 18 South of the Eek River drainage and north of the Goodnews River drainage as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 18, that portion south of the Eek River Drainage and north of the Goodnews River Drainage	Sept. 1–Sept. 30	No open season.
1 antlered bull by registration permit only		

Unit 18 has a positive intensive management finding, with a population objective of 1,000–2,000 moose, and a harvest objective of 60–200 moose.

There is a positive customary and traditional use finding for moose in all of Unit 18, and an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence of 200–400.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS AND WHY?

State managed land is currently open to Alaska residents with a general season harvest ticket from September 1 – September 30. Federal lands have been closed to moose hunting since 1994. In that time moose numbers have increased to 173 observed in March 2018. This proposal seeks to align the state and federal regulations, providing more opportunity to the public.

It is in the best interest of the hunters to align the moose hunt on state managed lands with the federal season and bag limit of one antlered bull from September 1–30. The new state hunt is proposed to be managed under a state registration permit, rather than the current harvest ticket.

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