

PROPOSAL 136

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

Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as follows:

Nonresident moose season in Unit 20B Remainder: One Bull, September 1-September 15 (season to coincide with resident season).

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Nonresident moose season dates in Unit 20B, specifically in 20B remainder. The fees for nonresident tags and license in Alaska have doubled this past year. It now costs \$960 for a hunting license and moose tag, a significant sum. In addition, the season was shortened by five days in Unit 20B. I understand the reasons for both shortening the season and doubling the cost. The cost increase, while dramatic, puts Alaska roughly on par with out of state fees in other west coast states for hunting. However, virtually all of the out of state seasons and bag limits in other states are the same for residents and nonresidents once the nonresident pays the out of state fees. When the season was longer, and the costs lower it may have made some sense for the nonresident season to start five days later than the resident season. However, with the shorter season and doubling of cost this now unduly burdens out of state hunters. Alaska should make the season dates the same for residents and nonresidents in the spirit of fairness, and to ensure that out of state hunters continue to support Alaska financially by coming to hunt your great state.

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