

PROPOSAL 142

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

Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B as follows:

RM785 antlerless moose hunt would be repealed. While proponents recognize that elimination of this hunt will represent a restriction to subsistence opportunity, elimination of this cow moose hunt is necessary to assist ADF&G in appropriately managing moose for ceremonial uses, which is of higher priority than the Unit 20B drawing permit cow hunts that ADF&G has stated is threatened by ceremonial uses of cow moose in the greater Fairbanks Area. It is also important to ensure that the moose population respond to recent years of intensive management and excessive cow harvests given the ongoing increasing demand for moose in the Minto Flats.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt (RM785) in Minto Flats Management Area. The winter antlerless moose hunt no longer has the support of local residents who have observed declines in local moose populations and feel that all hunting of cow moose should be prohibited in order to better provide for future sustainable harvests of moose for regular general hunting, subsistence hunting, and constitutionally-protected ceremonial hunting.

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