

PROPOSAL 143

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

Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area as follows:

All Unit 20B antlerless moose hunts would be repealed including: DM698, DM699, DM700, DM701, DM702, DM703, DM704, DM705, DM706, DM707, DM708, DM709, DM710, DM711, DM712, DM713, DM714, DM715, DM716, DM717, DM718, DM719, DM720, DM721, DM722, DM723, DM724, DM725, DM726, DM727, DM728, DM729, DM730, DM731, DM732, DM733, DM734, DM735, DM736, DM737, DM738, DM739, DM740, DM741, DM742, DM743, DM744, DM745, DM783, DM786, DM788, DM789, AM751, YM601, YM602, YM603, YM604, YM605, YM606, YM607, YM608, YM609, YM610, YM611, YM612, YM613, YM614, YM615, YM616, YM617, YM618, YM619, YM620, YM621, YM622, YM623, YM624.

While proponents recognize that elimination of these hunts will represent a loss of general hunting 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 and increasing demand for moose in the Minto Flats. If cow moose hunts remain necessary for ADF&G management, then ceremonial uses of cow moose should be prioritized above drawing permit hunts for weapons restricted recreational hunts in the greater Fairbanks area and ADF&G should stop recording ceremonial harvests as illegal harvests in Fairbanks Area moose management reports

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Eliminate all antlerless moose hunts in Unit 20B, except the Minto Flats Management Area. Antlerless moose hunts no longer have the support of local residents who have been stopped from taking cow moose for certain religious ceremonies. Proponents wish to prohibit all hunting of cow moose 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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