

PROPOSAL 164

5 AAC 85.045(a)(14). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 16A as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(14)		
Unit 16(A) 1 moose per regulatory year, only as follows:		
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1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; up to 200 antlerless moose permits may be issued.	Aug. 20—Sept. 25 (General hunt only)	No open season
...		

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Although antlerless hunts may not be offered every year, antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually. The Board of Game passed a proposal to add up to 200 antlerless draw permits at the 2019 Southcentral Region Meeting.

Moose surveys conducted in March 2019 yielded an estimate of 4,200 moose in Unit 16A. This estimate was greater than the post-hunt objective of 3,500–4,000 moose but less than the 2017 survey estimate of almost 8,700 moose. Previous information support that this population is growing.

Densities of moose in excess of the population objective can have a negative impact on the habitat thereby creating a condition that leads to starvation in heavy snow winters. Reducing the population through antlerless permits can alleviate over-browsing of vegetation and help sustain the moose population within the unit.

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