

Amend Proposal #43 entirely to read:

Amend resident moose hunting seasons in GMU 11 and 13 by eliminating the CSH moose hunt and conditions, and adding a late season any bull registration hunt.

Retain existing moose registration hunt in GMU 11 and moose drawing hunts in GMU 13.

General Season: GMU 11 and 13 retaining existing general seasons and bag limits in each unit, GMU 13: Spike/Fork, 50", 4 Brow Tine, GMU 11: Spike/Fork, 50", 3 Brow Tine.

New Late Season Registration Permit Hunt(s): The late season registration moose hunt(s) will have a bag limit of any bull and run November 15 - 30. Registration Permits will be issued in GMU 13 communities starting November 13. The hunt(s) will be offered in GMU 11 and 13 as follows:

- Remainder of GMU 11. Issue up to 50 permits.
- GMU13A West. Issue up to 20 permits.
- Remainder of GMU13A. Issue up to 50 permits.
- GMU 13B. Issue up to 50 permits.
- GMU 13C. Issue up to 100 permits.
- GMU 13D. Issue up to 100 permits.
- GMU 13E. Issue up to 100 permits.

Hunters should be limited to one late season registration moose permit per season within GMU 11 and 13.

These hunts will provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence moose hunting for all Alaskan hunters, while eliminating the confusing and burdensome regulations associated with the CSH. General season moose hunts offer subsistence opportunity throughout the state, and have in GMU 11 for many years. They can offer this opportunity again within GMU 13, particularly given recent general season harvest numbers that exceed ANS. Resident subsistence moose hunters will have a priority over non-resident and resident drawing permit hunters. Resident hunters will have a long fall general season, and then another 2 weeks in early winter in the registration hunt to harvest a moose. The resident take through these hunts will more than meet ANS. The extended season will accommodate traditional moose hunting activities, including family oriented hunting opportunity (before school).

The two week November registration hunt offers a "second chance" for those not successful during the general season. This early winter time frame allows for travel into some areas that are normally un-hunted during the fall due to open water (supported by continually high bull:cow

ratios in some areas). It also offers family hunting opportunity over the Thanksgiving holiday. While we recognize there will be post-rut concentrations of moose in higher elevations, the limited number of permits for these areas will reduce harassment and keep harvest sustainable.

This proposal moves GMU 13 moose management away from arbitrary subsistence harvest objectives such as 100 any bull moose, and towards a scenario where harvest opportunity can be maximized in direct relation to how many bulls remain after each hunting season. By establishing permit numbers in regulation, this hunt offers sustainability and a hunting opportunity hunters can plan for. We would like to see liberal permit numbers issued in year one. If in 3 years, bull:cow ratios are still above objectives or they are compromised in a specific area(s), permit numbers can be altered. If there is a demonstrated biological problem earlier, ADF&G can reduce permit numbers. No arbitrary quotas or Emergency Orders are necessary. **High "UP TO" Permit numbers are offered to allow flexibility in times of high moose numbers and annual conditions that may be less than ideal. Some years when freeze up conditions are very poor the entire allowable number of permits may be necessary.**

Conservative registration permit numbers should be set for areas with heavy fall hunting pressure given current bull:cow ratios such as in 13B and the western portion of 13A. Moderate permit numbers can be set for 13C, 13D and 13E considering much of the moose habitat in these areas is inaccessible during the fall and thus lightly hunted. Continually high bull:cow ratios and increasing moose numbers in these areas suggest additional harvest will be sustainable. In the case of 13E there will also be some bulls migrating out of park areas that are otherwise closed to state hunters, becoming available to state subsistence hunters for the first time.

Given existing proxy regulations, late season registration hunters will be able to proxy hunt for others, but only once per season within GMU 13.

Regulations to be amended as follows:

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose

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Unit 11, that portion east of the east bank of the Copper River upstream from and including the Slana River drainage

[RESIDENT HUNTERS:
1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT
BY COMMUNITY HARVEST
PERMIT ONLY; HOWEVER, NO
MORE THAN

AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20
DEC. 1 - DEC. 31
(SUBSISTENCE HUNT ONLY)

100 BULLS THAT DO NOT MEET ANTLER RESTRICTIONS FOR OTHER RESIDENT HUNTS IN THE SAME AREA MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HARVEST AREA DURING THE AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20 SEASON; OR]

1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side, by registration permit only

Aug. 20 - Sept 17

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side, by registration permit only

Aug. 20 - Sept. 17

[REMAINDER OF UNIT 11]
[1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT BY COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT ONLY; HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN 100 BULLS THAT DO NOT MEET ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

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FOR OTHER RESIDENT HUNTS IN THE SAME AREA MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HARVEST AREA DURING THE AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20 SEASON; OR]

Resident Hunters:

1 bull with spike-fork antlers or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side; or

Aug. 20 - Sept. 20

1 bull by Registration Permit Available in Local Communities Nov 13 - Nov 30 Up to 50 permits may be issued

Nov. 15 – Nov. 30

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Units and Bag Limits

Unit 13

1 moose per regulatory year only as follows:

Resident Hunters:

[1 BULL PER HARVEST REPORT BY COMMUNITY HARVEST PERMIT ONLY; HOWEVER, NO MORE THAN 100 BULLS THAT DO NOT MEET ANTLER

AUG. 20 - SEPT. 20

DEC. 1 - DEC. 31

(SUBSISTENCE HUNT ONLY)

RESTRICTIONS FOR
OTHER RESIDENT
HUNTS IN THE SAME
AREA MAY BE TAKEN
IN THE ENTIRE
COMMUNITY HARVEST
AREA DURING THE
AUG. 10 - SEPT. 20
SEASON; OR]

1 bull with
spike-fork antlers
or 50-inch antlers
or
antlers with 4 or
more brow
tines on one side;

Sept.1 - Sept. 20

or

**1 bull, by
registration
permit only as follows:**

[DEC. 1 - DEC. 31]
Nov. 15 – Nov. 30

**Unit 13A west of the Lake Louise
Road, Lake Louise, Susitna Lake,
Tyone Lake, and the Tyone River
Permits available in Local Communities
Nov 13- Nov 30
Up to 20 permits may be issued**

**Unit 13A east of the Lake Louise
Road, Lake Louise, Susitna Lake,
Tyone Lake, and the the Tyone River,
Permits available in Local Communities
Nov 13- Nov 30
Up to 50 permits may be issued**

**Unit 13B
Permits available in Local Communities
Nov 13- Nov 30**

Up to 50 permits may be issued

Unit 13C

Permits available in Local Communities

Nov 13- Nov 30

Up to 100 permits may be issued

Remainder of Unit 13D

Permits available in Local Communities

Nov 13- Nov 30

Up to 100 permits may be issued

Unit 13E

Permits available in Local Communities

Nov 13- Nov 30

Up to 100 permits may be issued

1 antlerless
moose by drawing
permit only; up to
200 permits
may be issued; a
person may
not take a calf or
a cow accompanied
by a calf; or

Oct. 1 - Oct. 31
Mar. 1 – Mar. 31
(General hunt only)

1 bull moose by
drawing
permit only; up to 5
permits may be
issued;

Sept. 1 – Sept. 20
(General hunt only)

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

1 bull with 50-inch
antlers or antlers
with 4 or more brow
tines on one side
by drawing permit
only; up to 150
permits may be

Sept. 1 - Sept. 20

Public Comments

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