

**PROPOSAL 176**

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

Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B as follows:

Change nonresident any-bull moose hunts for nonresidents in Unit 20B drainage of the Middle (East) Fork of the Chena River, and Unit 20B Salcha River drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek, to one bull with 50-inch antlers, or antlers with four or more brow tines on at least one side.

Change nonresident any-bull moose hunts in Unit 20B within Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, and Unit 20B remainder of Fairbanks Management Area, to one bull with 50-inch antlers, or antlers with four or more brow tines on at least one side. Remove opportunity for nonresidents to harvest antlerless moose

*All resident bag limits and seasons remain the same.*

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

**Unit 20B drainage of the Middle Fork of the Chena River, and Unit 20B that portion of the Salcha River drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek:**

**One bull with 50-inch antlers,  
or antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on at least one side** [ONE BULL]

**Nonresidents**  
Sept 1 – Sept 25

**One bull with 50-inch antlers,  
or antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on at least one side** [ONE BULL]  
*by bow and arrow only*

Sept 26 – Sept 30

**Unit 20B within Creamer’s Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge:**

**One bull with 50-inch antlers,  
or antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on at least one side** [ONE BULL  
WITH SPIKE FORK OR GREATER  
ANTLERS] *by bow and arrow only*

**Nonresidents**  
Sept 1 – Sept 30  
Nov 21 – Nov 27

**OR**

One antlerless moose *by bow and arrow only*  
by permit DM 786/788

**No open season** [SEPT 1 – NOV 27]

**OR**

One antlerless moose *by muzzleloader only*  
by permit DM 789

**No open season** [DEC 1 – JAN 31]

**Unit 20B remainder of Fairbanks Management Area:**

**One bull with 50-inch antlers,  
or antlers with 4 or more brow  
tines on at least one side** [ONE BULL  
WITH SPIKE FORK OR GREATER  
ANTLERS] *by bow and arrow only*

**Nonresidents**  
Sept 1 – Sept 30  
Nov 21 – Nov 27

**OR**

One antlerless moose *by bow and arrow only*  
by permit DM 786/788

**No open season** [SEPT 1 – NOV 27]

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?**

**Nonresident opportunities for antlerless and any-bull moose hunts.**

Any-bull moose hunts are coveted by resident Alaskans who want to put meat in their freezer and feed their families. Not having to judge the antlers on a bull moose, and being able to take younger bulls, prevents sub-legal harvests and ensures a higher success rate. Over-the-counter any-bull moose hunts, such as the ones in Unit 20B, are especially helpful to residents.

The taking of cows under antlerless hunts is designed to be a resident-only opportunity to put meat in the freezer under our Intensive Management law.

We do not believe the state should allow nonresidents to participate in any-bull or antlerless moose hunts in the interior, whether by over-the-counter or draw permits. These types of hunts are “meat” hunts designed to provide more opportunity for Alaskans to put food on the table. Most nonresident moose hunters are not hunting to put food in their freezers, and there are plenty of nonresident over-the-counter moose hunting opportunities in the interior and statewide for bulls with antler restrictions.

**PROPOSED BY:** Resident Hunters of Alaska

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