

Ahtna Tene Nene's RC Proposing Ways to Make the CSH for Any Bull Moose a More Meaningful Opportunity for all Groups

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In Response to the Request for an RC from the Department that would eliminate the Any Bull hunt and Extended Moose Season from the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Hunt

1. Equally distribute CSH any bull moose hunting opportunity Among All Groups Signed up for the 2013 Season . Equally allocate any bull harvest tickets among all eligible CSH moose groups by providing one any bull harvest ticket for every three households that are in the group. For example, a group with 15 households would get 5 any bull harvest tickets and a groups with 150 households would get 50 harvest tickets. This would result in far fewer CSH any bull hunters in the field. Under the current system, every individual signed up for the community hunt is issued a harvest ticket that allows the harvest of any bull so long as the quota has not been filled. If 2000 individuals sign up for the CSH, 2000 moose harvest tickets will be issued. An any bull can be harvested under all 2000 tickets until the quota has been reached, then the same harvest tickets can only be used for antler restricted moose (spike fork or 50 inch or 4 brow tine).

Under the proposed allocation, every group would be issued one any bull harvest ticket for every three households that are members of the group. If 1000 households sign up for the hunt (a similar number to 2000 individuals assuming 2 persons per household), then only 333 harvest tickets would be issued (1000 households, one ticket for every three households). This is fair to every group – all groups will be issued some amount of any bull harvest tickets – all groups will have some hunting opportunity. It is also consistent with the C&T community use pattern. Not all households within a community harvest group hunt, and not all harvest a moose. The broad pattern of sharing accommodates the needs of the community. The community opportunity to harvest any bull moose is accommodated by issuing less harvest tickets than the total number of households or individuals in the group or community.

All communities and groups in the CSH would also be issued additional and different harvest tickets that would allow the harvest of antler restricted moose during the CSH moose season. Every individual or every household in the group would be entitled to this additional harvest ticket. This additional ticket would not, however, allow the taking of an any bull. These additional antler restricted harvest tickets would allow communities hunting opportunity and harvests beyond the limited any bull harvest tickets.

2. Provide a winter CSH any bull hunt from December 1- March 15 and provide an additional and separate CSH quota for the winter hunt. Allow additional any bull harvest tickets for groups for the winter hunt.

3. Increase the any bull quota for the fall hunt (August 10-September 20) to at least 100