

ACR 15 – Establish special hunts to benefit certain disabled veterans.

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MEETING ACR SUBMITTED FOR: 2016 Statewide Regulations Meeting

CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD.

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

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. I am requesting a change in the State of Alaska hunting regulations for the benefit of a special group of disabled veterans. This group is 100% service connected disabled, with a purple heart and receiving special monthly compensation (SMC) from the Veterans Affairs. SMC is payment for loss of or use of a hand or foot, etcetera.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? I propose those meeting the criteria be allowed to hunt moose under the following guidelines.

For resident veterans only:

In any area with a healthy moose population, bull/cow ratio, qualified veterans would be allowed to harvest any moose, with the exception of calf or cow with calf/calves.

In an area with a poor balance/ratio of bull to cow or vice-versa, the individual would be able to harvest whichever sex ADF&G deemed to be best/proper.

No antler restrictions would apply.

Qualified veterans must be 100% service connected disabled, with a purple heart “and” receiving special monthly compensation (SMC) from Veterans Affairs.

Proxy hunting for these individuals would not be allowed.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE.

a) for a conservation purpose or reason: .

b) to correct an error in regulation:

c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:

To mitigate the obstacles encountered by the aforementioned group in their efforts to harvest moose.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE? There will be a diminished harvest rate by this group.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE. The group of individuals who would participate in these hunts would not be very large, perhaps 50 individuals around the state. If they are allowed to hunt in areas with healthy moose populations, my hope is that it should have little impact on other hunters and the resource.

IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. I am a member of said group and an advocate for the group.

STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING. Not to my knowledge.