



November 7, 2019

An Agenda Change Request (ACR 3) has been submitted to the Alaska Board of Game requesting to change 5 AAC 85.045(a)(13) Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose in Unit 15C. The proponent is asking the board to shift the season dates and add a winter season to the Tier II hunt TM549. The existing season is from August 25 - September 30, and the proponent is asking for the season dates to be changed to September 1 - September 30, and from November 1 - November 15.

With respect to the board's Agenda Change Request (ACR) acceptance criteria (5 AAC 92.005):

- A) The department is unaware of any error in regulation.
- B) The department is unaware of any effects of regulations that were unforeseen when the regulation was adopted.
- C) The department is unaware of any biological concern or threat to meeting population objectives that is addressed by this proposal.
- D) The request does not identify an unforeseen effect that may be reducing the opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses.
- E) The department is unaware of any unforeseen or unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such a delay is significantly burdensome because the resource would be unavailable in the future.

The Board finished the 2019/2020 cycle with a Region II meeting where it would have been appropriate to hear this proposal. Staff ensured constituents were aware of the upcoming meeting and provided assistance if desired. The number of permits and moose harvested has remained constant over recent time suggesting little change in moose abundance. There is a positive Customary and Traditional use finding for moose in that portion of Unit 15C southwest of a line from Point Pogibshi to the point of land between Rocky Bay and Windy Bay, with an amount necessary for subsistence (ANS) of 5 — 6.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting for Unit 15 is during winter/spring of 2021/2022. If the board accepts this ACR, the department recommends the proposal come before the board at its March 2020 meeting in Fairbanks to allow for additional public and Advisory Committee input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eddie Grasser".

Eddie Grasser
Director
Division of Wildlife Conservation