

ACR 6 – Resolve discrepancies and align general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 15B.

SUBMITTED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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

5 AAC 85.045.(a)(13)(B) 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.

When new regulations were passed to institute general season (harvest ticket) hunts across Unit 15B and align regulations in the previous permit areas with the rest of Unit 15B three unintentional discrepancies occurred:

1. No bow season was established in the old permit area to match the current season dates already present in the remainder of Unit 15B.
2. Spike antlered bull moose were not listed as an animal legal for harvest.
3. The general season dates in the old permit area are five days shorter than the general season throughout the rest of Unit 15.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?

5 AAC 85.045.(a)(13)(B) is amended to read:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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[UNIT 15(B), THAT PORTION BOUNDED BY A LINE RUNNING FROM THE MOUTH OF SHANTA- TALIK CREEK, TUSTUMENA LAKE, NORTHEASTWARD TO THE HEAD OF THE WESTERNMOST FORK OF FUNNY RIVER; THEN DOWNSTREAM ALONG THE WESTERNMOST FORK OF FUNNY RIVER TO THE KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BOUNDARY; THEN EAST ALONG THE REFUGE BOUNDARY TO ITS JUNCTION	SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20 (GENERAL HUNT ONLY)	SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 20

WITH THE KENAI RIVER; THEN EASTWARD ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE KENAI RIVER AND SKILAK LAKE; THEN SOUTH ALONG THE WESTERN SIDE OF SKILAK RIVER, SKILAK GLACIER, AND HARDING ICEFIELD; THEN WEST ALONG THE UNIT 15(B) BOUNDARY TO THE MOUTH OF SHANTATALIK CREEK

1 BULL WITH 50-INCH ANTLERS OR ANTLERS WITH 3 OR MORE BROW TINES ON ONE SIDE; OR

1 BULL BY DRAWING PERMIT ONLY;]	SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 25	NO OPEN SEASON.
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Unit 15(B), Kalgin Island 1 moose per regulatory year, by registration permit only	Aug. 20 - Sept. 20	Aug. 20 - Sept. 20
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Remainder of Unit 15(B) 1 bull per regulatory year, only as follows: 1 bull with spike or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side, by bow and arrow only; or	Aug. 22 - Aug. 29 (General hunt only)	Aug. 22 - Aug. 29
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1 bull with spike or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side; or	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25 (General hunt only)	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25
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1 bull by drawing permit only;	Sept. 1 - Sept. 25	No open season.
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STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 1) **To correct an error in regulation.** N/A
- 2) **To correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.**

The current regulations in Unit 15B are confusing to the hunting public because of the differences in season dates and legal animals.

- 3) **Does the request identify a biological concern for the population or a threat to meeting objectives for the population? N/A**
- 4) **Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected event or effect that would otherwise restrict or reduce a reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses, as defined in AS 16.05.258(f)? N/A**
- 5) **Does the request identify an unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a biologically allowable resource harvest would be precluded by delayed regulatory action and such delay would be significantly burdensome because the resource would be unavailable in the future? N/A**

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?

If this problem is not addressed confusion will continue to exist surrounding moose harvest regulations in Unit 15B, an increase in illegal harvest will likely occur, and legal harvest opportunity that is biologically sustainable will be missed.

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

This ACR request pertains to season dates and bag limits that would be open to all hunters.

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

STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR.

Resource Manager

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.

This ACR has not been considered previously, changes to Unit 15B moose harvest regulations were made during the 2019 Southcentral Board of Game meeting.