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Chairman Van Daele
Alaska Board of Game
P.O. Box 115526
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Dear Chairman Van Daele:

The following comments give a brief description of the positions that the Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers have on the proposals that are up for consideration at the March 2021 meeting via Zoom.

In general, when the board considers seasons and or bag limit changes, the Alaska Wildlife Troopers request that every effort possible be made to align the season dates and bag limits with adjacent game management units and/or subunits. This is mainly due to enforceability of multiple seasons in multiple locations as well as consistency of the regulations for the public. When the board considers proposals having to do with allocation or biological concerns, AWT is generally neutral in position.

AWT recognizes that regulations are developed by the Alaska Boards of Fish and Game through the public process to support management plans. Further, all management plans rely upon public compliance with regulations to achieve success. Enforcement is a crucial element needed to ensure long-term compliance with regulations by the public. The Alaska Wildlife Troopers request the board recognize that the division has limited resources and manpower and any new regulation scheme or area restrictions may place an additional burden on AWT.

Comments on specific proposals are included in this letter.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Derek DeGraaf".

Captain Derek DeGraaf
Alaska Wildlife Troopers

Proposal 195

This proposal seeks to align seasons and bag limits for moose in a portion of Unit 15B.

AWT is in support of this proposal, and all proposals that seek to align seasons and bag limits. At times, AWT found hunters in the field were confused over the discrepancies of the season date(s). Aligning these seasons will remove the ambiguity over the current regulation.