ACR #6 – Change the Unit 19C moose hunt for nonresidents from a registration permit to a drawing permit, with up to 20 permits available.

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

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

To limit the number of nonresident moose hunters to 20 for a drawing hunt in the RM653 registration hunt area. To ensure Alaskans can harvest their moose meat for the winter.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM.

As a long-time Alaskan who depends on moose to sustain my family, the sheer number of nonresident hunters is severely impacting our success. Example: 2022 season, 45 moose killed by nonresidents, 54 moose harvested by residents in the RM653 hunt area.

WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?

To change the nonresident permit from RM653 for moose (legal bull) to a drawing permit for "20" nonresident permits. In my 25 plus years of hunting this area has seen a steady decline in the moose population. For Example: ALASKANS harvested 54 moose and nonresidents harvested 45 moose in RM653 hunt area for 2022.

STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1) **To correct an error in regulation.**

   To limit nonresident hunters to increase the bull-to-cow moose ratio for Alaskans and their moose harvest for the winter.

2) **To correct an effect of a regulation that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.**

3) **Does the request identify a biological concern for the population or a threat to meeting objectives for the population?**

   YES IT DOES! In my 25 plus years hunting the RM 653 hunt area, the cow/bull ratio has declined in my observation.

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)?**

   YES, the bull-to-cow ratio is dropping at a drastic rate.

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?**

   In my 25 years hunting this area. Absolutely YES!

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

The bull-to-cow moose ratio will decline further, and my family will no longer be able to harvest our moose meat in RM 653 hunt area, which we have done for over 25 years!

STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

My ACR is to sustain a healthy bull-to-cow moose ratio for Alaskan families to harvest their winter supply of moose meat.

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

In 2022, Alaskans killed 54 bull moose in the RM653 hunt area, 45 bull moose were killed by nonresidents in the RM653 hunt area. In my 25 years hunting the RM653 hunt area, the past several seasons, I have seen an obvious decrease in bulls (legal moose) to harvest as a family. Counting on the Board of Game to ensure that Alaskans like myself can ensure our harvest of moose meat in this area.

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

Been harvesting moose in RM 653 hunt area for over 25 years. Myself and other Alaskans who depend on moose meat for the winter have seen an obvious decline in Success due to the sheer numbers of hunters in the area. Limiting the nonresidents would absolutely aid in Alaskans like myself to have a better chance to harvest our moose for the winter.

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!