

**ACR #9** – Make moose a guide required species for nonresident hunters.

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

Add moose to the list of animals that require a guide for nonresident hunters.

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

Only place on earth that sells unlimited over the counter nonresident moose tags. Bootleg guiding and outfitting is out of control and there seems to be little to no enforcement. This is the only way to stop these illegal activities.

**WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER?**

Nonresidents who hunt brown/grizzly bear, Dall sheep, mountain goat, and Alaskan Yukon Moose must be accompanied by an Alaskan licensed guide or resident Alaskan relative 19 years or older with a hunting license and within second degree of kindred

**STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

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

Not applicable

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

To address the closure of 60 million acres of federal land that has been closed to nonresident caribou and moose hunters resulting in unsustainable increase in hunting pressure in open areas.

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

Yes

**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 too many undersize sublegal moose being harvested.

**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?**

Yes. As evidenced in other areas, when an area is shut down, other areas end up getting overrun with hunters.

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

Increase in illegal guiding and outfitting, excess meat spoilage, wanton waste and less moose for resident hunters and guided hunters as well as creating a situation that lessens the hunting experience for moose.

**STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.**

If this doesn't happen now, moose hunting will go the way of the Mulchatna caribou herd - no open season for residents and nonresidents, driving hunters to Canada.

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

With over-the-counter nonresident moose tags (the only place on earth where this is permitted) Alaska has fostered an environment that promotes illegal bootleg guiding and outfitting, the harvest of sub-legal moose, and wanton waste. This is the only way to stop this abuse and with closures of federal lands, the pressure on other areas is not sustainable and increasing exponentially

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

Hunter, registered guide

**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.**

Do not know.